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# Texas Water Safari

## June 11-15

San Marcos to Seadrift

**T**o fully understand the absurdity of the Texas Water Safari, you have to witness the 260-mile canoe race yourself. Billed as the “World’s Toughest Boat Race,” the water safari has been challenging adventure seekers since 1963. After the cancellation of last year’s race due to COVID-19, it returns in 2021 and, like in past years, gets underway on the second Saturday of June.

Hundreds of paddlers push off from Spring Lake in San Marcos, then slog the San Marcos and Guadalupe rivers over the next few days in a quest to reach the coastal town of Seadrift. Participants have 100 hours to reach the finish line. Along

the way, they navigate canoe-flipping rapids, clamber over river-clogging logjams, wallow in mud, and try to ignore mosquitoes, alligators, and hallucinations. There is no break for the weary, not even at night.

For onlookers, the start of the race is always a spectacle, with boats of all sizes loaded with competitors dashing across the lagoon where Ralph the Swimming Pig once entertained visitors at the now-defunct Aquarena Springs theme park. If it’s carnage you like, position yourself farther downstream, at Rio Vista Dam or Cottonseed Rapids. “It’s always fun to watch the boats wreck,” says Allen Spelce, president of Texas Water Safari.

At Staples Dam, the first official checkpoint, spectators can watch paddlers drag their crafts down steep steps and take on supplies from their bank crews. (Every team has a captain who provides supplies and morale-boosting from the river-banks.) For a closer look, head to the river

on days two and three. By then, sleep-deprived paddlers are exhausted from the constant assault of nonstop paddling, unforgiving canoe seats, and pesky fire ants and spiders. “It’s like two different races,” Spelce says. “You’ve got the race down to Gonzales, with clear, flowing water, and after Gonzales it becomes a big, wide-open grind.”

One thing you can always count on is that you never know what to expect with the Texas Water Safari. “It’s the same river, but conditions change. There could be a heat wave, we could have low water, it could be full of logjams,” Spelce says. “It takes just one big flood, and it’s a totally different race.”

Well-wishers can talk to competitors beforehand by attending the check-in from noon to 5 p.m. on June 11 at Spring Lake. The race starts at 9 a.m. the next day. For maps to course access points, go to [texaswatersafari.org](http://texaswatersafari.org).

# CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

## JUNE



### 4th-5th

**SANDERSON: Snake Days**  
This event embraces the reptile and amphibian diversity of West Texas, raises money for wildlife diversity conservation, and brings together enthusiasts from around the United States who are passionate about herpetology. **210-823-8672; [snakedays.com](http://snakedays.com)**

### 5th

**GRAHAM: Food Truck Championship of Texas** One of the largest downtown squares in the United States is taken over by food trucks of all varieties competing for the coveted prize of grand champion. **940-549-0401; [foodtruckchampionshipoftexas.com](http://foodtruckchampionshipoftexas.com)**

### 7th-12th

**JACKSONVILLE: Tomato Fest** For one week in June, Jacksonville becomes "Tomatoville," with a lineup of tomato-centric events that include tomato-eating and salsa contests, plus a dodgeball tournament, five blocks of vendors, and live music. **903-586-2217; [jacksonvilletexas.com/tomato-fest](http://jacksonvilletexas.com/tomato-fest)**

### 12th-20th

**ROCKPORT: Aransas County Sesquicentennial** Celebrating 150 years of Aransas County's existence, this weeklong series of events includes a county fair, historic homes tour, art show, fireworks, and other family-friendly festivities. **361-729-6445; [aransascounty150.org](http://aransascounty150.org)**

### 19th

**AUSTIN: "Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow"** Organized by the New York Historical Society and presented by the Bullock Museum, this special exhibition opens on Juneteenth and explores the struggle for full citizenship and racial equality that unfolded in the 50 years after the Civil War. **512-936-8746; [thestoryoftexas.com](http://thestoryoftexas.com)**

### 24th-27th

**LULING: Watermelon Thump** Since 1954, the Watermelon Thump has honored area growers and the town's watermelon market with this bucket-list festival that features a carnival, world champion seed spitting contest, and the crowning of the Thump Queen. **830-875-3214; [newsite.watermelonthump.com](http://newsite.watermelonthump.com)**

## JULY



### 2nd-3rd

**EDINBURG: Texas Cook'Em: High Steaks in Edinburg** Texas Cook'Em is the Rio Grande Valley's biggest barbecue competition, awarding \$30,000 to the winners. The event offers live music, fireworks, vendors, a children's fun area, and, of course, delicious barbecue. **956-383-4974; [edinburg.com](http://edinburg.com)**

### 3rd

**THE COLONY: Liberty by the Lake** Celebrate Independence Day with patriotic festivities and a variety of entertainment and activities for all ages including a fun run/walk, live music, and a choreographed fireworks display. **972-625-1106; [visitthecolonytx.com/events](http://visitthecolonytx.com/events)**

### 9th-10th

**GLADEWATER: East Texas Gusher Days** Enjoy a variety of events revolving around the nostalgia of the oil-boom days. The fun includes amusement rides, a chili cookoff, a parade, an antique car show, fishing and horseshoe tournaments, a street dance, arts and crafts, and food concessions. **903-845-5501; [gusher-days.com](http://gusher-days.com)**

### 16th-18th

**MIDLAND: Celebration of the Arts** View artwork from participating visual and performing artists and watch demonstrations and panel discussions throughout the weekend at Midland's longest-running downtown festival. **432-687-1149; [acmidland.org](http://acmidland.org)**

### 24th

**BANDERA: National Day of the American Cowboy** This fun-filled day includes live music, reenactments, arts and crafts, children's activities, and other interactive highlights to honor the town's cowboy heritage. **210-218-7935; [banderatexasbusiness.com](http://banderatexasbusiness.com)**

### 28th

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Texas International Fishing Tournament** Texas' largest saltwater fishing tournament kicks off with fishers young and old competing in one of three divisions: bay, tarpon, and offshore. Dockside, spectators view catches of blue marlin, white marlin, and sailfish brought in by the big boats offshore. **956-761-3000; [sopadre.com](http://sopadre.com)**

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to do this summer, visit  
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**AUGUST**



**1st**

**CANTON: First Monday Trade Days** The oldest, largest continually operating outdoor flea market in the United States covers hundreds of acres and provides spaces for more than 5,000 vendors. **903-567-6556; firstmondaycantont.com**

**4th-7th**

**DE LEON: Peach and Melon Festival** Celebrating its 106th year, the annual festival includes a Queen's Pageant, midway, parade, vendors, and food. There is also various entertainment on the main stage throughout the week. **254-893-6600; peachandmelonfestival.com**

**14th**

**MCKINNEY: Zip Line Day** Come along for an outdoor adventure at the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary's ropes course. Guests climb a 23-foot tree to the platform, then proceed to soar across a 487-foot zip line. Suitable for all outdoor enthusiasts over the age of 10. **972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org/ropescourse**

**21st**

**GALVESTON: AIA Sandcastle Competition** This year more than 60 teams have their eyes and shovels set on winning the prestigious Golden Bucket Award. On the day of the event, the teams meticulously sculpt their piles of sand and work nonstop for five hours. **713-520-0155; galveston.com/calendarofevents/aia-sandcastle-competition**

**21st**

**WICHITA FALLS: Animania** Started in 2017, Animania is the first anime, gaming, comic, art, and cosplay convention in Wichita Falls, with thousands attending each year. **940-716-5500; animaniawftx.com**

**26th-29th**

**FREDERICKSBURG: Gillespie County Fair** The oldest continuous county fair in Texas marks its 133rd year this summer and offers fair favorites including a carnival and midway, traditional fair food, livestock judging, agricultural and household exhibits, live music, and antique tractor shows. **830-997-4923 gillespiefair.com**



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# JUNE



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**Due to concerns** over the spread of COVID-19, some events may be postponed or canceled. Please check an event's website or call ahead to confirm it is taking place if you're interested in attending.

## BIG BEND COUNTRY

### EL PASO: June 5-6 *Billy the Kid Festival*

An Old West gunfight, ghost tour, and performances of the play "1876: Billy the Kid" are a few of the attractions at this two-day celebration of the infamous outlaw. The event also offers food, games, and dancing. *San Elizario, 1556 San Elizario Road. 915-851-0093; billythekidfestival.com*

**SANDERSON: June 4-5 *Snake Days*** This event embraces the reptile and amphibian diversity of West Texas and raises money for wildlife diversity conservation. It brings together enthusiasts from around the United States who are passionate about herpetology, field herping, herp photography, and building relationships with like-minded individuals. Sanderson has been the host location since the event's inception, offering vendors, presentations, gatherings, and field herping. *Various locations. 210-823-8672; snakedays.com*

## GULF COAST

### BEAUMONT: Through Aug. 13 *"The Art of Emergency Care Temporary Exhibit"*

Have you ever wondered how art affects our lives? This exhibit explores the history of EMS through artwork created for and by first responders. From training manuals of the 1880s to contemporary first responder art created through a journey of healing and discovery, this exhibit, on loan from the National EMS Museum, is a visual representation of the history of pre-hospital care. *Fire Museum of Texas, 400 Walnut St. 409-880-3927; firemuseumoftexas.org*

### CORPUS CHRISTI: June 1-July 31 *Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle Hatchling Release*

The Padre Island National Seashore celebrates more than 40 years of the conservation of Kemp's ridley sea turtles. Experience this national treasure when you attend one of the hatchling releases in the summer. The releases occur in the morning. *Padre Island National Seashore, 20420 Park Road 22. 361-949-7163; nps.gov/pais*

### FREEPORT: June 16-Aug. 11 *"Apron Strings: Ties to the Past"*

This museum exhibit presents 51 vintage and contemporary ways that the apron has been viewed as an emotionally charged object for expression, with a rich and varied craft history that still resonates today. *Lake Jackson Historical Museum, 249 Circle Way. 979-297-1570; ljhistory.org*

### FREEPORT: June 30-July 4 *Fishin' Fiesta*

Since 1947, fishing enthusiasts have been drawn to this tournament each year in the hopes of catching the biggest redfish, barracuda, or any other offshore or inshore fish. The Fishin' Fiesta is sponsored by the Freeport Lions Club and also 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. There is a fireworks display on Saturday night. *Freeport Municipal Park, 421 N. Brazosport Blvd. 979-233-1047; fishinfiesta.com*

### GALVESTON: June 5 *Rob Landes in Concert*

Delight in the music of George Gershwin as Grand favorite Rob Landes shares stories and reminiscences of Gershwin's brief but brilliant life, drawing on tales of Gershwin music played throughout The Grand's 125-year history. There are two performances and social distancing is being implemented along with masks being

required at all performances. *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 800-821-1894; thegrand.com*

### HOUSTON: Through Dec. 12 *Anri Sala's "Time No Longer"*

A newly commissioned artwork by multimedia artist Anri Sala, "Time No Longer" offers an otherworldly experience of film and sound within a vast, subterranean reservoir on the edge of downtown Houston. The installation incorporates a film projected onto a massive translucent screen, depicting a weathered turntable floating in a space station, tethered by its electrical cord. The soundscape is a new arrangement of Olivier Messiaen's "Quartet for the End of Time," written while the composer was incarcerated in a prisoner-of-war camp in Germany during World War II. *Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern, 105 Sabine St. 713-752-0314; buffalo-bayou.org/visit/destination/the-cistern*

### HOUSTON: June 5-Sept. 11 *"9ja Vision: The Fiber and Mixed-Media Work of Joy O. Ude"*

Houston Center for Contemporary Craft presents this solo exhibition by Joy O. Ude. The Texas-based artist's practice is grounded in the rich traditions of West African textiles and references their material history as a backdrop for the personal, familial, and historical narratives that she weaves into her work. Combining printed wax cloth with photo-transfers of family members, Ude contextualizes her personal history within a complicated legacy of colonialism, creating embellished pieces that are both joyful and haunting. *Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St. 713-529-4848; crafthouston.org*

### HOUSTON: June 8 *Fun Summer Vibes*

Children's Museum Houston is counting down the days until the school year is over and your mind can come out to play. The museum reopens with Fun Summer Vibes, a "tropi-cool" paradise destination where families can chill out and switch to vacay mode. Embark on a daily escapade filled with thrills, interactive activities, live demonstrations, and performances, plus fun exhibits that unleash the imagination. *Children's Museum Houston, 1500 Binz St. 713-522-1138; cmhouston.org*

### LAKE JACKSON: June 5 *Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tour*

Visit the historic



archeological site once owned by Maj. Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the property was destroyed by the same hurricane that devastated Galveston. Learn about 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*

**LAKE JACKSON: June 12 Farmers Market** At this monthly farmers market, find locally grown fruits and vegetables, locally roasted coffee, homemade food, handmade products, and other goodies. *Parking Place Pavilion, 110 S. Parking Place. 281-924-0596; lakejacksonfarmersmarket.com*

**PORT ARTHUR: June 5 Cajun Heritage Festival** Tune in to Cajun culture with real Cajun music, dancing, food, and fun. Past festivals have had Cajun waltz contests, crawfish races, crawfish-eating contests, and Cajun two-step contests. New this year is the Cajun Caravan, which takes you to Cajun restaurants plus historical locations and the Museum of the Gulf Coast. Wayne Toups and Royal Blugarou are back as headliners. *Carl A. Parker Multipurpose Center, 1800 Lakeshore Drive. 409-835-2787; cajunheritagefest.com*

**ROCKPORT: June 12-20 Aransas County Sesquicentennial** Celebrating 150 years of Aransas County's existence, this weeklong series of events includes a county fair, historic homes tour, art show, fireworks, and other programs and entertainment for the whole family. *Various locations. 361-729-6445; aransascounty150.org*

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Through Sept. 30 Dolphin Watching and Eco Tours** Enjoy a 1.5-hour dolphin watch aboard the "Murphy's Law," and see bottlenose dolphins in their natural habitat. You also have the opportunity to see local and migratory birds, the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Boca Chica Beach, and the South Padre Island jetties. During the Eco Tour Dolphin Watch, a specialized net is dragged along the bay floor. Sea life captured during the Eco Tour is brought on board and viewed up close. *Isla Tours, 33256 State Park Road 100. 956-761-4752; islatours.com*

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: June 5-6 Pro Watercross** More than 150 individual competitors are expected at this competition, which features some of the best athletes as well as up-and-coming men and women in the exciting sport of personal watercraft racing known as watercross. These riders utilize highly advanced equipment and

technology to help their watercraft reach speeds of more than 85 mph. Throughout the weekend, riders engage in a fierce battle of skill, technology, and innovation on and off the water. *Clayton's Beach Bar and Grill, 6900 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com*

**TOMBALL: June 19 Honky Tonk Chili Challenge** It's a full day of spicy chili and country music from the days of Patsy Cline, Buck Owens, and Hank Williams. Sponsored by the Chili Appreciation Society International, the chili competition features top cook teams from across Texas vying for a spot at the international championship in Terlingua. Music, vendors, and a children's zone make this a great family event. *Downtown Depot Plaza, 201 S. Elm St. 281-350-5484; tomballtx.gov*

**VICTORIA: June 8-12 Bach Festival** Led by artistic director Alejandro Hernandez-Valdez, the festival celebrates the work of J.S. Bach and composers spanning the ages. Orchestral, choral, and chamber works are performed by local and nationally acclaimed artists in various venues in Victoria and South Texas. *Various locations. 361-570-5788; victoriabachfestival.org*

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HILL COUNTRY

**AUSTIN:** Through Aug. 22 *“Mexico, the Border and Beyond: Selections from the Juan Antonio Sandoval Jr. Collection”*

The Sandoval Collection has more than 1,500 artworks, many created by Mexican and Latinx artists. It includes prints, photographs, paintings, sculptures, and popular art from the El Paso region, as well as Mexico. The collection also contains hundreds of publications and other ephemera. *Mexic-Arte Museum, 419 Congress Ave. 512-480-9373; mexic-artemuseum.org*

**AUSTIN:** Through Dec. 31 *Virtual Exhibit: “Access Delayed—African American Suffragists’ Courageous Influence on the 19th Amendment”* Texas Folklife presents this virtual exhibit that showcases quilts created by Quilt Friends Collective, consisting of African American quilters from across Texas, Ohio, and Florida. The quilts are intended to educate, celebrate, and recognize some of the African American suffragists who influenced and contributed to the women’s suffrage movement, leading to the ratifying of the 19th Amendment, although they themselves remained disenfranchised until the Voting Rights Act of 1965. *Virtual. 512-441-9255; texasfolklife.org*

**AUSTIN:** April 16-17, May 15-16, June 25-26 *Moontower Comedy Festival*

Founded in 2011, this festival features a diverse mix of comedians, podcasts, and performers from around the world, as well as a lineup of local and regional talent. Rescheduled from 2020, the ninth annual Moontower Comedy Festival takes place at the Paramount and Stateside theaters, with the headliner shows initially scheduled for last April now taking place over three weekends. The headliners include Maria Bamford, Todd Barry, Ronny Chieng, Chris Fleming, Nikki Glaser, Nick Kroll, Middle-ditch and Schwartz, Jacqueline Novak, Andrew Schulz, and Roy Wood Jr. Comedy fans can also expect parties and surprises each weekend. *Various locations. 512-472-5470; moontowercomedyfest.com*

**AUSTIN:** May 19-Aug. 15 *“Guitar: The Instrument That Rocked the World”* The exhibition leads visitors on a fascinating exploration of the science, sound, history, and pop culture behind the world’s favorite instrument. Featuring an impressive display of rare and antique guitars and engaging interactives, the exhibition is fun and educational for the whole family and includes video performances, X-ray images of a guitar’s inner workings, and even a

chance for you to pluck, strum, and jam. *Bullock Museum, 1800 Congress Ave. 512-936-8746; thestoryoftexas.com*

**AUSTIN:** June 11-21 *ATX Television Festival* To celebrate 10 seasons of ATX Television Festival, this year’s event is expanding to 10 days and going virtual to celebrate all things TV with a variety of screenings, panels, roundtable discussions, interstitial content, VOD programming, and special events. *Virtual. atxfestival.com*

**AUSTIN:** June 19-Nov. 28 *“Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow”* Organized by the New York Historical Society, this exhibition explores the struggle for full citizenship and racial equality that unfolded in the 50 years after the Civil War. It adopts a national perspective on these transformative years, with a particular focus on evolving definitions and expressions of equality and citizenship. Narratives center on African Americans who pursued the ideals of Reconstruction and persevered in the face of a legal system riddled with Jim Crow laws and policies promoting racial inequality. *Bullock Museum, 1800 Congress Ave. 512-936-8746; thestoryoftexas.com*

**BANDERA:** June 11, 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Aug. 6 *Riding on Faith Rodeo* Every Friday night this summer, this open

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rodeo showcases steer riding, bull riding, barrel racing, and mutton busting. *Mansfield Park, 2886 SH 16 N. 830-777-7129; facebook.com/ridingonfaithrodeoseries*

**BANDERA: June 5, 12, 19, 26 Cowboys on Main** Find all kinds of cowboy fun and excitement in downtown Bandera every Saturday this summer. Possible activities include chuckwagon storytelling, saddle-broke Longhorn hopping, horse-drawn wagon tours, and reenactment shows. *Main Street, 500 Main St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

**BANDERA: June 5 Market Day** On the first Saturday of the month, arts and crafts vendors sell their merchandise at this market along Main Street. *500 Main St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

**BANDERA: June 26 RiverFest** Kayak races and rentals, a river rodeo, a car show, live music, children's activities, and a barbecue cookoff are some of the attractions offered at the ultimate riverside picnic. *Bandera City Park, 1102 Maple St. 830-796-3045; banderatexasbusiness.com*

**BANDERA: June 27 Frontier Times Jam-boree** Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an afternoon of live music with new hosts each month at this outdoor music circle

that is free to the public. *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; frontiertimesmuseum.org*

**BLANCO: June 11-13 Lavender Festival** More than 100 of the finest arts and crafts vendors, along with music, local beers and regional wines, a Texas specialty packaged foods area, a speakers pavilion, and, of course, lavender are highlights of the 16th annual Lavender Festival. *Historic Downtown Square, 300 Main St. 830-833-5101; blacolavenderfest.com*

**BROWNWOOD: June 3-5 Brown County Rodeo** One of the biggest fundraisers for the Brown County Youth Fair, this rodeo includes mutton busting, a market and trade days, crawfish boil, carnival rides, and food trucks. *Brown County Fairgrounds, 4208 US 377. 325-647-8930; browncountyfairandrodeo.com*

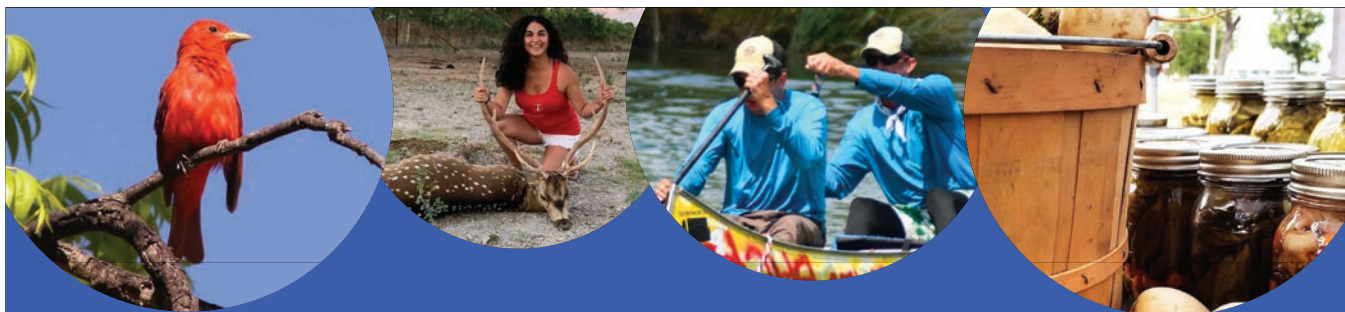
**BULVERDE: June 5, 12, 19, 26 Saturday Night Rodeo** The family-friendly rodeo and live music series starts the first weekend in March and continues each Saturday through the last weekend in November. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the rodeo begins at 7:30 p.m. Following the rodeo, enjoy live music and dancing; beer, wine, and cocktails; and delicious food including Texas barbecue, tacos, steak, and burgers. *Tejas*

*Rodeo Company, 401 Obst Road. 830-980-2226; tejasrodeo.com*

**BURNET: June 4-5 Burnet County Area Fair** This traditional county fair features a barbecue lunch, cooking demonstration, vendors, a silent auction, live music, and an ice cream crank-off. *Texas Agrilife Burnet, 607 N. Vanderveer St. 512-585-7606; burnetcountyfair.com*

**CEDAR PARK: June 18-20 Greater Austin Comic Con** Celebrate all things pop culture, with vendors, gaming competitions, cosplay contests, a superhero-themed car show, and kids' entertainment. Visit with movie and television stars, sports stars, world-renowned cosplay artists, game developers, comic book creators, and artists and writers. *H-E-B Center at Cedar Park, 2100 Avenue of the Stars. 512-600-5000; greateraustincomiccon.com*

**FREDERICKSBURG: June 4-6, 11-13, 18-20 "Mamma Mia!"** Fredericksburg Theater Company presents the hit musical featuring ABBA songs that tell the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father among her free-spirited mother's three possible suitors. It's a trip down the aisle you'll never forget. *Steve W. Shepherd Theater, 1688 SH 87 S. 888-669-7114; fredericksburgtheater.org*



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**FREDERICKSBURG: June 4 First Friday Art Walk** Participating fine art galleries remain open until 8 p.m., so that visitors can partake in the events and exhibits planned throughout the day and enjoy local refreshments. Just look for the galleries flying the Art Walk flag. *Various locations. facebook.com/first-friday-art-walk-fredericksburg-401466143219898*

**FREDERICKSBURG: June 5 Masonic Open Car Show** The 16th annual open car show benefits various charitable and fraternal activities of Masonic Lodge No. 794 and includes food, beverages, a raffle, silent auction, and fun for everyone. *Marktplatz, 100 block of West Main Street. 214-587-2205; fredericksburgmasons.com/carshow.html*

**FREDERICKSBURG: June 11-12 Thomas Michael Riley Music Festival** Hosted by Thomas Michael Riley, this 13th annual music festival showcases the best in Texas music and the Texas country artists who create it. The event takes place on two stages and offers amenities like a private kickoff dinner and camping for ticket holders. *Luckenbach Texas, 412 Luckenbach Town Loop. luckenbachtexas.com*

**FREDERICKSBURG: June 18-20 Trade Days** Shop from more than 400 vendors in

seven barns and acres of antiques, collectibles, tools, crafts, shabby chic, primitives, ranch furniture, hunting accessories, candles, clothing, jewelry, and food. *Fredericksburg Trade Days, 355 Sunday Farms Lane. 210-846-4094; fbgradedays.com*

**FREDERICKSBURG: June 26 Luckenbach Food Truck Festival** Taste all the offerings at food trucks from the San Antonio, Austin, and Fredericksburg regions, plus sip on wine from Texas Hill Country wineries while enjoying live Texas music. *Luckenbach Texas, 412 Luckenbach Town Loop. luckenbachtexas.com*

**FREDERICKSBURG: June 27 Concert in the Park** Hosted by Pedernales Creative Arts Alliance, the free Sunday evening concert this month features Western swing music. Bring your chairs, eats, and drinks. *Marktplatz, 100 block of West Main Street. oktoberfestinfbg.com/info/pcaa*

**HUNT: May 29-Sept. 4 Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall** For 94 years, Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall has been an entertainment spot along the banks of the Guadalupe River each summer. May 29 marks the opening night for its seasonal rodeos that include live music and dancing on Saturday nights through Sept. 4. *Crider's*

*Rodeo and Dancehall, 2310 SH 39. 830-238-4441; cridersrandd.com*

**INGRAM: June 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26 "Clue"** It's a dark and stormy night, and you've been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Each of the guests has an alias, the butler offers a variety of weapons, and the host is, well . . . dead. So whodunnit? Join the iconic oddballs known as Scarlet, Plum, White, Green, Peacock, and Mustard as they race to find the murderer in Boddy Manor before the body count stacks up. Based on the cult classic film and the popular board game, "Clue" is a madcap comedy that keeps you guessing until the final twist. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com*

**KERRVILLE: May 27-July 2 Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show** Taking place Tuesdays through Saturdays, this show features the nation's finest gourd artists competing in a variety of categories. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com*

**KERRVILLE: June 4-5 "The Two Gentlemen of Verona"** Enjoy Shakespeare in the park with the Bard's classic comedy about friendship, infidelity, love, and the foolish behavior of people in love. *Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Drive. 830-896-9393; playhouse2000.com*

**KERRVILLE: June 5 Kerr County Market Days and Hill Country Swap Meet** Market Days continues to feature artists and crafters who bring their original handcrafted jewelry; fiber, wood, and metal items; soaps and lotions; and other assorted goods. Hill Country Swap Meet is a community garage sale and flea market with all types of merchandise. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-459-6198; kerrmarketdays.org*

**KERRVILLE: June 11-13, 18-20, 25-27 "A Nice Family Gathering"** In this comedy by Phil Olson, "Dad" was the kind of guy who loved his wife so much, he almost told her so. Since he died 10 months ago, he's got just one shot, the family's Thanksgiving Day gathering, to get the message to her through the only channel he has, his estranged son, Carl. The arrival of Mom's "date" for dinner just complicates things. With the play set against the frigid backdrop of Wisconsin, the warm feelings finally break through to bring this family closer together than ever. *Playhouse 2000 VK Garage Theater, 305 Washington St. 830-896-9393; playhouse2000.com*

**KERRVILLE: June 12 Bobby Flores and the Yellow Rose Band in Concert** Multi-talented Texas musician Bobby Flores

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**KERRVILLE: June 18 Urban Cowboy Reunion** Country music legends Mickey Gilley and Johnny Lee celebrate the 40th anniversary of the smash-hit film “Urban Cowboy.” With more than 60 combined No. 1 hits and lots of video and stories from the film, Gilley and Lee bring down the house in this one-of-a-kind concert. *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-896-9393; caillouxperformingarts.com*

**LAKEHILLS: June 26 Last Saturday Market** On the last Saturday of the month, find food, shopping, live music, and local entertainment at this market. *Lakehills Civic Center, 11225 Park Road 37. 254-979-1073; lakehillssaturdaymarket.com*

**LEANDER: June 5 Old Town Street Festival** One of Central Texas’ most popular events, this festival is held in early summer in downtown Leander’s charming Old Town District. The streets of the neighborhood fill with local and national artisans offering handcrafted creations. Texas bands and performers bring the stage to life, and family-friendly activities delight adults and children alike. Food vendors provide both healthy and indulgent choices, and local and regional wineries and breweries bring a special flair. *Old Town Leander, 100 N. Brushy St. 512-259-1907; oldtownstreetfestival.com*

**LLANO: June 4-5 Open Pro Rodeo** Watch bronc bustin’, bull riding, barrel racing, and team roping. *John L. Kuykendall Event Center and Arena, 2200 RM 152. 325-247-5354; llanochamber.org*

**LLANO: June 12 A Day in the Park** Wineries, food trucks, a beer garden, cornhole, disc golf tournaments, kids’ games and activities, and the Matt and Doraliza Raglin Splashpad are all a part of an outdoor fundraising festival benefiting the Llano Parks Project. *Badu Park, 300 Legion Drive. 325-247-5354; llanoparksproject.org*

**NEW BRAUNFELS: June 6 Travis Tritt in Concert** The award-winning country artist has three platinum albums and a worldwide following. His hits include “Country Club” and “I’m Gonna Be Somebody.” Special guests include the country duo Pryor and Lee. This show has limited capacity and is for fans ages 21 and up. *Whitewater Amphitheater, 11860 FM 306. 830-964-3800; whitewaterrocks.com*

**NEW BRAUNFELS: June 17; July 15; Aug. 19 Come and Taste It: Meet Texas’ Best Winemakers** On the third Thursday of the month, The Grapevine offers opportunities to enjoy Texas wines in Gruene Historic District. For a new virtual spin, the wine tasting room has created a to-go set of featured wines that can be picked up and enjoyed at home. Stop by The Grapevine and pick up the featured wine, then view a guided tasting video with the experts. *The Grapevine, 1612 Hunter Road. 830-606-0093; grapevineingruene.com*

**NEW BRAUNFELS: June 19-20; July 17-18; Aug. 21-22 Old Gruene Market Days** Held every month except January for over 30 years, this market has nearly 100 vendors offering gifts, uniquely crafted items, and packaged Texas foods that satisfy your shopping and gift-giving needs. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; please call ahead to confirm market hours. *Gruene Historic District. 830-832-1721; gruenemarketdays.com*

**NEW BRAUNFELS: June 23 Frank Schlather Day** Also known as Frank’s Tranquilizer Hour, this event commemorates Frank Schlather, the legendary local celebrity who was known as the 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. 830-606-1281; gruenetexas.com/frankday.php*

**SAN MARCOS: June 12 Art Squared Arts Market** Presented by the San Marcos Art League, this juried arts and fine crafts market brings the best local artists together in one place. Set up in San Marcos’ Downtown Square on the second Saturday of each month from March through December, the market offers live art demonstrations, a kids’ arts and crafts booth, live music, and artwork ranging from drawing to wood-working. *Downtown Square, 105 E. Hopkins St. 512-679-5059; artsquaredmarket.com*

**SAN MARCOS: June 12 Texas Water Safari** Billed as the “World’s Toughest Canoe Race,” the Texas Water Safari is a 260-mile canoe and kayak race from Spring Lake in San Marcos to the city of Seadrift on the Texas coastline. Teams travel day and night, nonstop, to compete, but teams who occasionally stop for sleep must reach mandatory checkpoint cutoff times and cross the finish line by the 100-hour deadline. Cheer the racers on at riverside parks as they partake in this grueling race. *Meadows Center, 201 San Marcos Springs Drive. 512-738-6607; texaswatersafari.org*

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**STONEWALL: June 5 *Fishing Day at LBJ State Park*** Participants are invited to fish along the banks of the Pedernales River. Cane poles and bait are provided along with a fishing demonstration. *Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site. 830-644-2252; tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/lyndon-b-johnson*

**STONEWALL: June 17-19 *Peach JAMBoree and Rodeo*** The 60th celebration of the annual peach crop includes peach judging, the crowning of the Peach Queen, a parade, peach eating, pit spitting, food, live music, and a rodeo. *Stonewall Chamber of Commerce Grounds, 250 Peach St. stonewalltexas.com*

**TAYLOR: June 11-12 *Juneteenth Celebration*** The Blackshear/O.L. Price Ex-Student Association hosts the celebration with a Friday meet-and-greet. Saturday there is a gospel brunch in the morning and a pageant in the afternoon, then music under the stars at night. *Fannie Robinson Park, 206 S. Dolan St. 512-365-6364; blackshearolprice.com*

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**ABILENE: June 5 *Abilene Outdoor Adventures*** Head outdoors for new adventures, learn about the environment through fun and engaging activities, and participate in dozens of different pursuits. The fun is free and open to people of all ages. *Cal Young Park, 950 T and P Lane. 325-734-5302; abilenetx.gov/parksandrec*

**ABILENE: June 10-12 *Children's Art and Literacy Festival*** This festival offers two and a half days of fun to promote reading and art. Thursday includes an art exhibition of the picture books of National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature's illustrator Loren Long, plus the Storybook Parade, a sculpture unveiling, Otis's Putt Puff Puttedy Party, and an artist talk and book signing with Loren Long. Thursday night is free, but registration is required to attend Friday and Saturday events, where you earn your Loren Long character buttons. Events include dramatic readings with costumed

characters and art activities, an animal petting zoo, the Abilene Philharmonic instrument petting zoo, balloon shows, and train rides. *Downtown Abilene, 1101 N. First St. 325-677-1161; abilenecalf.com*

**ABILENE: June 19 *World Giraffe Day Festival*** Fun activities are in store for this giraffe-filled weekend, and a portion of the proceeds goes toward helping giraffes in the wild. *Abilene Zoo, 2070 Zoo Lane. 325-676-6085; abilenetx.org*

**AMARILLO: June 3-5 *Coors Cowboy Club Cattle Drive and Ranch Rodeo*** Friendly but serious competition transpires with saddle bronc riding, wild cow milking, and traditional rodeo activities. On Thursday, the festivities kick off with a cattle drive, in

to celebrate Independence Day. Friday night is Rock Night with rock 'n' roll music, and Saturday night is Country Night with country-western and Tejano music. Previous festivities have included carnival rides, face painting, and dancing. *Downtown Big Spring, Main Street. bigspringdra.com*

**CANYON: May 29-Aug. 14 *"Texas Outdoor Musical"*** The official play of Texas is packed with lively songs and dance numbers, good ol' Texas humor, and nightly fireworks. Set against the authentic tapestry of history in Palo Duro Canyon State Park, the show brings to life the stories, struggles, and triumphs of the settlers of the Texas Panhandle. Don't miss the pre-performance barbecue dinner. *Pioneer Amphitheatre, Palo Duro Canyon State Park, 11450 Park Road 5. 806-655-2181; texas-show.com*

**COLEMAN: June 10-13 *Coleman PRCA Rodeo*** In 1936, Texas' centennial year, the idea of an annual Coleman Rodeo arose when nine businessmen wanted to do something special to celebrate the Lone Star State's 100th anniversary. Today, the rodeo continues along with a street parade, vendors, shopping, golf, mutton busting, and rodeo events. *Coleman Rodeo Grounds, 13152 SH 206. 325-625-2163; colemanrodeo.com*

**GRAHAM: June 5 *Food Truck Championship of Texas*** One of the largest downtown squares in the United States is taken over by food trucks of all varieties competing for the coveted prize of grand champion and a total payout of \$16,000. The food is accompanied by a concert from Read Southall, Old 97's, and Whiskey Myers. *Graham Downtown Square, 608 Elm St. 940-549-0401; foodtruckchampionshipoftexas.com*

**GRAHAM: June 5 *Possum Pedal Bike Ride*** Bike through some of the most scenic country in Texas. This year's routes of 6, 27, 42, 54.5, 61, and 76 miles pass through southwestern Young County, including the towns of Graham, Olney, Jermyn, Bryson, and historic Fort Belknap. The terrain varies from rolling hills to smooth roads. *Graham Downtown Square, 608 Elm St. 940-549-3355; possumpedal.com*

**LEVELLAND: June 12-13 *Clovish Horse Sales*** Quality horses for all types of riders are up for sale. Each sale has different events featuring various types of horses. Events can include team ropings, cow horse futurities, and ranch horse competitions. *Mallet Event Center, 2320 US 385 S. 806-894-4161; clovishhorsesales.com*

**LEVELLAND: June 25-26 *Golden Spread Classic Steer and Heifer Show*** Miniature Hereford heifers and steers are shown on



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which 60 Longhorns make their way from 11th and Polk streets to the Tri-State Fairgrounds. The weekend includes food, shopping, and dancing, and all competitions are based on daily working ranch activities. *Tri-State Fairgrounds, 3301 SE 10th Ave. 806-376-7767; coorsranchrodeo.com*

**BIG SPRING: June 17-19 *Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo*** Bring your family and friends out to the Howard County Rodeo Bowl for this annual tradition. The Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo highlights some of the best talent and provides live entertainment. *Howard County Rodeo Bowl, 2900 Old State Hwy. 80. 432-267-5053; facebook.com/bigspringrodeo*

**BIG SPRING: June 25-26 *Funtastic Fourth*** Head to downtown Big Spring for the annual Funtastic Fourth, where many vendors are selling food and various items

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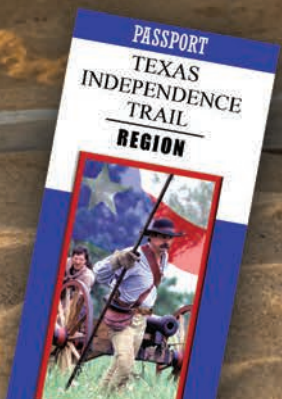
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**LUBBOCK: June 10-26 Moonlight Musicals** This year, this annual musical theater series is themed around "Finding Families" and gets underway with a production of the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic "The Sound of Music." Be transported to the hills of Austria and watch Maria leave the convent to become the governess of seven mischievous children and fall in love with their intimidating father. *Mackenzie Park, 413 E. Broadway. 806-722-0556; moonlightmusicals.com*

**SAN ANGELO: Through June 27 Ceramic Invitational Exhibition** The San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts hosts a juried ceramic competition every two years. The competition is open to all artists who are residents of the United States, Canada, or Mexico. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org*

**SAN ANGELO: Through Oct. 10 Richard and Pam Salmon Sculpture Competition** The sixth annual juried competition has 12 large outdoor sculptures on view to the public. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org*

**SWEETWATER: June 5 Applause Series: Lift Every Voice** See works by Black artists and then hear a concert by gospel singer Devion Jones. *Sweetwater Municipal Auditorium, 201 E. Fourth St. 325-518-9407; sweetwaterauditorium.org/applause-2020-2021-season*

**SWEETWATER: June 5 Rock the Block** Bring your lawn chairs, friends, and family member and enjoy food trucks, shopping, drinks, and live music. *Oak Street Block, 325-933-6167*

**WICHITA FALLS: Through May 5, 2022 Sculpture Garden Exhibit** Each year, the new pieces in the sculpture garden go on display for a full 12 months on the grounds of the Kemp Center for the Arts. The artwork is juried by a nationally recognized artist and awards for first, second, and third place are given at the opening of the exhibit. *Kemp Center for the Arts, 1300 Lamar St. 940-767-2787; artscouncilwf.org/sculpture-garden*

### PINEY WOODS

**JACKSONVILLE: June 7-12 Tomato Fest** For one week in June, Jacksonville becomes "Tomatoville." One of the most popular

events of the festival is the tomato-eating contest, where local celebrities fight to be the champion tomato eater. Additional events include the dodgeball tournament and five blocks of vendors, food, fried green tomatoes, a salsa contest, and many more tomato-centric events. Don't miss the tomato farm-to-table dinner, where dinner is made with fresh, homegrown food from local farmers. *Downtown Jacksonville, 526 E. Commerce St. 903-586-2217; jacksonvilletexas.com/tomato-fest*

**LIBERTY: June 26, July 24, August 28 Liberty Opry Music Review** Enjoy live, family-oriented musical entertainment, with a mix of music styles in most shows. Hear country, classics, and oldies from the '50s, '60s, and '70s, plus a splash of comedy. Food and nonalcoholic beverages are available. *Liberty Opry, 1816 Sam Houston St. 936-336-5830; libertyopry.com*

**NACOGDOCHES: June 5 5's A Crowd in Concert** Come see the reunion concert of 5's a Crowd, who are getting back together for their first show since 1993. The evening is sure to bring back memories of one of the area's favorite local acts. *Banita Creek Hall, 401 W. Main St. 936-715-0480; banitacreekhall.com*

**NACOGDOCHES: June 11-13 Texas Blueberry Festival** The 31st annual Texas Blueberry Festival begins Friday with the Blueberry Bluegrass Concert in the Park at Festival Park. The rest of the weekend offers a downtown festival and additional events taking place all across Texas' oldest town. Enjoy live entertainment, fresh blueberries for sale, a car show, blueberry pancakes and other treats, a kids' bounce park, fun contests, and more vendors than you can shake a blueberry at. *Various locations. 936-560-5533; tbfnacogdoches.org*

**PALESTINE: June 19, Aug. 7 Dogwood Jamboree** The Branson-style country music show is filled with family fun, laughter, and great classic country music from some of the best artists anywhere, with comedians providing entertaining comic relief. The June show's theme is "Legends in Country Music" and August's is "If That Ain't Country." *Palestine High School Auditorium, SH 287 South and Loop 256. 903-729-6070; dogwoodjamboree.com*

**TYLER: June 5-6 North Texas Hunter/Jumper Club Summer Horse Show** This horse show consists of show jumpers, working hunters, and hunt seat equitation. Show jumpers compete in jumper classes where it counts to be faultless and fast. Working hunters are judged for manner and pace—a smooth comfortable ride. Hunt seat equitation emphasizes the rider's



form—sitting still and quiet handling. *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110 N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com*

**TYLER: June 9-13 Texas Summer Challenge: Hunter/Jumper Horse Show** This horse show consists of show jumpers, working hunters, and hunt seat equitation. Show jumpers compete in jumper classes where it counts to be faultless and fast. Working hunters are judged for manner and pace—a smooth comfortable ride. Hunt seat equitation emphasizes the rider's form—sitting still and quiet handling. *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110 N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com*

## PRAIRIES AND LAKES

**ARLINGTON: June 4 Carolyn Wonderland in Concert** Equipped with soulful vocals evoking Janis Joplin and guitar-slinging skills like Stevie Ray Vaughan, Carolyn Wonderland reaches into the depths of the Texas blues tradition with the wit of a poet. *Levitt Pavilion Arlington, 100 W. Abram St. 817-543-4301; levittpavilionarlington.org*

**BELLVILLE: June 5 Fresh Farmers and Artisan Market** Thirty-plus vendors bring fresh produce, grass-fed beef, Gulf shrimp, honey, eggs, herbs, plants, and flowers to

be sold in the shade of the beautiful Jim Bishop Pavilion. Shoppers can find artisans who have handcrafted soap, jewelry, candles, and beard oils. They can also buy jams, jellies, vinegars, oils, baked goods, dog treats, and concessions. *Jim Bishop Pavilion at Chesley Park, 100 E. Palm St. 979-865-3407; discoverbellville.com*

**BELTON: June 26, July 1-4 Fourth of July Celebration** With more than 30,000 people lining the streets and a live, televised broadcast reaching around the world, the more than 100-year-old tradition of the Belton Fourth of July Celebration includes a street party (June 26) and a 1-mile parade (July 3), along with food and craft vendors, games, a petting zoo, celebrity meet-and-greets, static displays of military and first responder equipment, and live entertainment. Carnival rides and attractions fill a nearby park, and the three-night rodeo (July 1-3) is a crowd-pleaser and the only PRCA rodeo in Texas during this holiday weekend. Live music and fireworks round out the festivities. *Various locations, 254-939-3551; beltonchamber.com*

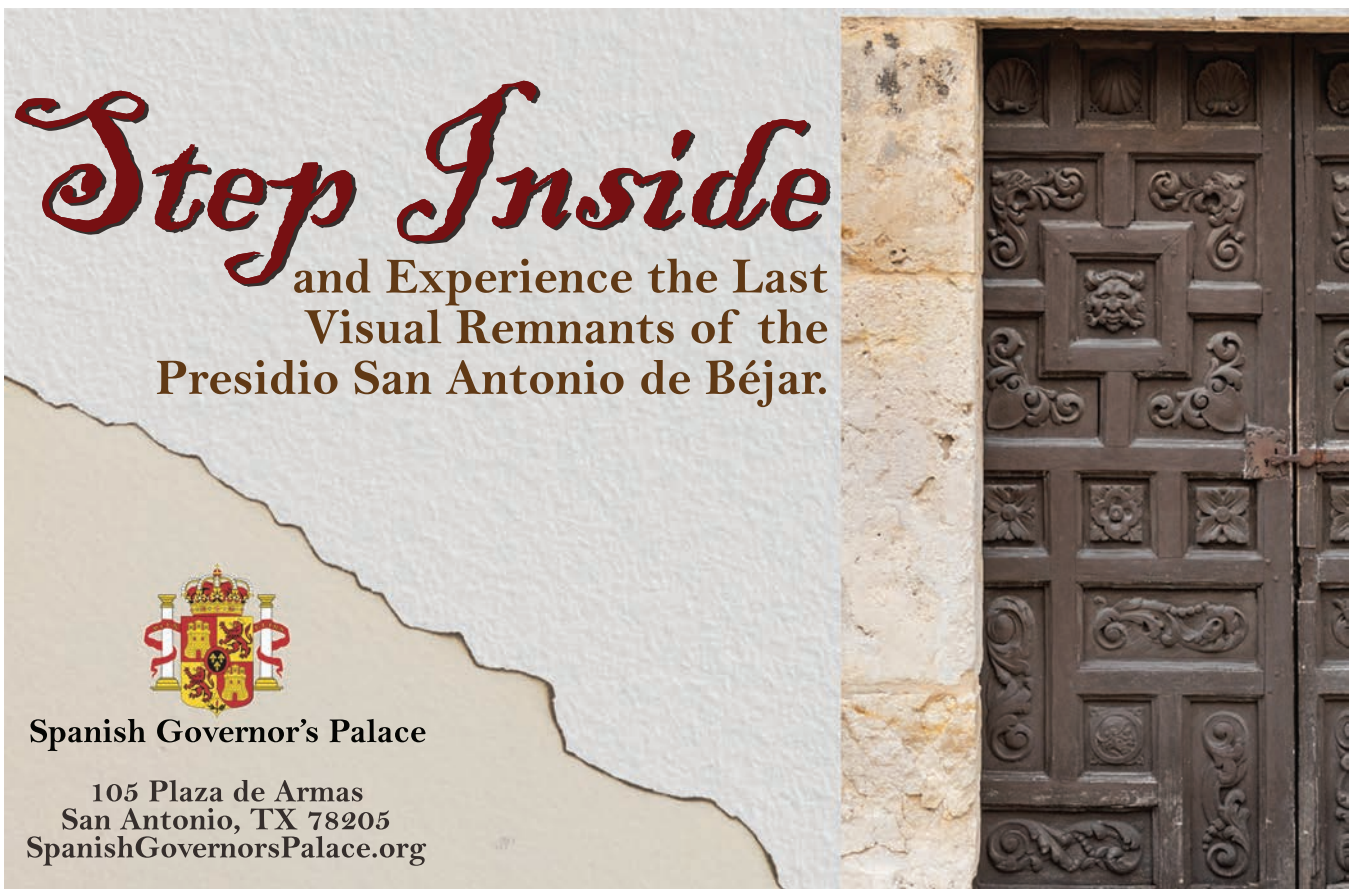
**BRENHAM: June 12 Fleetwood Mac Tribute Concert** Relive the magic of Fleetwood Mac's legendary persona in all its youthful glory circa 1975-1987. This tribute band,

Rumours, made its debut appearance in 2012 at the famous Roxy Theatre on the Sunset Strip in West Hollywood. The group wows audiences with period-accurate performances, characterizations, equipment, and costumes that take you back to a time when concerts were cultural statements. *The Barnhill Center, 111 W. Main St. 979-337-7240; thebarnhillcenter.com/events*


**BRENHAM: June 12 Summer Sip and Art Walk** Grab a group of friends and enjoy an afternoon of sipping on different specialty drinks and viewing a variety of beautiful art while meandering through historic downtown Brenham. The collectible Summer Sip glass is your ticket to sampling dozens of beverages. *Downtown Brenham, 115 W. Main St. 979-337-7580; downtownbrenham.com/172/summer-sip-art-walk*

**CANTON: June 3-6 First Monday Trade Days** The oldest, largest continually operating outdoor flea market in the USA covers hundreds of acres and provides spaces for 5,000 vendors. *First Monday Trade Days, 800 First Monday Lane. 903-567-6556; firstmondaycanton.com*

**COLUMBUS: June 26, July 31, Aug. 28 Country Market** The Columbus Country Market is held on Courthouse Square in



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**DALLAS: Through Sept. 26 “Nasher Mix-tape”** This series of “tracks,” or micro-exhibitions, highlight the sculpture center’s permanent collection, with old and newly acquired works featured throughout the center and its sculpture garden. *Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora St. 214-242-5100; nashersculpturecenter.org*

**DALLAS: Through Sept. 6 “The Science of Guinness World Records”** Marvel at Guinness World Record attempts and the science (and secrets) behind their triumphs when “The Science of Guinness World Records” exhibition, presented by Highland Capital Philanthropies, makes its United States debut. Guests learn what it takes to crash through these seemingly impossible ceilings, the physical and mental thresholds humans possess, and the scientific principles that explain their awe-inspiring feats. Dozens of engaging exhibits—from the largest Pac-Man video game to reaction competitions, speed drumming, and a dance-a-thon—challenge and encourage all ages to go behind the scenes and discover the discipline driving these fascinating accomplishments. *Perot Museum of Nature and Science, 2201 N. Field St. 214-428-5555; perotmuseum.org*

**DALLAS: Through June 20 “Building on the Boulevard: Celebrating 20 Years of the Meadows’ New Home”** This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Meadows Museum’s building, one of Southern Methodist University’s most iconic structures welcoming visitors onto Bishop Boulevard. The museum celebrates the milestone with a look back at the accomplishments of the past two decades, including the historic acquisitions, projects, and partnerships that have shaped its institutional identity and made it a leader in the field of Spanish art history studies. Visitors see the Spanish collection in a new light while enjoying a museum-wide presentation that includes some never-before-exhibited works from the university’s art collection and displays related to the history of the building on the boulevard. *Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd. 214-768-2516; meadowsmuseumdallas.org*

**DALLAS: Through June 20 “Fossils to Film: The Best of SMU Collections”**

This exhibition is a selection of remarkable art and artifacts from eight distinct Southern Methodist University campus collections: Underwood Law Library, G. Williams Johns Film and Video Collection, Bywaters Special Collections, Hamon Arts Library, the Shuler Museum of Paleontology, the Department of Anthropology, DeGolyer Library, and Bridwell Library. Together, they represent one of the most important collections in North Texas—from the earliest scriptural manuscript in the state to an unparalleled collection of Texas bank notes, early photography, and artworks by influential Texas regionalist artists, many exhibited outside of their home departments for the first time. *Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd. 214-768-2516; meadowsmuseumdallas.org*

**DALLAS: Through Jan. 22, 2022 “Out of Many, One: Portraits of America’s Immigrants”** The new exhibition at the George W. Bush Presidential Center features President George W. Bush’s portraits of immigrants. The collection provides an in-depth look at the issues surrounding the immigration debate in the U.S. *George W. Bush Presidential Center, 2943 SMU Blvd. 214-200-4300; bushcenter.org*

**DALLAS: June 4-5 “Cinderella”** Ballet North Texas presents “Cinderella,” rescheduled from its original spring 2020 premiere date. The fairy tale is a timeless story that embodies an element of unjust oppression and triumphant reward. Journey with Cinderella as her fireside dreams are turned into reality by her fairy godmother and she is whisked off to the prince’s dazzling ball. Set to Prokofiev’s hauntingly melodic score, it’s a tale about honesty and love conquering all for a happily ever after. *Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. 469-697-6120; balletnorthtexas.org*

**DALLAS: June 12-13 Urban Artist Market** The Urban Artist Market features regionally sourced art, glass, sculpture, pottery, mosaics, leather goods, fiber art, and jewelry items that are handcrafted and presented by the artisan community. The show engages the senses as you stroll the aisles and discover one-of-a-kind creations and chat with local artisans. *Dallas/Addison Marriott Quorum by the Galleria, 14901 Dallas Parkway. 972-788-2599; urbanartistmarket.com*

**DENTON: Through July 17 Greater Donuts Arts and Crafts** Find family fun at the art center each month with free doughnuts, coffee, crafts, and art exhibits to stroll through and discuss with your kids. *Patterson-Appleton Art Center, 400 E. Hickory St. 940-382-2787; dentonarts.com*

**DENTON: Through Aug. 18 Soul Art Renewal** This multigallery and multimedia celebration of art and artists arose in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the arts community. The project's aim is to focus on healing, hope, and community resilience and renewal. *Patterson-Appleton Art Center, 400 E. Hickory St. 940-382-2787; dentonarts.com*

**DENTON: Through July 15 Crafted** Join the Greater Denton Arts Council every second Thursday and indulge in arts and crafts and craft beer. Each month features different artists, techniques, and mediums, giving you a range of opportunities to learn new skills and connect with makers over a cold drink provided by Armadillo Ale Works. *Patterson-Appleton Art Center, 400 E. Hickory St. 940-382-2787; dentonarts.com*

**ELGIN: June 11-12 Juneteenth Street Dance and Parade** Elgin's annual Juneteenth celebration kicks off with vendors in Veterans' Memorial Park on Friday evening, followed by the annual street dance starting at 8 p.m. and running through midnight. Juneteenth continues on Saturday with the Grand Parade, beginning at 10 a.m. The route goes through historic downtown Elgin and ends with activities at Veterans' Memorial Park. *Historic Downtown Elgin. elgintx.com*

**FLATONIA: June 4-5 90 Miles on 90** More than 90 miles of yard sales and farmers markets are set up for browsing and shopping along US 90 from Sealy to Seguin and all towns in between—Columbus, Glidden, Weimar, Schulenburg, Flatonia, Waelder, Harwood, Luling, McQueeney, and Geronimo. *Various locations. 361-865-3920; flatoniachamber.com/events/2021/90-miles-on--hwy-90-garage-sales90*

**FORT WORTH: Through Dec. 31 "John Wayne: An American Experience"** Sprawling over 10,000 square feet, this exhibit at the Fort Worth Stockyards is structured to give you an intimate tour of the life of John Wayne. Starting with his early childhood and career, each room highlights an aspect of the Duke's legacy, from his most memorable film props and costumes to never-before-seen family photos and correspondence. *Fort Worth Stockyards, Historic Exhibits Building, 2501 Rodeo Plaza. johnwayne.com/experience*

**FORT WORTH: Through Aug. 8 "An-My Lê: On Contested Terrain"** Featuring photos from a selection of the Vietnamese-American photographer's five major bodies of work, the nationally touring exhibition considers the artist's nearly 25-year career exploring the edges of war and recording these landscapes of conflict in beautiful,

classically composed photographs. *Amon Carter Museum of American Art, 3501 Camp Bowie Blvd. 817-738-1933; cartermuseum.org*

**FORT WORTH: June 1-19 Juneteenth** Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Festivities at this event include a flag raising, Miss Juneteenth scholarship pageant, art exhibit, honors banquet, and Miss Opal's walk and caravan, where 94-year-old Opal Lee resumes her annual 2.5-mile walking campaign to make Juneteenth a National Day of Observance. *Various locations. 682-738-6055; juneteenthftw.com*

**FORT WORTH: June 20-Oct. 10 "Sean Scully: The Shape of Ideas"** The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth presents a major retrospective exhibition of Sean Scully's most significant works dating from the 1970s to the present. Organized by the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the exhibition closely examines the Irish-born American artist's contribution to the development of abstraction in various media over a span of nearly five decades. These works, rarely shown together, highlight the close relationship between the artist's paintings,

drawings, prints, and pastels. *Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215; themodern.org*

**GARLAND: June 11, 25 Sounds of Summer Concert Series** Spend an evening under the stars at this annual concert series. The family-friendly lineup of shows presents a variety of artistic talent in one fun-filled series. *Garland Downtown Square, 520 W. State St. 972-205-2749; garlandtx.gov/2054/sounds-of-summer*

**GRAND PRAIRIE: Through July 11 Live Thoroughbred Racing** Catch the fun and excitement of world-class thoroughbred horse racing on the weekend. It's a good time you can bet on. *Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Parkway. 972-263-7221; lonestarpark.com*

**HEARNE: June 5 Crossroads Home Town Festival** This annual family-friendly festival features food, arts and crafts, and handmade items. There is music from many cultures provided by local entertainers performing all day long. The Kidz Zone offers many activities for younger festival-goers to enjoy. *Downtown Hearne. 979-402-1337; facebook.com/crossroads-home-town-festival-276004749555852*

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**IRVING: Through July 11 “Lonesome Dove: Photographs by Bill Wittliff”** Capturing the sweeping visual imagery of the original miniseries, the “Lonesome Dove” exhibition presents classic images taken during the filming of the show by Bill Wittliff, renowned photographer, writer, and executive producer (with Suzanne De Passe) of the miniseries. The images, however, are worlds apart from ordinary production stills, depicting an extraordinary union of art, literature, and history. *Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. 972-252-7558; irvingartscenter.com*

**LA GRANGE: June 1-Aug. 31 Summer Wine Passport** Hit the Texas Independence Wine Trail this summer for three full months of Texas wine tastings. Each winery has tastings at discounted rates, and souvenirs are included with your ticket. Nine wineries across La Grange, Fayetteville, Sealy, Weimar, Schulenburg, and Carmine make up the Texas Independence Wine Trail. *Various locations. 210-413-8912; texasindependencewinetrail.com*

**LULING: June 24-27 Watermelon Thump** Since 1954, Luling’s Watermelon Thump has honored area growers and the town’s watermelon market with this bucket-list

festival. Over the years, the event has offered live music all weekend, an exhibitors’ market, carnival, world champion seed spitting contest, the crowning of the thump queen, a car show, entertainment for kids, a grand parade, an arts and crafts show, and fun contests. *Downtown Luling. 830-875-3214; newsite.watermelonthump.com*

**MCKINNEY: June 1-Aug. 5 Prairie Adventure Day Camp** Kids can take a break from technology and step back into a simpler time. Activities include changing into outfits that are reflective of the pioneer days and learning skills like weaving, quilting, and soap carving. Pioneer games, baking, and Dutch-oven cooking are also part of the program. *Chestnut Square Heritage Village, 315 S. Chestnut St. 972-562-8790; chestnutsquare.org*

**MCKINNEY: June 4-5 Texas Music Revolution** The 25th annual Texas Music Revolution features Randy Rogers, Mike and the Moonpies, Chuck Mead of BR549, Two Tons of Steel, Carson Jeffrey, Jon Stork, Maylee and the Mayor McKinney All-Stars, and dozens more performers. The Texas Music Revolution helped pioneer the Americana/ Texas/country music scene 25 years ago and this year is the biggest and best yet.

Your TMR25 wristband gets you access to the stages that span downtown, as well as discounts, specials, and entry to many other venues throughout downtown. *Downtown McKinney, 111 N. Tennessee St. 972-547-2660; khyi.com*

**MCKINNEY: June 10-Nov. 27 Chestnut Square Public Tours** Don’t just peek in the windows. Take a guided walking tour through historic homes with a knowledgeable docent who recounts the history of the buildings and the stories of the families and describes what life was like in McKinney from the 1850s to the 1930s. *Chestnut Square Heritage Village, 315 S. Chestnut St. 972-562-8790; chestnutsquare.org*

**MCKINNEY: June 11-13 Third Monday Trade Days** This is the oldest and largest monthly trade days and flea market in North Texas. The open-air market offers shopping from more than 450 vendors, who bring selections on gifts, home decor, trendy clothing and accessories, garage sale items, antiques and collectibles, and specialty items along with many food concessions. *Third Monday Trade Days, 4550 W. University Drive. 972-562-5466; thirdmondaytradedays.com*

**MCKINNEY: June 12 Zip Line Day** Come along for an exciting outdoor adventure at the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary’s ropes course. Guests climb a 23-foot-tall tree to the zip line platform, then proceed to soar along a 487-foot zip line. Registration is required. Suitable for outdoor enthusiasts over the age of 10. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org/ropescourse*

**MCKINNEY: June 19 The Ghostly Hauntings at Chestnut Square** Spend two hours in the dark in the historic homes at Chestnut Square. The tour starts with audio and video clips that have captured paranormal activity in the homes, followed by a tour inside several of the houses where guests learn about the ghostly hauntings that are said to happen. Children under 12 are not permitted; ages 12-17 must be accompanied by an adult. *Chestnut Square Heritage Village, 315 S. Chestnut St. 972-562-8790; chestnutsquare.org*

**MESQUITE: Through June 12 “Marshall K. Harris: Well, that’s something you don’t see everyday”** Marshall Harris creates life-size (or larger) photo-realistic drawings of subjects executed with graphite on Mylar. He chooses common everyday people, saddles, skulls, vegetables, or utilitarian objects that he finds intriguing in their complexity. This exhibit features an array

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of works from his current projects. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org*

**MESQUITE: June 3 Courtyard Concert Series**

Mesquite Arts Council hosts this annual summer music series. The series features a different band on the first Thursday of each month inside the Mesquite Arts Center courtyard. Tables and chairs are placed outside for this free family-friendly show. *Mesquite Arts Center courtyard, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org*

**MESQUITE: June 5 Bully Legends 3** At this event hosted by TX Bully Association, more than 300 Bully dogs compete. Come and be part of the Bully family, meet other dog owners, register your dog, and enjoy fun with the entire family. *Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive. 800-541-2355; visitmesquitetx.com/events*

**MESQUITE: June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 Championship Rodeo** Dallas' largest pro rodeo event occurs every summer on Saturday nights. This world-famous championship rodeo in Mesquite, the "Rodeo Capital of Texas," is located 15 minutes from downtown Dallas in the climate-controlled Mesquite Arena.

Gates open at 6 p.m., with rodeo action beginning at 7:30 p.m. *Mesquite Arena, 1818 Rodeo Drive. 800-541-2360; visitmesquitetx.com/events*

**MESQUITE: June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14, 21 IMCA Sprints** Rev your engines as the racing season gets underway at the Southwest's most famous dirt track. With its half-mile, oval clay track, Devil's Bowl Speedway hosts the best in auto racing, including the International Motor Contest Association's Sprints every Saturday this summer. On July 3, stick around for the fireworks show. *Devil's Bowl Speedway, 1711 Lawson Road. 972-222-2421; devilsbowl.com*

**MESQUITE: June 7, 14, 21 Jazz Breaks** In Mesquite, summer means free outdoor jazz concerts on the north lawn that beckon visitors to get outside. The shows kick off every Monday in June at 7:30 p.m. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and listen to music under the stars. *Mesquite Arts Center Courtyard, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org*

**MESQUITE: June 11-13 Stamps and Scrap Art Tour** Stamps and Scrap Art Tour puts the fun into rubber stamps, scrapbooking, and paper craft shows by providing an at-

mosphere that is exciting for everyone, vendors and customers alike. Enjoy a mix of vendors, informative demonstrations, make-and-takes, plus dollar giveaways at every show. *Mesquite Convention Center, 1701 Rodeo Drive. 800-541-2356; visitmesquitetx.com/events*

**MESQUITE: June 12 Rodeo Road Rally Bike Race** The Mesquite Rotary Club presents the 24th annual Rodeo Road Rally, an event that offers bikers a choice of 20-, 40-, or 60-mile courses with catered lunches. *Dr. John Horn High School, 3300 E. Cartwright St. 972-882-5200; visitmesquitetx.com/events/2021/rodeo-road-rally*

**MESQUITE: June 25-Aug. 27 Opal Lawrence Historical Park Tours** Presented by Historic Mesquite Inc., tours of the beautiful S.D. Lawrence home, located in Opal Lawrence Historical Park, are every fourth Saturday of the month. Be sure to note the painted ceilings. Tours include family story time and old-fashioned games and are also available by appointment. *Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney St. 972-216-6468; historicmesquite.org*

**NOCONA: June 11-12 Chisholm Trail Rodeo** Two nights of buckin' good times



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include a downtown parade, mutton bustin', grand entry riders, bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, team and breakaway roping, barrel racing, and bull riding. *Chisholm Trail Rodeo Arena, 1171 SH 175. 940-825-3526; nocona.org/events*

**NOCONA: June 19-20 *The Great Race Weekend*** The Great Race is an antique, vintage, and collector car controlled-speed and endurance road rally on public highways. It is not a test of top speed. It is a test of a driver/navigator team's ability to follow precise course instructions and of the car's ability to endure a cross-country trip. The course instructions require the competing teams to drive at or below the posted speed limits at all times. GPS or computers are not permitted, and odometers are taped over. This is a measurement of human mental agility and stamina as well as classic car durability, rather than programming capability. The Great Race is making a stop in Nocona for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for people to see the country's oldest, longest-running, and richest vintage automobile event. Nocona was selected as one of the 18 stops along the route from San Antonio to Greenville, South Carolina. *Downtown Nocona, Clay Street. 940-825-3526; nocona.org/events*

**SCHULENBURG: June 6-8 *Schulenburg Festival*** Held every year on the first weekend in August, "the National Party of Texas" features live music by Texas country and local performers, a carnival, arts and crafts, barbecue and chili cookoffs, grand and kiddie parades, a bloody mary contest, a golf tournament, a fun run, and plenty of other festive events. *Various locations. schulenburgfestival.org*

**SHERMAN: June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 8, 15, 22, 29 *Hot Summer Nights*** Grab a lawn chair, cooler, blanket, and friends, and come and see free concerts on the Municipal Lawn each Thursday night in June and July (with the exception of July 1). *Sherman Municipal Grounds, 405 N. Rusk St. 903-892-7230; facebook.com/shermanhsn*

**SHERMAN: June 5-7, 11-14, 18-21, 25-28 *"Mamma Mia"*** Sherman Community Players present the storytelling magic of Swedish pop group ABBA's timeless songs, which propel this enchanting tale of love, laughter, and friendship, creating an unforgettable evening featuring a mother, a daughter, three possible dads, and a trip down the aisle you'll never forget. *Finley Theater, 500 N. Elm St. 903-893-8525; scptheater.com*

**SHERMAN: June 19 *Craft the Night Away: Craft Beer Festival*** Taste a wide variety of craft beers ranging from golden ales to

bock lagers, savor delicious street food, and purchase artisan crafts. And the 2021 event offers music during the Texas Old Time Fiddlers Association Competition. *Downtown Sherman, 100 W. Houston St. 903-816-2811; facebook.com/dntnsheerman*

**SHERMAN: June 19 *Juneteenth*** Bring your family and join in on the fun as Sherman commemorates Juneteenth, the day slavery ended in Texas. All are welcome, as there is something for everyone. *Sherman Municipal Grounds, 405 N. Rusk St. 903-892-7230; facebook.com/shermanneighborhoodrec*



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**SMITHVILLE: June 12-13 *Virtual Eco/Photo Fest*** Guest speaker talks at this photography festival focus on the connection between photographic instruction and relatable topics in the environment, ecological systems, and ecotourism. *Virtual. 512-237-2313; smithvilletx.org*

**STEPHENVILLE: June 4-5 *Moo-La Fest*** This event's main attraction, a hot air balloon show, kicks off National Dairy Month and features dairy-related activities, tethered balloons and balloon rides, live music, a carnival and Kids' Zone, food trucks and vendors, wine tastings with local cheeses, and nightly balloon glows. *Stephenville City Park, 709 Riverside Drive. 254-552-1222; visitstephenville.com*

**TEMPLE: June 4 *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; downtowntemple.com*

**TEMPLE: June 4-July 30 *Hot Summer Sounds Concert Series*** On Friday evenings, hear live music from a different genre each week at selected parks across Temple. Grab your lawn chairs, pack a picnic basket, and enjoy a relaxing evening in the park with friends, family, and community members. Social distancing and other safety measures are enforced. Food vendors are on site for the event. *Temple City Parks, 1701 N. General Bruce Drive. 254-298-5690; templeparks.com*

**TEMPLE: June 5 *Family Day: Beat the Heat Backyard Fun*** Who says you can't have fun when it's hot outside? Cool off with activities for the entire family and have a little backyard fun. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templeparks.com*

**TEMPLE: June 16-Aug. 18 *"One Half the People: Advancing Equality for Women"*** In honor of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, this exhibit explores women's struggles to achieve full citizenship—from the decadeslong campaign for voting rights to expanding social and economic equality through legislation. Learn how those before us obtained the rights and privileges of citizenship promised to women today. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templeparks.com*

**THE COLONY: June 28-July 4 *LPGA Volunteers of America Classic*** The Volunteers of America Classic, the only LPGA tour event in the state of Texas, returns to Old American Golf Club and features top female golfers from around the globe. *Old American Golf Club, 1001 Lebanon Road. 203-842-2405; voaclassic.com*

**YOAKUM: June 3-5 *Tom Tom Festival*** As one of the oldest festivals in Texas, the Tom Tom Festival honors the tomato heritage of Yoakum. This year marks the 93rd annual celebration, and festivities include the Miss Yoakum pageant, a children's parade, the Grand Parade, arts and crafts, a barbecue and bean cookoff, car show, softball and horseshoe tournaments, and live music all weekend long. *Yoakum City Park, Kvinta Drive. 361-293-2309; yoakumareachamber.com*

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**GOLIAD: June 2-July 28 *Wayback Wednesdays*** The history of Presidio La Bahia, Texas' only fully restored Spanish presidio, is brought to life every Wednesday in June and July. Visit with historians as they recapture the past 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. See the stone walls and battlements of the old presidio, and duck inside for a look at the museum and collection of artifacts from the 1700s and 1800s. *Presidio La Bahia, 217 Loop 71. 361-645-3752; presidiolabahia.org*

**SAN ANTONIO: Through Aug. 1 “Selena Forever/Siempre Selena”** The McNay pays tribute to legendary singer and designer Selena Quintanilla-Pérez with five photographs by award-winning San Antonio photographer John Dyer. Selena was the subject of Dyer’s cover shoots for “Más Magazine” in 1992 and “Texas Monthly” in 1995, the latter occurring just months before she was killed at age 23. *The McNay Art Museum, 6000 N. New Braunfels Ave. 210-824-5368; mcnayart.org*

**SAN ANTONIO: Through Sept. 19 “Limitless! Five Women Reshape Contemporary Art”** This exhibition offers trailblazing installations in diverse mediums by female artists Martine Gutierrez, Letitia Huckaby, Yayoi Kusama, Sandy Skoglund, and Jennifer Steinkamp. From floor-to-ceiling art and video installations to a fan-favorite Infinity Mirror Room, this multigenerational and multicultural group of artists demonstrate boundless creativity and serve as inspiration to their contemporaries and future generations. *The McNay Art Museum, 6000 N. New Braunfels Ave. 210-824-5368; mcnayart.org*

**SAN ANTONIO: May 8–Nov. 2 “Frida Kahlo Oasis”** Making its world debut, “Frida Kahlo Oasis” is a captivating rendition of the artist’s famed blue home, Casa Azul, and lush green sanctuary that profoundly influenced her timeless art. Uniquely curated by the San Antonio Botanical Garden, this exhibition uncovers Kahlo’s deep connection with Mexican native vegetation and the natural world. *San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place. 210-536-1400; sabot.org/frida*

**SAN ANTONIO: May 28–Sept. 6 “Still in the Saddle: A New History of the Hollywood Western”** Premiering at the Briscoe Western Art Museum, this exhibition tells the story of the Hollywood Western from the late 1960s to the 1980s. Against a historical backdrop of social unrest, political turmoil, economic uncertainty, and generational change, competing cinematic visions of the Old West vied for Americans’ attention within the pop culture of the day. “True Grit,” “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid,” and “The Wild Bunch” are just a few of the classic Western films being featured in the exhibition that includes

costumes, props, and dozens of vintage movie posters. *Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St. 210-299-4499; briscoemuseum.org*

**SAN ANTONIO: June 10–13 Celebrity Fan Fest** San Antonio’s premier comic con is an interactive pop culture fan festival featuring A-list Hollywood stars, photo opportunities, artists, comic creators, and special attractions. *Freeman Coliseum Expo Hall, 3201 E. Houston St. 210-490-2554; pmxevents.com*

**SAN ANTONIO: June 18–Aug. 7 Fiesta Noche del Rio** The oldest outdoor dance performance of its kind in the U.S., Fiesta Noche del Rio, Spanish for “Party Night on the River,” is a musical variety show of authentic Mexican, Spanish, and Texas songs and dances performed by local professionals. San Antonio’s annual iconic cultural performance, full of colorfully costumed dancers and rich, lush sounds, celebrates the deep roots of the city. The audience is seated on tiered grass seats across the river from the stage, located in La Villita, the Little Spanish Village of the city. *Arneson River Theatre in La Villita, 418 Villita St. 210-226-4651; fiestanochesa.com*

**SAN ANTONIO: June 19 Midnight in the Gardens: A Fiesta Masquerade** Visit the San Antonio Botanical Garden’s newly built indoor/outdoor patio area for a night of specialty cocktails, wine, and cold beer, along with a fiesta-themed menu prepared by Chef Michael Bomberg, plus an hour-early entry with appetizers and entertainment. The evening includes a live musical lineup featuring award-winning artist Laura Marie and the always-popular Spazmatics. Additional entertainment includes stilt walkers, a fire eater, a photo booth, and a silent auction to support Fiesta Youth. *San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place. 210-303-0550; fiesta-youth.org*

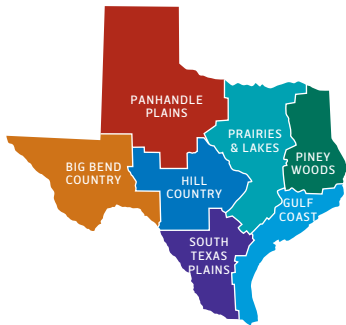
**SAN ANTONIO: June 19 Texas Freedom Festival** This Juneteenth Emancipation Day celebration honors the day in 1865 when Union Gen. Gordon Grainger arrived in Galveston and read the executive order proclaiming “all slaves are free.” The order came more than two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation of Jan. 1, 1863, granting freedom to all slaves in the Confederate states. *Comanche Park, 2600 Rigsby Ave. 210-843-7805; juneteenthsanantonio.com*

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**Due to concerns** over the spread of COVID-19, some events may be postponed or canceled. Please check an event's website or call ahead to confirm it is taking place if you're interested in attending.

## BIG BEND COUNTRY

### ALPINE: July 29-Aug. 1 *Viva Big Bend*

Featuring 50-plus bands at more than 10 venues in Alpine, Marfa, Marathon, and Fort Davis, Viva Big Bend showcases the best of the state: extraordinary natural beauty, remarkable and talented people, an independent spirit, and an amazing culture. *Various locations. vivabigbend.com*

### EL PASO: July 2-Aug. 7 *"Viva! El Paso"*

Enjoy El Paso's outdoor musical extravaganza, in the McKelligon Canyon Amphitheatre. This colorful spectacular celebrates the four major cultures that have influenced the City of the Sun: the Native American, the Spanish conquistador, the Mexican, and the western American. See their cultures and histories come alive with drama and song. *McKelligon Canyon Amphitheatre, 1331 McKelligon Canyon Road. 915-534-0600; vivaelpaso.org*

**MIDLAND: July 16-18 *Celebration of the Arts*** Midland's longest-running downtown festival includes a wide range of visual and performing artists presenting their works

throughout the weekend. Take the first opportunity to view exciting artwork from participating artists on Friday. There is also food and a silent auction. Festival activities continue Saturday and Sunday, with more artwork from local and regional talent showcased along with demonstrations and panel discussions. *Bush Convention Center, 105 N. Main St. 432-687-1149; acmidland.org*

## GULF COAST

### BEAUMONT: Through Aug. 13 *"The Art of Emergency Care Temporary Exhibit"*

Have you ever wondered how art affects our lives? This exhibit explores the history of EMS through artwork created for and by first responders. From training manuals of the 1880s to contemporary first responder art created through a journey of healing and discovery, this exhibit, on loan from the National EMS Museum, is a visual representation of the history of pre-hospital care. *Fire Museum of Texas, 400 Walnut St. 409-880-3927; firemuseumoftexas.org*

**CLUTE: July 9-11; July 16-18 *"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"*** This musical comedy is based on the characters created by cartoonist Charles M. Schulz in his comic strip "Peanuts." *Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.org*

**CLUTE: July 29-31 *Great Texas Mosquito Festival*** Don't get bitten at this three-day fun-filled family event. There are booths with a variety of food, arts and crafts, and a carnival that provides days of fun for children and adults. Live entertainment caps off each evening. *Clute Municipal Park, 100 Parkview Drive. 979-265-8392; mosquitofestival.com*

**CORPUS CHRISTI: June 1-July 31 *Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle Hatchling Release*** The Padre Island National Seashore celebrates more than 40 years of the conservation of Kemp's ridley sea turtles. Witness this national treasure when you attend one of the hatchling releases in the summer. Hatchling releases occur in the morning. *Padre Island National Seashore, 20420 Park Road 22. 361-949-7163; nps.gov/pais*

**CORPUS CHRISTI: July 10 *Plumeria Passions*** The Plumeria Society of South Texas

and friends discuss tips on purchasing, raising, and wintering these exotic tropical beauties. The event offers a tour of the gardens and the 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*

**FREEPORT: June 16-Aug. 11 *"Apron Strings: Ties to the Past"*** This museum exhibit features 51 vintage and contemporary ways that the apron has been viewed as an emotionally charged object for expression, with a rich and varied craft history that still resonates today. *Lake Jackson Historical Museum, 249 Circle Way. 979-297-1570; ljhistory.org*

**FREEPORT: June 30-July 4 *Fishin' Fiesta*** Every summer since 1947, fishing enthusiasts have been drawn to this tournament in the hopes of catching the biggest redfish, barracuda, or any other offshore or inshore fish. The Fishin' Fiesta 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. Don't forget to stay for the fireworks show on Saturday night. *Freeport Municipal Park, 421 N. Brazosport Blvd. 979-233-1047; fishinfiesta.com*

**HOUSTON: Through Dec. 12 *Anri Sala's "Time No Longer"*** The newly commissioned artwork by multimedia artist Anri Sala offers an otherworldly experience of film and sound within a vast subterranean reservoir on the edge of downtown. The installation incorporates a film projected onto a massive translucent screen, depicting a weathered turntable floating in a space station, tethered by its electrical cord. The soundscape is a new arrangement of Olivier Messiaen's "Quartet for the End of Time," written while the composer was incarcerated in a prisoner-of-war camp in Germany during World War II. *Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern, 105 Sabine St. 713-752-0314; buffalobayou.org/visit/destination/the-cistern*

**HOUSTON: June 5-Sept. 11 *"9ja Vision: The Fiber and Mixed-Media Work of Joy O. Ude"*** Houston Center for Contemporary Craft presents this solo exhibition



by Joy O. Ude. The Texas-based artist's practice is grounded in the rich traditions of West African textiles and references their material history as a backdrop for the personal, familial, and historical narratives that she weaves into her work. Combining printed wax cloth with photo-transfers of family members, Ude contextualizes her personal history within a complicated legacy of colonialism, creating embellished pieces that are both joyful and haunting. *Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St. 713-529-4848; craftthouston.org*

**LAKE JACKSON: July 3 Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tour** Visit the historic archaeological site once owned by Maj. Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the property was destroyed by the same hurricane that devastated Galveston. Learn about 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*

**LAKE JACKSON: July 4 Firecracker 4 Run** Stretch those legs and wear your hardest sneakers for this 4-mile run through the neighborhoods of Lake Jackson along Oyster Creek. This is a USATF-certified course. *Dunbar Park, 803 FM 2004. theljfat.com/firecracker-4*

**LAKE JACKSON: July 4 Rubber Duck Regatta** Head out to Oyster Creek for kayak and canoe fun, as teams compete to be one of the first 20 boats to retrieve eight different rubber ducks that are corralled along the creek and bring them back to the starting point in order to win a prize. The course is approximately 1 mile. Teams can consist of up to two people and should bring their own kayaks or canoes, life jackets, and paddles. *Dunbar Park, 803 FM 2004. 979-297-4533; lakejackson-tx.gov*

**LAKE JACKSON: July 10 Farmers Market** Find locally grown fruits and vegetables, locally roasted coffee, homemade food, handmade products, and other goodies. *Parking Place Pavilion, 110 S. Parking Place. 281-924-0596; lakejacksonfarmersmarket.com*

**ROCKPORT: June 3-4 Art Festival** This art festival is a two-day juried fine-arts event that features artists from across the nation showing their masterpieces in a variety of media and styles. *Aransas County Navigation District Festival Grounds, 100 Seabreeze Drive. 361-729-5519; rockportartcenter.com*

**ROCKPORT: July 4 July Fourth Celebration** Get in a patriotic mood as you view the

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decorated boat parade at noon. Best views are from Broadway adjacent to Little Bay. A fireworks show begins at dark in the evening. *Over the water in Little Bay.* 361-729-6445; rockport-fulton.org

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Through Sept. 30 Dolphin Watching and Eco Tours** Enjoy a 1.5-hour dolphin watch aboard the “Murphy’s Law,” and see bottlenose dolphins in their natural habitat. You also have the opportunity to see local and migratory birds, the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Boca Chica Beach, and the South Padre Island jetties. During the Eco Tour Dolphin Watch, a specialized net is dragged along the bay floor. Sea life captured during the Eco Tour is brought on board so it can be studied and viewed up close. *Isla Tours, 33256 State Park Road 100.* 956-761-4752; islatours.com

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: July 4 Fourth of July Fireworks Over the Bay** Catch a fireworks show over the bay and watch as the pyrotechnics shimmer across the water. The show is a summertime staple for island visitors. *Louie’s Backyard, 2305 Laguna Blvd.* 956-761-3000; sopadre.com

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: July 24-25 Pro-Am Beach Soccer Tournament** Pro-Am

Beach Soccer has 15 years of experience running beach soccer events for youth and adults. Five-player teams compete against each other and in a normal soccer tournament format. Games are three periods of 12 minutes each, including playoffs and championship contests in each group. *Beach Park at Isla Blanca, 33261 State Park Road.* 956-761-3000; sopadre.com

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: July 28-Aug. 1 Texas International Fishing Tournament** Surrounded by the sparkling waters of the Laguna Madre Bay and Gulf of Mexico, Port Isabel and South Padre Island host Texas’ largest saltwater fishing tournament. Fishers young and old compete in one of three divisions: bay, tarpon, and offshore. Dockside, spectators view impressive catches of blue marlin, white marlin, and sailfish brought in by the big boats offshore. Bay anglers weigh in their 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

**TOMBALL: July 4 July Fourth Celebration and Street Festival** Experience an old-fashioned party for the red, white, and blue. There is a fireworks show at dark, plus live music from the Mambo Jazz Kings,

vendors and food, and a salute to veterans and active duty military. *Business 249 North of Four Corners, 28000 Tomball Parkway.* 281-222-4775; tomballtx.gov

**HILL COUNTRY**

**AUSTIN: Through Aug. 22 “Mexico, the Border and Beyond: Selections from the Juan Antonio Sandoval Jr. Collection”** The Sandoval Collection is composed of more than 1,500 artworks, many of them created by Mexican and Latinx artists. It includes prints, photographs, paintings, sculptures, and popular art from the El Paso region, as well as Mexico. The collection also contains hundreds of publications and other ephemera. *Mexic-Arte Museum, 419 Congress Ave.* 512-480-9373; mexic-artemuseum.org

**AUSTIN: Through Dec. 31 Virtual Exhibit: “Access Delayed—African American Suffragists’ Courageous Influence on the 19th Amendment”** Texas Folklife presents this virtual exhibit that showcases quilts created by Quilt Friends Collective, consisting of African American quilters from across Texas, Ohio, and Florida. The quilts are intended to educate, celebrate, and recognize some of the African American suffragists who influenced and contributed to the women’s suffrage movement, leading to the ratifying of the 19th Amendment, although they themselves remained disenfranchised until the Voting Rights Act of 1965. *Virtual.* 512-441-9255; texasfolklife.org

**AUSTIN: May 19-Aug. 15 “Guitar: The Instrument That Rocked the World”** The exhibition leads visitors on a fascinating exploration of the science, sound, history, and pop culture behind the world’s favorite instrument. Featuring an impressive display of rare and antique guitars and engaging interactives, the exhibition is fun and educational for the whole family and includes video performances, X-ray images of a guitar’s inner workings, and even a chance for you to pluck, strum, and jam. *Bullock Museum, 1800 Congress Ave.* 512-936-8746; thestoryoftexas.com

**AUSTIN: June 19-Nov. 28 “Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow”** Organized by the New York Historical Society, this exhibition explores the struggle for full citizenship and racial equality that unfolded in the 50 years after the Civil War. It adopts a national perspective on these transformative years, with a particular focus on evolving definitions and expressions of equality and citizenship. Narratives center on African Americans who pursued the ideals of Reconstruction and persevered in the face of

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a legal system riddled with Jim Crow laws and policies promoting racial inequality. *Bullock Museum, 1800 Congress Ave. 512-936-8746; thestoryoftexas.com*

**BANDERA: June 11, 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Aug. 6 Riding on Faith Rodeo** This Friday night open rodeo features steer riding, bull riding, barrel racing, and mutton busting. *Mansfield Park, 2886 SH 16 N. 830-777-7129; facebook.com/ridingonfaithrodeoseries*

**BANDERA: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Cowboys On Main** Find all kinds of cowboy fun and excitement in downtown Bandera every Saturday this summer. Possible activities include chuckwagon storytelling, saddle-broke Longhorn hopping, horse-drawn wagon tours, and reenactment shows. *Main Street, 500 Main St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

**BANDERA: July 3 Market Day** On the first Saturday of the month, arts and crafts vendors sell merchandise at this market along Main Street. *500 Main St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

**BANDERA: July 4 Fourth of July Pet Parade** All pets—anything you can lead, ride, or carry—are welcome to participate in a Fourth of July parade for furry friends. *Bandera City Park, 1102 Maple St. 210-705-4794; banderacowboycapital.com*

**BANDERA: July 23 Hall of Heroes Induction Ceremony** This ceremony recognizes the contributions of individuals who, through their leadership, creativity, example, and hard work, keep the pioneer spirit alive and help keep Texas Texan. *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; frontiertimesmuseum.org*

**BANDERA: July 24 National Day of the American Cowboy** Enjoy a fun-filled day around the courthouse with live music, reenactments, arts and crafts, children's activities, and all kinds of interactive attractions, all to honor the town's cowboy heritage. *Main Street, 500 Main St. 210-218-7935; banderatexasbusiness.com*

**BANDERA: July 24 Ridin' the River Cowboy Fellowship Ranch Rodeo** Come watch teams of four made up of youth under 16 or women as they complete in three everyday ranch tasks (trailer loading, mugging, and penning) and try to complete the tasks in under five minutes. *Mansfield Park, 2886 SH 16 N. 830-431-0520; ridintheriver.com*

**BANDERA: July 25 Frontier Times Jamboree** Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an afternoon of live music with new hosts each month at this outdoor music circle that's free and open to the public. *Frontier*

*Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; frontiertimesmuseum.org*

**BULVERDE: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Saturday Night Rodeo** The family-friendly rodeo and live music series starts the first weekend in March and continues each Saturday through the last weekend in November. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the rodeo starts at 7:30 p.m. Following the rodeo, enjoy live music and dancing; beer, wine, cocktails, and soft drinks; and delicious food including Texas barbecue, tacos, steak, and burgers. *Tejas Rodeo Company, 401 Obst Road. 830-980-2226; tejasrodeo.com*

**FREDERICKSBURG: July 2 First Friday Art Walk** Participating fine art galleries remain open until 8 p.m., so that visitors can have time to partake in the various events and exhibits planned throughout the day and enjoy local refreshments. Just look for the galleries flying the Art Walk flag. *Various locations. facebook.com/first-friday-art-walk-fredericksburg-401466143219898*

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**FREDERICKSBURG: July 4 July Fourth Community Parade and Patriotic Program** Started in 1991, this small-town patriotic parade has grown over the years to be one that is loved by many. Bring your lawn chairs or use the tailgate of your truck, then stay and celebrate the holiday with a free patriotic program at Marktplatz following the parade. *Main Street from Washington to Bowie. fbgtxparade.org*

**FREDERICKSBURG: July 4 July Fourth Fireworks Display** This annual fireworks display is sponsored by the city of Fredericksburg and takes place from the golf course area at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park. Bring chairs, eats, and drinks. If it rains enough to force cancellation of the show, city officials will attempt the launch again the following night. *Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park, Located 3 miles south of downtown off of SH 16 South. fbgtx.org*

**FREDERICKSBURG: July 15-18 "Beauty and the Beast Jr."** Fredericksburg Youth Theater presents this adaptation of the musical that is based on the original pro-

duction that ran on Broadway for over 13 years, was nominated for nine Tony Awards, and became the Academy Award-winning motion picture "Beauty and the Beast." The story centers on the idea of transformation and tolerance. *Steve W. Shepherd Theater, 1688 SH 87 S. 888-669-7114; fredericksburgtheater.org*

**FREDERICKSBURG: July 17 Night in Old Fredericksburg** This festive occasion features live pari-mutuel horse racing and other activities all during the day, plus plenty of cold beverages and food. *Gillespie County Fairgrounds, 530 Fair Drive. gillespiefair.com*

**FREDERICKSBURG: July 20-22 Trade Days** Shop more than 400 vendors in seven barns and acres of antiques, collectibles, tools, crafts, shabby chic, primitives, ranch furniture, hunting accessories, candles, clothing, jewelry, and food. *Fredericksburg Trade Days, 355 Sunday Farms Lane. 210-846-4094; fbgtradedays.com*

**FREDERICKSBURG: July 23-25 Hill Country Auto Swap Meet** At the 43rd annual auto swap meet, car enthusiasts can find just about anything, including a "car corral" that has vintage autos for sale in various states of restoration and items for sale at

the flea market such as vehicles and parts, tools, auto accessories, hats, books, clothes, and various souvenirs. *Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park, Located 3 miles south of downtown off of SH 16 S. earhartproductions.com*

**FREDERICKSBURG: July 25 Concert in the Park** Hosted by Pedernales Creative Arts Alliance, the free Sunday evening concert this month features dance music. Bring your chairs, eats, and drinks. *Marktplatz, 100 block of West Main Street. oktoberfestinfbg.com/info/pcaa*

**FREDERICKSBURG: July 29-Aug. 1 Hill Country Film Festival** "The Best Little Film Festival in Texas" celebrates independent film; screens more than 90 independent films (short and feature length); and hosts revealing Q&As, captivating filmmaker panel discussions, and opportunities for attendees to rub elbows with filmmakers. *Admiral Nimitz Gallery, 340 E. Main St. 866-224-7714; hillcountryff.com*

**HUNT: May 29-Sept. 4 Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall** For 94 years, Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall has been an entertainment spot along the banks of the Guadalupe River each summer. May 29 marks the opening night for its seasonal rodeos with live music and dancing on Saturday nights through Sept. 4. *Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall, 2310 SH 39. 830-238-4441; cridersrandd.com*

**INGRAM: July 16-17, 23-24, 30-31; Aug. 6-7 "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"** Charlie Brown and the entire Peanuts gang explore life's great questions as they play baseball, struggle with homework, sing songs, swoon over their crushes, and celebrate the joy of friendship in the 1967 musical comedy by Clark Gesner. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com*

**KERRVILLE: May 27-July 2 Southwest Gourd Fine Art Show** Taking place Tuesdays through Saturdays, the show features the nation's finest gourd artists competing in a variety of categories. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com*

**KERRVILLE: July 4 Robert Earl Keen's Fourth on the River** Starting at noon, this Fourth of July celebration includes a beer garden, food, vendor booths, family fun, bounce houses, and face painting. Live music kicks off at 4 p.m., headlined by a free concert by Robert Earl Keen and followed by the largest fireworks show in the Hill Country. *Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Drive. robertearlkeens4th.com*

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**KERRVILLE: July 10-11 Summer Market** Vendors from all over the state present their art, jewelry, gourmet food, gift items, and other assorted market merchandise. *Inn of the Hills Hotel and Conference Center, 1001 Junction Highway. 888-225-3427; texasmarketguide.com*

**KERRVILLE: July 10-11 Texas Gun and Knife Show** Vendors sell new and used guns, knives, ammunition, and other wares for outdoor and hunting enthusiasts. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-285-0575; texasgunandknifeshows.com*

**LAKEHILLS: July 31 Last Saturday Market** On the last Saturday of the month, find food, shopping, live music, and local entertainment at this market. *Lakehills Civic Center, 11225 Park Road 37. 254-979-1073; lakehillssaturdaymarket.com*

**LAMPASAS: July 5-11 Spring Ho Festival** Celebrating the Lampasas Springs on the first full weekend in July since 1972, the weeklong event has over the years included beauty pageants, a kiddie fishing derby, a county fair, special exhibits at the Keystone Square Museum and the Lampasas County Museum, a carnival, a dance contest, an arts and crafts fair, a pet parade, a barbecue cookoff, two dances on the square, the famous kayak races, a parade, washer and horseshoe pitching contests, and loads of music and singing. *Various locations. 512-556-5301; springho.com*

**LAMPASAS: July 10 Toughest 10K, 5K, and 1-Mile Run** The Lampasas County Chamber of Commerce hosts the 41st annual Toughest 10K. The race starts and finishes at the Hancock Park Golf Course Pavilion and features a 5K and a 1-mile fun run—people of all ages are encouraged to come out and participate. The 10K and 5K races are timed and scored, and medals are given for the first three places in each age group. Come be part of a Lampasas tradition. *1406 US 281 S. 512-556-5172; lampasaschamber.org*

**LLANO: July 2-4 Llano Rock'N Riverfest** Grab your lawn chair and sunscreen and enjoy a weekend in the Texas Hill Country. Bring your Jet Ski to participate in the Jet Ski races on the Llano River. There are amateur and professional divisions on the patterned course. On Saturday, the Oldies

But Goodies Car Show offers an array of sleek, classic cars, and don't leave before music and fireworks begin. *Badu Park, 300 W. Legion Drive. 325-247-5354; llanorocknriverfest.com*

**MASON: July 10 Roundup Rodeo, Parade, and Festival** Every second weekend in July, folks gather in Mason for this annual event. Friday kicks off the festivities with rodeo events out at Fort Mason City Park. The parade takes place Saturday morning, followed by the Arts and Crafts Festival and Queen's Court interviews. Saturday evening brings more rodeo events. *Mason City Park, 1015 San Antonio St. 325-347-5758; masontxcoc.com*

**NEW BRAUNFELS: June 17; July 15; Aug. 19 Come and Taste It: Meet Texas' Best Winemakers** On the third Thursday of the month, The Grapevine offers opportunities to enjoy Texas wines in Gruene Historic District. For a new virtual spin, the wine tasting room has created a to-go set of featured wines that can be picked up and enjoyed at home. Stop by The Grapevine and pick up the featured wine, then view a guided tasting video with the experts. *The Grapevine, 1612 Hunter Road. 830-606-0093; grapevineingruene.com*

**NEW BRAUNFELS: June 19-20; July 17-18; Aug. 21-22 Old Gruene Market Days** Held every month except January for over 30 years, the market has nearly 100 vendors offering gifts, craft items, and packaged Texas foods that satisfy your shopping and gift-giving needs. Market hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; please call ahead to confirm hours. *Gruene Historic District. 830-832-1721; gruenemarketdays.com*

**NEW BRAUNFELS: July 3 Founders Day Parade** Visit New Braunfels as it celebrates its 175-year history of cultural heritage, hard work, and "gemuetlichkeit" (the good life). The city was founded by German emigrants in 1845 and has flourished ever since. This parade takes place in conjunction with Sophienburg's Fourth of July parade. *Main Plaza Downtown New Braunfels, 111 W. San Antonio St. since1845.com/event/parade*

**NEW BRAUNFELS: July 4 Founders Fireworks** Celebrate the city of New Braunfels with a fireworks display over Landa Lake. Open seating is available at the golf course. Pack some snacks, grab your kiddos, and meet your friends. Bring your radio and tune into 1420 KGNB AM/103.1 FM for music coordinated with the fireworks. *Landa*

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**SAN MARCOS: July 10 Art Squared Arts Market** Presented by the San Marcos Art League, this juried arts and fine crafts market brings together top-notch local artists in one place. Set up in Downtown Square on the second Saturday of each month from March through December, the market offers live art demonstrations, a kids' arts and crafts booth, live music, and artwork ranging from drawing to wood-working. Downtown Square, 105 E. Hopkins St. 512-679-5059; [artsquaredmarket.com](http://artsquaredmarket.com)

**TAYLOR: July 4 July Fourth Celebration** Watch a parade flow through Murphy Park in the morning, followed by fireworks at dark. There is a tennis tournament in the park, and the City Golf Championship is held at Mustang Creek. Murphy Park, 1600 Veterans Drive. 512-365-6364; [taylorchamber.org](http://taylorchamber.org)

**TAYLOR: July 16-18 Taylor Rodeo** Since 1950, the Taylor Rodeo Association has proudly brought the Taylor Rodeo to the hometown of Bill Pickett—the legendary American cowboy who introduced bulldogging. Events include a calf scramble and steer saddling. Williamson County Exposition Center, 5350 Bill Picket Trail NW. 512-365-0969; [wilcoexpo.com](http://wilcoexpo.com)

### PANHANDLE PLAINS

**ABILENE: July 3-4 Freedom Festival** Let freedom ring with a Fourth of July parade, the Paramount Film Series, live bands, a car show, a bike show, vendors, food trucks, fun games, and a children's area. Stick around for the fireworks show that gets underway at dark. Taylor County Expo Center, 1700 SH 36. 325-677-2864; [abilenefreedomfestival.com](http://abilenefreedomfestival.com)

**AMARILLO: July 2-3 Will Rogers Range Riders Rodeo** For more than 70 years, the longest-operating riding club in the United States has been gathering to hold this rodeo that features ranch bronc riding, live music, and colt auctions. WRRRRR Bud Light Arena, 313 W. Loop 335 S. 806-676-6995;

[wrca.org/2021-wrca-sanctioned-ranch-rodeo-schedule](http://wrca.org/2021-wrca-sanctioned-ranch-rodeo-schedule)

**BIG SPRING: July 3 Pops in the Park** Get your Fourth of July festivities popping with the Big Spring Symphony and fireworks. Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, Golf Course Road. [facebook.com/popsinthepark](http://facebook.com/popsinthepark)

**CANYON: May 29-Aug. 14 "Texas Outdoor Musical"** The official play of Texas is packed with lively songs and dance numbers, good ol' Texas humor, and nightly fireworks. Set against the authentic tapestry of history in Palo Duro Canyon State Park, the show brings to life the stories, struggles, and triumphs of the settlers of the Texas Panhandle. Don't miss the pre-performance barbecue dinner. Pioneer Amphitheatre, Palo Duro Canyon State Park, 11450 Park Road 5. 806-655-2181; [texas-show.com](http://texas-show.com)

**COLEMAN: July 4 Red, White, and Boom** Bring back old family memories in the beautiful city park with games, a bike parade, music, and booming fireworks in the evening. Coleman City Park, 1700 N. Neches St. 325-625-2163; [colemantexas.org](http://colemantexas.org)

**LEVELLAND: July 1-4 High Plains Junior Rodeo Association Finals** The High Plains Junior Rodeo Association is a nonprofit youth rodeo organization represented by boys and girls ages 19 years and younger from throughout the Southwest. Beginning with an official charter in 1974, the association has served some 8,000 youth who have a strong interest in advancing in the sport of rodeo. Many members progress from membership to collegiate and professional world championship rodeo titles. This is the final round of rodeo competition for this group for the season. Mallet Event Center, 2320 US 385 S. 806-894-4161; [malleteventcenter.com](http://malleteventcenter.com)

**LEVELLAND: July 22-25 Junior Rodeo Cowboys Association Finals** The Junior Rodeo Cowboys Association is a nonprofit organization serving the rodeo interests of youth ages 3-19 from across the Texas Panhandle, northwest Texas, and western Oklahoma. Organized in 1998, the association has enjoyed steady growth and now boasts around 200 members. Each season culminates with the Championship Awards Ceremony after the rodeo finals. Thousands of dollars' worth of saddles, buckles, and other prizes are awarded. Every finals contestant is recognized and receives prizes. Mallet Event Center, 2320 US 385 S. 806-894-4161; [malleteventcenter.com](http://malleteventcenter.com)

**LUBBOCK: July 8-17 Moonlight Musicals** The 2021 Moonlight Musicals Summer Season offers musicals themed around "Finding Family." This month's production is the

charming tale of courage titled “Honk! Jr.” by Anthony Drewe, based on Hans Christian Andersen’s “The Ugly Duckling.” *Moonlight Musicals Amphitheatre, Mackenzie Park, 413 E Broadway. 806-722-0556; moonlightmusicals.com*

**ROSCOE: July 3 Fourth of July Mud Bog**  
Mud bogging is a form of off-roading with the vehicle being driven through a pit of mud. This event reveals who can go the farthest and includes a Fourth of July parade, food vendors, and a fireworks show at dark. *Downtown Roscoe, Broadway Street. 325-338-4666*

**SAN ANGELO: Through Oct. 10 Richard and Pam Salmon Sculpture Competition**  
The sixth annual juried competition has 12 large outdoor sculptures on view to the public. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org*

**SAN ANGELO: July 8-Sept. 12 “The State of Sculpture: Texas Sculpture Group All-Member Exhibition”** Featuring works by some of the most celebrated contemporary sculptors in Texas, this exhibition marks the 11th anniversary of the Texas Sculpture Group with artworks from its roster of nearly 100 artist-members statewide. From traditional to cutting-edge, small-scale to monumental, this show fills the expansive galleries of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts and offers insight into the range of material, aesthetic, and conceptual possibilities that define contemporary sculpture. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org*

**SWEETWATER: July 4 Sparks in the Park**  
Watch the night sky light up with a dazzling fireworks display to celebrate the Fourth of July. *Newman Park, 100 Jack Hazzard Drive. 325-235-5488; sweetwatertexas.org*

**WICHITA FALLS: Through May 5, 2022 Sculpture Garden Exhibit** Each year, the new pieces in the sculpture garden go on display for a full 12 months on the grounds of the Kemp Center for the Arts. The artwork is juried by a nationally recognized artist and awards for first, second, and third place are given at the opening of the exhibit. *Kemp Center for the Arts, 1300 Lamar St. 940-767-2787; artscouncilwf.org/sculpture-garden*

**PINEY WOODS**

**GLADEWATER: July 3 Fireworks at Lake Gladewater** Decorated boats compete in a parade at the boat dock, followed by a fireworks show. *Lake Gladewater. 903-845-5501; gladewaterchamber.org*



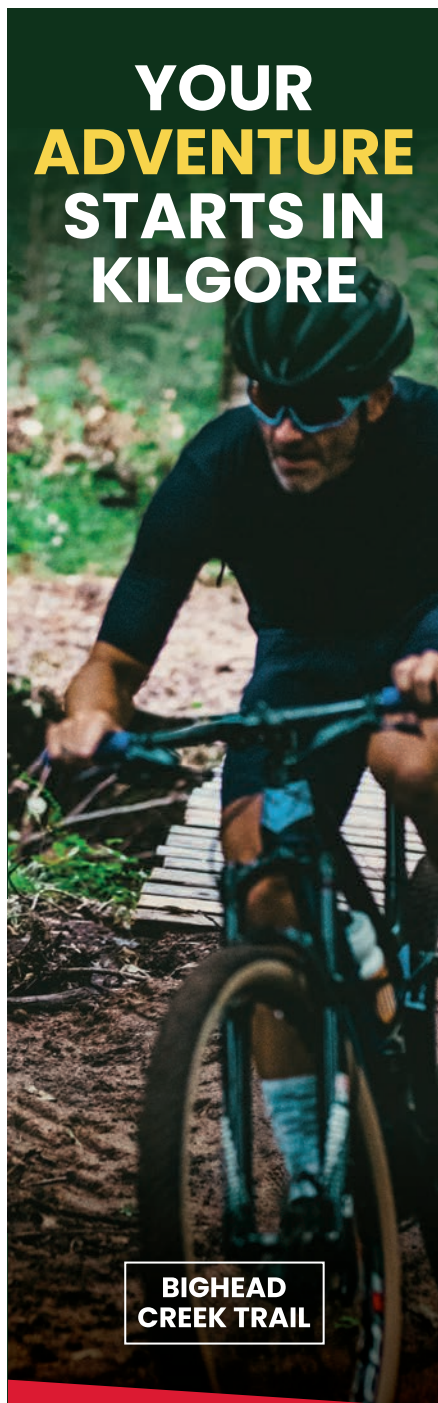
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**GLADEWATER: July 9-10 East Texas**

**Gusher Days** Enjoy a variety of events revolving around the nostalgia of the oil-boom days. The fun includes amusement rides, a chili cookoff, a parade, an antique car show, fishing and horseshoe tournaments, a street dance, arts and crafts, and food concessions. *Downtown Gladewater, 903-845-5501; gusher-days.com*

**HUNTSVILLE: July 30-31 Summer Genealogy Weekend**

This two-day event highlights helpful genealogical databases and websites, DNA, and Fold3 (a military records website). A light supper is provided on Friday and the library remains open until 8 p.m. for attendees only. A silent auction for books and genealogical materials is held during the weekend and ends at 2 p.m. on Saturday. *Huntsville Public Library, 1219 13th St. 936-291-5471; huntsvilletx.gov/171/public-library*

**LIBERTY: June 26, July 24, Aug. 28**

**Liberty Opry Music Review** Enjoy live, family-oriented musical entertainment, with a mix of music styles in most shows. Hear country, classics, and oldies from the '50s, '60s, and '70s, plus a splash of comedy. Food and nonalcoholic beverages are available. *Liberty Opry, 1816 Sam Houston St. 936-336-5830; libertyopry.com*

**NAPLES: July 24-25 Watermelon Festival**

One of the biggest events in the area, the annual Watermelon Festival draws people from far and wide. There are watermelons aplenty. The festival holds one of the biggest parades in northeastern Texas and includes a street dance, craft booths, a fully sanctioned PRCA rodeo, an antique car show, cornhole, horseshoes, food, and wine-a-ritas. *Melon Patch Grounds, 100 Front St. 903-563-9713; city-of-naples-texas.com/watermelonfestival.html*

**TYLER: July 17-18 Texas Rose Horse Park/Dallas Hunter/Jumper Scholarship Circuit Summer Horse Show**

This horse show consists of show jumpers, working hunters, and hunt seat equitation. Show jumpers compete in jumper classes where it counts to be faultless and fast. Working hunters are judged for manner and pace—a smooth comfortable ride. Hunt seat equitation emphasizes the rider's form—sitting still and quiet handling. *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110 N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com*

**PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

**ARLINGTON: July 3 Light Up Arlington**

Come out for a day of fun games, tasty food, thrilling rides, and live music leading up to an awe-inspiring Fourth of July fire-

works show. *Downtown, 100 W. Abram St. 817-459-5474; lightuparlington.com*

**ARLINGTON: July 10 Micky and the Motorcars in Concert**

Cruise the rock and roots music highway with Micky and the Motorcars, who are performing a free concert. Seating is available in socially distanced squares on the lawn that hold up to eight people. Blankets and lawn chairs are welcome. You can also bring snacks and beverages, including alcohol. *Levitt Pavilion Arlington, 100 W. Abram St. 817-543-4301; levittpavilionarlington.org*

**ARLINGTON: July 11 Courtney Patton in Concert**

Listen to soulful storytelling with a Texas twang. Courtney Patton performs for free with seating in socially distanced squares on the lawn that hold up to eight people. Blankets and lawn chairs are welcome. You also can bring snacks and beverages, including alcohol. *Levitt Pavilion Arlington, 100 W. Abram St. 817-543-4301; levittpavilionarlington.org*

**ARLINGTON: July 24 Green Day, Fall Out Boy, and Weezer in Concert**

Green Day, Fall Out Boy, and Weezer are bringing their Hella Mega Tour to Globe Life Field. American rock band Green Day rose to fame throughout the '90s and 2000s with hits like "When I Come Around" and "American Idiot." Fall Out Boy started topping charts in the 2000s with songs like "Sugar, We're Goin' Down," and "Dance, Dance." Weezer, an influential rock band out of Los Angeles, has been creating hits since the early '90s with songs like "Beverly Hills" and "Buddy Holly." *Globe Life Field, 734 Stadium Drive. 817-533-1972; hellamegatour.com*

**BELLVILLE: July 3 Fresh Farmers and Artisan Market**

Thirty-plus vendors bring fresh produce, grass-fed beef, Gulf shrimp, honey, eggs, herbs, plants, and flowers to be sold in the shade of the beautiful Jim Bishop Pavilion. Shoppers can find artisans who have handcrafted soap, jewelry, candles, and beard oils. They can also purchase jams, jellies, vinegars, oils, baked goods, dog treats, and concessions. *Jim Bishop Pavilion at Chesley Park, 100 E. Palm St. 979-865-3407; discoverbellville.com*

**BELTON: June 26, July 1-4 Fourth of July Celebration**

With more than 30,000 people lining the streets and a live, televised broadcast reaching around the world, the more than 100-year-old tradition of the Belton Fourth of July Celebration includes a street party (June 26) and a 1-mile parade (July 3), along with food and craft vendors, games, a petting zoo, celebrity meet-and-greet, static displays of military and first responder equipment, and live entertain-



ment. Carnival rides and attractions fill a nearby park, and the three-night rodeo (July 1-3) is a crowd-pleaser—the only PRCA rodeo in Texas during this holiday weekend. Live music and fireworks round out the festivities. *Various locations, 254-939-3551; beltonchamber.com*

**BONHAM: July 30-31 Quilt Hop** Visitors hop to 10 different locations to see displays of over 300 quilts and quilted items. Included in the Hop are the Sam Rayburn House Museum, the Bonham Civic Center (Armory), Sam Rayburn Library, Creative Art Center, City of Bonham Visitor Center, Fannin County Museum of History, Fannin County Historical Commission, Bonham Public Library, Bonham Senior Center, and Saint Mark's Episcopal Church in downtown Honey Grove. Play fat-quarter bingo, shop vendors, see demonstrations, and learn a thing or two from classes. *Various locations. 903-583-9830; visitbonham.com*

**BOWIE: July 31 July Jam** Get a preview of the championship Fiddler's Contest held at the Chicken and Bread Days Heritage Festival in October. Price of admission includes a mouthwatering chicken dinner with homemade breads, fiddling entertainment by some of the most talented artists around, and an auction offering items like homemade jams and desserts and other wonderful donations. *Bowie Community Center, 413 Pelham St. 940-872-6246; cityofbowietx.com*

**BUFFALO: July 24-25 Tour de Gap** The 38th Tour de Gap bike race consists of 100K and 50K rides through the hills of south Taylor County, plus an 11-mile family fun ride. *Old Settler's Reunion Grounds, 100 Vine St. 325-674-3139; tourdegap.com*

**CANTON: July 1-4 First Monday Trade Days** The oldest, largest continually operating outdoor flea market in the USA covers hundreds of acres and provides spaces for 5,000 vendors. *First Monday Trade Days, 800 First Monday Lane. 903-567-6556; firstmondaycanton.com*

**COLUMBUS: June 26, July 31, Aug. 28 Country Market** Held on Courthouse Square in downtown Columbus on the last Saturday of each month from March through November, this market promotes healthy food choices while supporting local farmers, gardeners, cooks, bakers, craftspeople, and other artisans. There are live music concerts and ready-to-eat foods as well. *Courthouse Square, Corner of Milam and Travis streets. 979-732-8385; columbusfmtx.org*

**COLUMBUS: July 4 Independence Day Celebration** Columbus hosted the very first Fourth of July celebration in the state



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of Texas in 1826 and the tradition continues with an old-fashioned celebration. This year will be the “County’s Biggest Tailgate Party Ever” with a huge fireworks display. *Colorado County Fairgrounds, 1146 Crossroads Blvd. columbustexas.org*

**DALLAS: Through Sept. 26 “Nasher Mix-tape”** This series of “tracks,” or micro-exhibitions, highlight the Nasher Sculpture Center’s permanent collection, with old and newly acquired works being featured throughout the center and its sculpture garden. *Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora St. 214-242-5100; nashersculpturecenter.org*

**DALLAS: Through Sept. 6 “The Science of Guinness World Records”** Marvel at Guinness World Record attempts and the science (and secrets) behind their triumphs when “The Science of Guinness World Records” exhibition, presented by Highland Capital Philanthropies, makes its United States debut. Guests learn what it takes to crash through these seemingly impossible ceilings, the physical and mental thresholds humans possess, and the scientific principles that explain their awe-inspiring feats. Dozens of engaging exhibits—from the largest Pac-Man video game to reaction competitions, speed drumming, and a dance-a-thon—challenge and encourage all ages to go behind the scenes and discover the discipline driving these fascinating accomplishments. *Perot Museum of Nature and Science, 2201 N. Field St. 214-428-5555; perotmuseum.org*

**DALLAS: Through Jan. 22, 2022 “Out of Many, One: Portraits of America’s Immigrants”** The new exhibition at the George W. Bush Presidential Center features President George W. Bush’s portraits of immigrants. The collection provides an in-depth look at the issues surrounding the immigration debate in the United States. *George W. Bush Presidential Center, 2943 SMU Blvd. 214-200-4300; bushcenter.org*

**DENTON: Through July 17 Greater Dornuts Arts and Crafts** Find family fun at the art center with free doughnuts, coffee, crafts, and art exhibits to stroll through and discuss with your kids. *Patterson-Appleton Art Center, 400 E. Hickory St. 940-382-2787; dentonarts.com*

**DENTON: Through Aug. 18 Soul Art Renewal** This multigallery and multimedia celebration of art and artists comes in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the arts community. The project focuses on healing, hope, and community resilience and renewal. *Patterson-Appleton Art Center, 400 E. Hickory St. 940-382-2787; dentonarts.com*

**DENTON: Through July 15 Crafted** Join the Greater Denton Arts Council every second Thursday and indulge in arts and crafts and craft beer. Each month features different artists, techniques, and mediums, giving you a range of opportunities to learn new skills and connect with makers over a cold drink provided by Armadillo Ale Works. *Patterson-Appleton Art Center, 400 E. Hickory St. 940-382-2787; dentonarts.com*

**FORT WORTH: Through Dec. 31 “John Wayne: An American Experience”** Sprawling over 10,000 square feet, this exhibit at the Fort Worth Stockyards is structured to give you an intimate tour of the life



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of John Wayne. Starting with his early childhood and career, each room highlights an aspect of the Duke’s legacy, from his most memorable film props and costumes to never-before-seen family photos and correspondence. *Fort Worth Stockyards, Historic Exhibits Building, 2501 Rodeo Plaza. johnwayne.com/experience*

**FORT WORTH: Through Aug. 8 “An-My Lê: On Contested Terrain”** Featuring photos from a selection of the Vietnamese-American photographer’s five major bodies of work, the nationally touring exhibition considers the artist’s nearly 25-year career exploring the edges of war and recording these landscapes of conflict in beautiful, classically composed photographs. *Amon Carter Museum of American Art, 3501 Camp Bowie Blvd. 817-738-1933; cartermuseum.org*

**FORT WORTH: June 20-Oct. 10 “Sean Scully: The Shape of Ideas”** The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth presents a major retrospective exhibition of Sean Scully’s most significant works from the 1970s to

the present. “Sean Scully: The Shape of Ideas,” organized by the Philadelphia Museum of Art, closely examines the Irish-born American artist’s contribution to the development of abstraction in various media over a span of nearly five decades. These works, rarely shown together, highlight the relationship between the artist’s paintings, drawings, prints, and pastels. *Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215; themodern.org*

**FRISCO: July 3-4 Freedom Fest** Enjoy a Fourth of July fit for the entire family, with food, music, and fireworks throughout one of North Texas’ biggest Independence Day celebrations. *Frisco Square, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd. 972-292-5250; friscofreedomfest.org*

**GIDDINGS: July 4 Firemen’s July Fourth Celebration and Fury on the Fourth** The Lee County Sheriff’s Posse and Giddings Volunteer Fire Department team up for a big Fourth of July celebration. It starts with a lazy day in the park, barbecue, and an auction to benefit the fire department. In the evening, the sheriff’s posse hosts championship bull riding, including mutton bustin’, followed by fireworks and a dance. *Fireman’s Park and Sheriff’s Posse Rodeo Arena, 2495 SH 290 W. 979-542-3455; giddingstx.com*

**GRAND PRAIRIE: June 4-July 11 Live Thoroughbred Racing** Catch the fun and excitement of world-class thoroughbred horse racing on the weekend. *Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Parkway. 972-263-7223; lonestarpark.com*

**HOWE: July 17 Hotter ‘N Howe Summer Bash** Raise money for Howe nonprofits in a family atmosphere. Waterslides, a home run derby, cornhole, basketball, a dunk booth, fire trucks, and food are all part of the entertainment. *Bicentennial Park, South Collins Freeway. 903-532-6080; howechamber.com*

**IRVING: Through July 11 “Lonesome Dove: Photographs by Bill Wittliff”** Capturing the sweeping visual imagery of the original miniseries, the “Lonesome Dove” exhibition presents classic images taken during the filming of the show by Bill Wittliff, renowned photographer, writer, and executive producer (with Suzanne De Passe) of the miniseries. The images, however, are worlds apart from ordinary production stills, depicting an extraordinary union of art, literature, and history. *Irving Arts Center, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. 972-252-7558; irvingartscenter.com*

**LA GRANGE: June 1-Aug. 31 Summer Wine Passport** Hit the Texas Independence Wine Trail this summer for three full

months of Texas wine tastings. Each winery has tastings at discounted rates, and souvenirs are included with your ticket. Nine wineries across La Grange, Fayetteville, Sealy, Weimar, Schulenburg, and Carmine make up the Texas Independence Wine Trail. *Various locations. 210-413-8912; texasindependencewinetrail.com*

**MADISONVILLE: July 4 Fourth of July Celebration** A day full of fun is the perfect way to celebrate the Fourth of July. There is live entertainment, children's games and activities, and food vendors on site. *Lake Madison Park, 1215 E. Collard St. 936-348-9333; visitmadisonville.org*

**MCKINNEY: June 1-Aug. 5 Prairie Adventure Day Camp** Kids can take a break from technology and step back into a simpler time. Activities include changing into outfits that are reflective of the pioneer days and learning skills like weaving, quilting, and soap carving. Pioneer games, baking, and Dutch-oven cooking are also part of the program. *Chestnut Square Heritage Village, 315 S. Chestnut St. 972-562-8790; chestnutsquare.org*

**MCKINNEY: June 10-Nov. 27 Chestnut Square Public Tours** Don't just peek in the windows. Take a guided walking tour through historic homes with a knowledgeable docent who recounts the history of the buildings and the stories of the families and describes what life was like in McKinney from the 1850s to the 1930s. *Chestnut Square Heritage Village, 315 S. Chestnut St. 972-562-8790; chestnutsquare.org*

**MCKINNEY: July 3 Red, White and BOOM** Ring in the Fourth of July with free family activities, live entertainment, and a spectacular fireworks show. Downtown hosts a parade and classic car, truck, and cycle show. Evening festivities include music, food, kids' activities, and a concert before the fireworks. *Downtown McKinney, 111 N. Tennessee St. 972-547-2660; mckinneytexas.org/830/red-white-and-boom*

**MCKINNEY: July 9-11 Third Monday Trade Days** This is the oldest and largest monthly trade days and flea market in North Texas. The open-air market offers shopping from more than 450 vendors, who bring selections on gifts, home decor, trendy clothing and accessories, garage sale items, antiques and collectibles, and specialty items along with many food concessions. *Third Monday Trade Days, 4550 W. University Drive. 972-562-5466; thirdmondaytradedays.com*

**MCKINNEY: July 18 Zip Line Day** Come along for an exciting outdoor adventure at the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary's ropes course. Guests

climb a 23-foot tree to the zip line platform, then proceed to soar along a 487-foot zip line. Registration is required. Suitable for outdoor enthusiasts over the age of 10. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org/ropescourse*

**MESQUITE: June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 Championship Rodeo** Dallas' largest pro rodeo event occurs every summer on Saturday nights. This world-famous championship rodeo in Mesquite, the "Rodeo Capital of Texas," is located 15 minutes from downtown Dallas in the climate-controlled Mesquite Arena. Gates open at 6 p.m., with rodeo action beginning at 7:30 p.m. *Mesquite Arena, 1818 Rodeo Drive. 800-541-2360; visitmesquitetx.com*

**MESQUITE: June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14, 21 IMCA Sprints** Enjoy the racing season at the Southwest's most famous dirt track. With its half-mile, oval clay track, Devil's Bowl Speedway hosts top-notch auto racing, including the International Motor Contest Association's Sprints every Saturday this summer. A fireworks show takes place on July 3. *Devil's Bowl Speedway, 1711 Lawson Road. 972-222-2421; devilsbowl.com*

**MESQUITE: June 12-Dec. 1 Downtown Farmers Market** Every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., this weekly farmers and artisans market offers entertainment, music, vintage items, specialty foods, and miscellaneous merchandise. *Front Street Station, West Front Street. 972-216-6540; downtownmesquitetx.com*

**MESQUITE: June 25-Aug. 27 Opal Lawrence Historical Park Tours** Presented by Historic Mesquite Inc., tours of the beautiful S.D. Lawrence home, located in Opal Lawrence Historical Park, are every fourth Saturday of the month. Be sure to note the painted ceilings. Tours include family story time and old-fashioned games and are also available by appointment. *Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney St. 972-216-6468; historicmesquite.org*

**MESQUITE: July 1 Courtyard Concert Series** Mesquite Arts Council hosts this annual summer music series that features a different band on the first Thursday of each month inside the Mesquite Arts Center courtyard. Tables and chairs are placed outside for this free family-friendly show. *Mesquite Arts Center Courtyard, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org*

**MESQUITE: July 3 Picnic in the Park** Bring a picnic to enjoy in the park. Ice cream and equipment for old-fashioned lawn games



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are provided. *Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney St. 972-216-6468; historicmesquite.org*

**MESQUITE: July 16-18 Cow Hill Cat Show** Come see this cat competition that's open to the public. Many vendors are on-site to provide information and sell products, plus cat adoptions are available. *Mesquite Convention Center, 1702 Rodeo Drive. 800-541-2357; visitmesquitetx.com*

**MESQUITE: July 17-18 Texas Haunters Convention** Find more than 35,000 square feet of family-friendly vendors, events, demonstrations, and classes geared toward Halloween and cosplay enthusiasts. *Mesquite Convention Center, 1703 Rodeo Drive. 800-541-2358; visitmesquitetx.com*

**SEALY: July 9-11 Sealybration** The 13th annual Sealybration is a family-oriented, patriotic weekend with entertainers, the Stars and Strikes softball tournament, and the return of events like the International Barbeque Cookers Association-sanctioned barbecue cookoff. Shop vendors and a wide selection of arts and crafts. *B&PW Park, 1008 Main St. 979-877-7249; sealybration.sealycommunityfoundation.com*

**SEGUIN: July 2-3 Freedom Fiesta** Have fun at a Fourth of July party in Seguin with food, drinks, games, vendors, and live music. *Central Park, 201 S. Austin St. 830-401-5000; freedomfiesta.com*

**SEGUIN: July 3 Biggest Small-Town Fourth of July Parade** Crowds of flag-waving people line Austin Street for the annual parade. Past crowd estimates have exceeded 10,000. There are more than 100 parade entries including floats from local businesses, elected officials, churches, schools, and military representatives. *Central Park, 201 S. Austin St. 830-401-5000; visitseguin.com*

**SEGUIN: July 3 Fireworks Fiesta** A dazzling fireworks display wows spectators. The best views are from Starcke Park and the surrounding area. *Max Starcke Park, 600 River Drive W. 830-401-5000; visitseguin.com*

**SHERMAN: June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 8, 15, 22, 29 Hot Summer Nights** Grab a lawn chair, cooler, blanket, and friends, and come see free concerts on the Municipal Lawn each Thursday night in June and July (with the exception of July 1). *Sherman Municipal Grounds, 405 N. Rusk St. 903-892-7230; facebook.com/shermanhns*

**SHERMAN: July 2 Lights on the Lake** The city of Sherman holds its Independence Day Celebration with the 12th annual Lights on the Lake at Pecan Grove West Park. Dance the night away with a free concert.

Grab your lawn chairs, friends, and family, and get there early to enjoy the food vendors and family-friendly Kids Alley. Then stick around when the sun goes down for a fireworks show. *Pecan Grove Park West, 3200 Canyon Creek Drive. 903-892-7230; facebook.com/shermantx*

**SHERMAN: July 9-11, 16-18 "Cinderella"** Experience the magic as Theatricks, led by longtime director Webster Crocker, presents "Cinderella." The timeless and enchanting fairy tale is reborn with Rodgers and Hammerstein's originality, charm, and elegance. *Honey McGee Playhouse, 313 W. Mulberry St. 903-893-8525; theatricks.org*



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**SHERMAN: July 10 Christmas in July** Sherman Main Street's Christmas in July returns to historic downtown with more kid-friendly activities. This children's festival is fun for all ages, but it's best for ages 12 and under. The event offers a bicycle parade, free activities and crafts, live entertainment, and a Hawaiian shirt contest with Santa. *Grayson County Courthouse Square, 100 W. Houston St. 903-892-7230; facebook.com/shermanmainstreet*

**TEMPLE: June 4-July 30 Hot Summer Sounds Concert Series** On Friday evenings, hear live music from a different genre each week at selected parks across Temple. Grab your lawn chairs, pack a picnic basket, and enjoy a relaxing evening in the park with friends, family, and community members. *Temple City Parks, 1701 N. General Bruce Drive. 254-298-5690; templeparks.com*

**TEMPLE: June 16-Aug. 18 "One Half the People: Advancing Equality for Women"** In honor of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, this exhibit explores the stories of women's struggles to achieve full

citizenship—from the decades-long campaign for voting rights to expanding social and economic equality through legislation. Learn how those before us obtained the rights and privileges of citizenship promised to women today. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templeparks.com*

**TEMPLE: July 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; downtowntemple.com*

**TEMPLE: July 3 Family Days: Independence Day** Celebrate Independence Day by learning about some of the influential people who helped inspire the American Revolution, and make some patriotic crafts for the whole family. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templeparks.com*

**TEMPLE: July 4 H-E-B Fourth of July Family Fun Fest and Fireworks Show** The 23rd annual Independence Day celebration includes one of the best fireworks shows in Central Texas. Bring picnic baskets, lawn chairs, friends, and family for a memorable experience. *Crossroads Park, 1020 Research Parkway. 254-298-5690; templeparks.com*

**TEMPLE: July 17 Lecture Series for National Archives Exhibit** In coordination with the National Archives exhibit "One Half of the People: Advancing Equality for Women," this lecture follows the involvement of American women to secure their essential citizenship and examines how the opening words of the Constitution "We the People" have been redefined. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templeparks.com*

**THE COLONY: June 28-July 4 LPGA Volunteers of America Classic** The Volunteers of America Classic, the only LPGA tour event in the state of Texas, returns to Old American Golf Club and features the best female golfers from around the globe. *Old American Golf Club, 1001 Lebanon Road. 203-842-2405; voaclassic.com*

**THE COLONY: July 3 Liberty by the Lake** Celebrate Independence Day with patriotic festivities and a variety of entertainment and activities for all ages including a fun run/walk, live music, and a choreographed fireworks display. *The Colony Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks Drive. 972-625-1106; visitthecolonytx.com/events*

**THE COLONY: July 11 Take on the Heat Triathlon** Test your skills on land with this run-bike-run event, or go the distance and

test your strength and perseverance by swimming, cycling, and running in the full triathlon or half-distance sprint. *Lewisville ISD Eastside Aquatic Center, 5729 Memorial Drive. 972-306-2000; playtri.com/all-races/takeontheheattriathlon*

## SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

**EDINBURG: July 2-3 Texas Cook'Em: High Steaks in Edinburg** Texas Cook'Em is the Rio Grande Valley's biggest barbecue competition, awarding \$30,000 to the winners. It is also the first and only competition sanctioned by the International Barbecue Cookers Association and the Steak Cookoff Association. The event offers live music, fireworks, vendors, a children's fun area, and, of course, delicious barbecue. *H-E-B Park, 1616 S Raul Longoria Road, No. 9169. 956-383-4974; edinburg.com*

**GOLIAD: June 2-July 28 Wayback Wednesdays** The history of Presidio La Bahia, Texas' only fully restored Spanish presidio, is brought to life every Wednesday during June and July. Visit with historians as they recapture the past and recount 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 1700s and 1800s. *Presidio La Bahia, 217 Loop 71. 361-645-3752; presidiolabahia.org*

**SAN ANTONIO: Through Aug. 1 "Selena Forever/Siempre Selena"** The McNay pays tribute to legendary singer and designer Selena Quintanilla-Pérez with five photographs by award-winning San Antonio photographer John Dyer. Selena was the subject of Dyer's cover shoots for "Más Magazine" in 1992 and "Texas Monthly" in 1995, the latter occurring just months before she was killed at age 23. *The McNay Art Museum, 6000 N. New Braunfels Ave. 210-824-5368; mcnayart.org*

**SAN ANTONIO: Through Sept. 19 "Limitless! Five Women Reshape Contemporary Art"** Trailblazing installations in diverse mediums by female artists Martine Gutierrez, Letitia Huckaby, Yayoi Kusama, Sandy Skoglund, and Jennifer Steinkamp. From floor-to-ceiling art and video installations to a fan-favorite Infinity Mirror Room, this multigenerational and multicultural group of artists demonstrates boundless creativity and serves as inspiration for contemporaries and future generations. *The McNay Art Museum, 6000 N. New Braunfels Ave. 210-824-5368; mcnayart.org*

**SAN ANTONIO: May 8-Nov. 2 "Frida Kahlo Oasis"** Making its world debut, "Frida Kahlo Oasis" is a captivating rendition of the artist's famed blue home, Casa Azul, and lush green sanctuary that profoundly influenced her timeless art. Uniquely curated by the San Antonio Botanical Garden, this exhibition uncovers Kahlo's deep connection with Mexican native vegetation and the natural world. *San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place. 210-536-1400; sabot.org/frida*

**SAN ANTONIO: May 28-Sept. 6 "Still in the Saddle: A New History of the Hollywood Western"** Premiering at the Briscoe Western Art Museum, this exhibition tells the story of the Hollywood Western from the late 1960s to the 1980s. Against a historical backdrop of social unrest, political turmoil, economic uncertainty, and generational change, competing cinematic visions of the Old West vied for Americans' attention within the pop culture of the day. "True Grit," "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," and "The Wild Bunch" are just a few of the films being featured in the exhibition that includes costumes, props, and dozens of vintage movie posters. *Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St. 210-299-4499; briscoemuseum.org*

**SAN ANTONIO: June 18-Aug. 7 Fiesta Noche del Rio** The oldest outdoor dance performance of its kind in the United States, Fiesta Noche del Rio, Spanish for "Party Night on the River," is a musical variety show of authentic Mexican, Spanish, and Texas songs and dances performed by local professionals. San Antonio's annual iconic cultural performance brings to life the deep roots of the city. The audience is seated on tiered grass seats across the river from the stage, located in La Villita, the Little Spanish Village of the city. *Arneson River Theatre in La Villita, 418 Villita St. 210-226-4651; fiesta-nochesa.com*

**SAN ANTONIO: July 28 Black Violin in Concert** Black Violin is led by classically trained string players Wil B. (viola) and Kev Marcus (violin). Joining them onstage are DJ SPS and drummer Nat Stokes. The band uses its unique blend of classical and hip-hop music, often described as "classical boom," to overcome stereotypes and encourage people of all ages, races, and economic backgrounds to come together to break down cultural barriers. *Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, 100 Auditorium Circle. 210-223-8624; tobincenter.org*



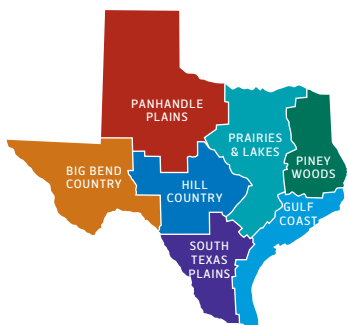
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**Due to concerns** over the spread of COVID-19, some events may be postponed or canceled. Please check an event's website or call ahead to confirm it is taking place if you're interested in attending.

### BIG BEND COUNTRY

**ALPINE: July 29-Aug. 1 *Viva Big Bend*** Featuring 50-plus bands at more than 10 venues in Alpine, Marfa, Marathon, and Fort Davis, Viva Big Bend showcases the best of the state: extraordinary natural beauty, remarkable and talented people, an independent spirit, and an amazing culture. *Various locations. vivabigbend.com*

**EL PASO: July 2-Aug. 7 *"Viva! El Paso"*** Enjoy El Paso's outdoor musical extravaganza, in the McKelligon Canyon Amphitheatre. This colorful spectacular celebrates the four major cultures that have influenced the City of the Sun: the Native American, the Spanish conquistador, the Mexican, and the western American. See their cultures and histories come alive through drama and song. *McKelligon Canyon Amphitheatre, 1331 McKelligon Canyon Road. 915-534-0600; vivaelpaso.org*

### GULF COAST

**BEAUMONT: Through Aug. 13 *"The Art of Emergency Care Temporary Exhibit"***

Have you ever wondered how art affects our lives? This exhibit explores the history of EMS through artwork created for and by first responders. From training manuals of the 1880s to contemporary first responder art created through a journey of healing and discovery, this exhibit, on loan from the National EMS Museum, is a visual representation of the history of pre-hospital care. *Fire Museum of Texas, 400 Walnut St. 409-880-3927; firemuseumoftexas.org*

**FREEPORT: June 16-Aug. 11 *"Apron Strings: Ties to the Past"*** This museum exhibit features 51 vintage and contemporary ways that the apron has been viewed as an emotionally charged object for expression, with a rich and varied craft history that still resonates today. *Lake Jackson Historical Museum, 249 Circle Way. 979-297-1570; ljhistory.org*

**FREEPORT: Aug. 7 *Kidfest*** All the fun a kid could want is at Kidfest, featuring a water-slide, petting zoo, games, hot dogs, music, a rock-climbing wall, and hours of enjoyment. *Freeport Historical Museum, 311 E. Park St. 979-233-0066; facebook.com/cfhmuseum*

**GALVESTON: Aug. 14 *The Texas Tenors in Concert*** Named one of the top 50 acts in the world and the only vocal group from the United States invited to compete on "America's Got Talent: The Champions," The Texas Tenors present a concert celebrating music legends. Two performances. Social distancing and mask wearing are enforced at all performances. *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 800-821-1894; thegrand.com*

**GALVESTON: Aug. 21 *AIA Sandcastle Competition*** More than 60 teams have their eyes and shovels set on winning the prestigious Golden Bucket Award. On the day of the event, the teams, stretched along the beach, meticulously sculpt their piles of sand and work nonstop for five hours. *East Beach, 923 Boddeker Road. 713-520-0155; galveston.com/calendar/ofevents/aia-sandcastle-competition*

**HOUSTON: Through Dec. 12 *Anri Sala's "Time No Longer"*** The newly commissioned artwork by multimedia artist Anri Sala offers an otherworldly experience of film and sound within a vast subterra-

nean reservoir on the edge of downtown. The installation incorporates a film projected onto a massive translucent screen, depicting a weathered turntable floating in a space station, tethered by its electrical cord. The soundscape is a new arrangement of Olivier Messiaen's "Quartet for the End of Time," written while the composer was incarcerated in a prisoner-of-war camp in Germany during World War II. *Buffalo Bayou Park Cistern, 105 Sabine St. 713-752-0314; buffalobayou.org/visit/destination/the-cistern*

**HOUSTON: June 5-Sept. 11 *"9ja Vision: The Fiber and Mixed-Media Work of Joy O. Ude"*** Houston Center for Contemporary Craft presents this solo exhibition by Joy O. Ude. The Texas-based artist's practice is grounded in the rich traditions of West African textiles and references their material history as a backdrop for the personal, familial, and historical narratives that she weaves into her work. Combining printed wax cloth with photo-transfers of family members, Ude contextualizes her personal history within a complicated legacy of colonialism, creating embellished pieces that are both joyful and haunting. *Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St. 713-529-4848; craftthouston.org*

**HOUSTON: Aug. 10-22 *"Rock of Ages"*** Theatre Under the Stars' all-new production of "Rock of Ages" takes you back to the time of bands with big egos, big guitar solos, and even bigger hair. Featuring the music of acts including REO Speedwagon, Pat Benatar, Twisted Sister, Bon Jovi, Styx, and Journey, this hit musical was nominated for five Tony Awards, including Best Musical. *Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby St. 713-558-8887; tuts.com*

**LAKE JACKSON: Aug. 7 *Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tour*** Visit the historic archeological site once owned by Maj. Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the property was destroyed by the hurricane that devastated Galveston. Learn about 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*



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**LAKE JACKSON: Aug. 14 Farmers Market**

At this market, find locally grown fruits and vegetables, locally roasted coffee, home-made food, handmade products, and other goodies. *Parking Place Pavilion, 110 S. Parking Place. 281-924-0596; lakejacksonfarmersmarket.com*

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Through Sept. 30 Dolphin Watching and Eco Tours**

Enjoy a 1.5-hour dolphin watch aboard the “Murphy’s Law,” and see bottlenose dolphins in their natural habitat. You also have the opportunity to see local and migratory birds, the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Boca Chica Beach, and the South Padre Island jetties. During the Eco Tour Dolphin Watch, a specialized net is dragged along the bay floor. Sea life captured during the Eco Tour is brought on board and viewed up close. *Isla Tours, 33256 State Park Road 100. 956-761-4752; islatours.com*

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: July 28-Aug. 1 Texas International Fishing Tournament**

Surrounded by the sparkling waters of the Laguna Madre Bay and Gulf of Mexico, Port Isabel and South Padre Island host Texas’ largest saltwater fishing tournament. Fishers young and old compete in one of three divisions: bay, tarpon, and offshore. Dock-

side, spectators turn out to view 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. 4-7 National Lifeguard Championships**

Hundreds of competitors, coaches, and families compete in intense athletic competitions in the ocean and on sand. On Wednesday, the Junior Lifeguard Championship and U19 National Team Trials bring more than 300 competitors ages 9-18 in competitions ranging from surf swims to paddleboard races to run races and relays. Starting Thursday, approximately 600 current and alumni lifesavers battle for open and age group event championships and the grand prizes of large and small beach team championships. *Isla Grand Beach Resort, 500 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com*

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Aug. 6-8 Ladies Kingfish Tournament**

This annual tournament, the first all-ladies tournament in Texas, is divided into two divisions: bay and offshore. Anglers fishing in the bay division

vie for trophies in the categories of redfish, trout, and flounder, while offshore anglers compete in the kingfish, bonito, blackfin tuna, and dolphin categories. *South Padre Island Convention Centre, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com*

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Aug. 13-15 Shallow Sport Owners Fishing Tournament**

More than 250 shallow sport boats race off at the sound of the blast from the island’s oldest and biggest cannon. Anglers compete to nab the largest red drum, trout, and flounder. *South Padre Island Convention Centre, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-3000; sopadre.com*

**TOMBALL: Aug. 7 Tomball Night**

For about 50 years, Tomball Night has been bringing folks together for festive fun in downtown Tomball. The event brings in around 10,000 visitors for live music, a nighttime parade, and fireworks. *Downtown Tomball, 100 Market St. 281-351-7222; tomballchamber.org*

**HILL COUNTRY**

**AUSTIN: Through Aug. 22 “Mexico, the Border and Beyond: Selections from the Juan Antonio Sandoval Jr. Collection”**

The Sandoval Collection is comprised of more than 1,500 artworks, many of them created by Mexican and Latinx artists. It includes prints, photographs, paintings, sculptures, and popular art from the El Paso region, as well as Mexico. The collection also contains hundreds of publications and other ephemera. *Mexic-Arte Museum, 419 Congress Ave. 512-480-9373; mexic-artemuseum.org*

**AUSTIN: Through Dec. 31 Virtual Exhibit: “Access Delayed—African American Suffragists’ Courageous Influence on the 19th Amendment”**

Texas Folklife presents this virtual exhibit that showcases quilts created by Quilt Friends Collective, consisting of African American quilters from across Texas, Ohio, and Florida. The quilts are intended to educate, celebrate, and recognize some of the African American suffragists who influenced and contributed to the suffrage efforts leading to the ratifying of the 19th Amendment, although they remained disenfranchised until the Voting Rights Act of 1965. *Virtual. 512-441-9255; texasfolklife.org*

**AUSTIN: May 19-Aug. 15 “Guitar: The Instrument That Rocked the World”**

The exhibition leads visitors on a fascinating exploration of the science, sound, history, and pop culture behind the world’s favorite instrument. Featuring an impressive display of rare and antique guitars and engag-





ing interactives, the exhibition is fun and educational for the whole family and includes video performances, X-ray images of a guitar's inner workings, and even a chance for you to pluck, strum, and jam. *Bullock Museum, 1800 Congress Ave. 512-936-8746; thestoryoftexas.com*

**AUSTIN: June 19–Nov. 28 “Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow”** Organized by the New-York Historical Society, this exhibition explores the struggle for full citizenship and racial equality that unfolded in the 50 years after the Civil War. It adopts a national perspective on these transformative years with a particular focus on evolving definitions and expressions of equality and citizenship. Narratives center on African Americans who pursued the ideals of Reconstruction and persevered in the face of a legal system riddled with Jim Crow laws and policies promoting racial inequality. *Bullock Museum, 1800 Congress Ave. 512-936-8746; thestoryoftexas.com*

**AUSTIN: Aug. 28 Bat Fest** Come see 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats emerge from under the Congress Avenue Bridge at dusk. Along with the main attraction, enjoy two stages with live music, more than 50 arts and crafts vendors, delicious food and drinks, fun children's activities, a bat costume contest, and many other bat activities. *Congress Avenue Bridge, 100 S. Congress Ave. 512-441-9015; roadwayevents.com/event/bat-fest*

**BANDERA: June 11, 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Aug. 6 Riding on Faith Rodeo** This Friday night open rodeo features steer riding, bull riding, barrel racing, and mutton busting. *Mansfield Park, 2886 SH 16 N. 830-777-7129; facebook.com/ridingonfaithrodeoseries*

**BANDERA: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 Cowboys on Main** Find free cowboy fun in downtown Bandera. Activities in past years have included chuckwagon storytelling, hopping on a saddle-broke Longhorn, horse-drawn wagon tours of Bandera, and reenactment shows. *Main Street, 500 Main St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

**BANDERA: Aug. 7 Market Day** On the first Saturday of the month, arts and crafts vendors sell their merchandise at this market along Main Street. *500 Main St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

**BANDERA: Aug. 29 Frontier Times Jamboree** Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an afternoon of live music with new hosts each month at this outdoor music circle that's free to the public. *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; frontiertimesmuseum.org*

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**BULVERDE: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 Saturday Night Rodeo** The family-friendly rodeo and live music series starts the first weekend in March and continues each Saturday through the last weekend in November. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the rodeo starts at 7:30 p.m. Following the rodeo, enjoy live music and dancing; beer, wine, cocktails, and soft drinks; and delicious food including Texas barbecue, tacos, steak, and burgers. *Tejas Rodeo Company, 401 Obst Road. 830-980-2226; tejasrodeo.com*

**FREDERICKSBURG: July 29–Aug. 1 Hill Country Film Festival** “The Best Little Film Festival in Texas” celebrates independent film; screens more than 90 independent films (short and feature length); and hosts revealing Q&As, captivating filmmaker panel discussions, and opportunities for attendees to rub elbows with filmmakers. *Admiral Nimitz Gallery, 340 E. Main St. 866-224-7714; hillcountryrff.com*

**FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 6 First Friday Art Walk** Participating fine art galleries remain open until 8 p.m., so that visitors can have time to partake in the various events and exhibits planned throughout the day and enjoy local refreshments. Just look for the galleries flying the Art Walk flag. *Various locations. facebook.com/first-friday-art-walk-fredericksburg-401466143219898*

**FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 7 Texas Ranger Day and History Symposium** Honoring those who have served and those still commissioned, Texas Rangers Day is a two-part event with historians and educational programs, reenactments by the Living History HQ Company Rangers that focus on the time period from 1823 to 1960, Ranger Camp setups, cannon firing, and memorabilia displays. *Texas Rangers Heritage Center at Fort Martin Scott, 1618 E. Main St. 830-990-1192; trhc.org*

**FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 13–15, 20–22 “Always...Patsy Cline”** Fredericksburg Theater Company presents this tribute to the legendary country singer who died tragically at age 30 in a plane crash in 1963. The show is based on a true story about Patsy Cline’s friendship with a fan from Houston named Louise Seger, who befriended the star in a Texas honky-tonk in 1961 and continued a correspondence with Cline until her death. *Steve W. Shepherd Theater, 1688 SH 87 S. 888-669-7114; fredericksburgtheater.org*

**FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 14–15, 28–29 Live Pari-Mutuel Horse Racing** Come out during the summer season for horse racing at the Fairgrounds’ Class 3 track. Pick your favorites for quarter horse and thoroughbred racing as well as special races, trials,

and futurities. *Gillespie County Fairgrounds, 530 Fair Drive. gillespiefair.com*

**FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 20–22 Trade Days** Shop from more than 400 vendors in seven barns and acres of antiques, collectibles, tools, crafts, shabby chic, primitives, ranch furniture, hunting accessories, candles, clothing, jewelry, food, and other items. *Fredericksburg Trade Days, 355 Sunday Farms Lane. 210-846-4094; fbgtradedays.com*

**FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 26–29 Gillespie County Fair** The Gillespie County Fair is the oldest continuous county fair in Texas and marks its 133rd year this summer. It’s four big days filled with fair favorites including a carnival and midway, traditional fair food, livestock judging, agricultural and household exhibits, arts and crafts, antique tractor shows, live music and dancing, and live pari-mutuel horse racing. *Gillespie County Fairgrounds and Exhibition Hall, 530 Fair Drive. gillespiefair.com*

**FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 27 Gillespie County Fair Parade** One of the Texas Hill Country’s oldest (133 years) and biggest parades has more than 200 units, marches down Main Street, and kicks off the 133rd annual Gillespie County Fair. Bring your chairs and arrive early. *Main Street from South Washington to Edison Street. gillespiefair.com*

**FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 29 Concert in the Park** Hosted by Pedernales Creative Arts Alliance, the free Sunday evening concert this month features vintage country music. Show up with your lawn chairs, eats, and drinks. *Marktplatz, 100 block of West Main Street. oktoberfestinfbg.com/info/pcaa*

**HUNT: May 29–Sept. 4 Crider’s Rodeo and Dancehall** For 94 years, Crider’s Rodeo and Dancehall has been an entertainment spot along the banks of the Guadalupe River each summer. May 29 marks the opening night for its seasonal rodeos with live music and dancing on Saturday nights through Sept. 4. *Crider’s Rodeo and Dancehall, 2310 SH 39. 830-238-4441; cridersrandd.com*

**INGRAM: Aug. 20–21, 27–28; Sept. 3–4 “Nobody’s Perfect”** In this romantic comedy by Simon Williams, Leonard Loftus is trying to get his books published, but Harriet keeps sending his manuscripts back because they are the work of a man. When Leonard finally sends a manuscript based on his experience as a single parent, and uses the female pseudonym Myrtle Banbury, Harriet is impressed. Leonard is forced to carry the pretense that “Myrtle” exists by dressing up as a woman and pre-

tending that he is his own fictitious aunt. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com*

**INGRAM: July 16-17, 23-24, 30-31; Aug. 6-7 "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"** Charlie Brown and the entire Peanuts gang explore life's great questions as they play baseball, struggle with homework, sing songs, swoon over their crushes, and celebrate the joy of friendship in the 1967 musical comedy by Clark Gesner. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com*

**KERRVILLE: Aug. 6-7, 13-15, 20-22 "Murder on the Orient Express"** This fast-paced adaptation of Agatha Christie's most famous novel was crafted for the stage by another storytelling superstar, Tony Award-winning playwright Ken Ludwig. *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-896-9393; caillouxperformingarts.com*

**KERRVILLE: Aug. 13-14 Business Expo** Come interact and network with businesses, organizations, and members of the Kerrville community. Featuring more than 100 booths, food trucks, and a kids' zone with bounce houses and activities to keep them busy all day, plus a Home and Garden Show with help on everything from building to

home improvement. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-896-1155; kerrvilletx.gov*

**KERRVILLE: Aug. 14-15 Hill Country Gun Show** Find a range of guns, knives, coins, and other gun show goods. *Hill Country Veterans Center, 411 Meadowview Lane. 830-315-3101; gunshowtrader.com*

**KERRVILLE: Aug. 26 Symphony of the Hills in Concert** Symphony of the Hills presents "Homecoming," a concert featuring the return of former Symphony of the Hills violinist and soloist Nancy Zhou, who has gone on to become a multi-award-winning concert artist with an international career. Zhou performs Barber's Violin Concerto. The music program also features William Grant Still's "Poem" for orchestra, followed by Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony," which was performed during the symphony's first season 20 years ago. *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-792-7469; symphonyofthehills.org*

**KERRVILLE: Aug. 28 River Roadster Show** Old and new hot rods are on display in this evening full of car fun, friends, and live music. *Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Drive. 830-257-7300; kerrvilletx.gov*

**KERRVILLE: Aug. 28 The Blackwood Singers in Concert** Straight from their home at the Americana Theater in Branson, Missouri, the Blackwood Singers visit the Hill Country to share the hand-clapping, high-energy gospel music their family has been singing for 86 years. *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-896-9393; caillouxperformingarts.com*

**LAKEHILLS: Aug. 28 Last Saturday Market** On the last Saturday of the month, find food, shopping, live music, and local entertainment at this market. *Lakehills Civic Center, 11225 Park Road 37. 254-979-1073; lakehillssaturdaymarket.com*

**NEW BRAUNFELS: June 17; July 15; Aug. 19 Come and Taste It: Meet Texas' Best Winemakers** On the third Thursday of every month, The Grapevine offers opportunities to enjoy Texas wines in Gruene Historic District. For a new virtual spin, the wine tasting room has created a to-go set of featured wines that can be picked up and enjoyed at home. Stop by The Grapevine and pick up the featured wine, then tune into the virtual tasting and enjoy a guided tasting with the experts. *The Grapevine, 1612 Hunter Road. 830-606-0093; grapevineingruene.com*

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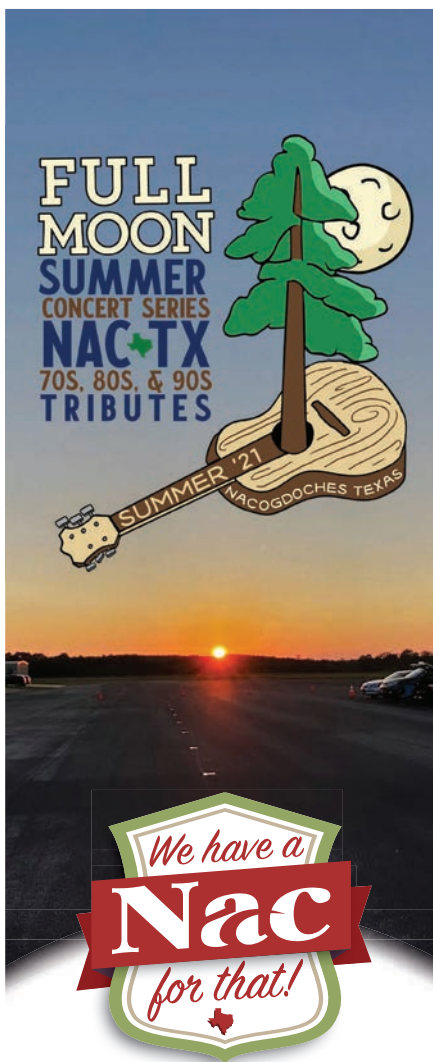
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**NEW BRAUNFELS: June 19–20; July 17–18; Aug. 21–22 Old Gruene Market Days** Held every month except January for over 30 years, the market has nearly 100 vendors offering gifts, uniquely crafted items, and packaged Texas foods that satisfy your shopping and gift-giving needs. The market is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; please call ahead to confirm the hours. *Gruene Historic District. 830-832-1721; gruene marketdays.com*

**NEW BRAUNFELS: Aug. 14–15 Hill Country Comicon** Embrace your nerdiness at a family-friendly comic convention that features comic books, toys, cards, games, artwork, cosplay, apparel, guest creators, and celebrities. Break out your capes, helmets, light sabers, and wands, and gather for a fun weekend that promotes art, literacy, and the imagination through comics and pop culture. *New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center, 375 S. Castell Ave. 830-221-4011; hillcountrycomicon.com*

**NEW BRAUNFELS: Aug. 14 Tribute to Woodstock** Local band Soul Sessions is joined by many guests to perform a special tribute to the famous 1969 Woodstock festival that featured such hit groups as Joe Cocker, Grateful Dead, Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, Joan Baez, Jefferson Airplane, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Janis Joplin, The Who, and Jimi Hendrix. Relive all the hits from the final year of the '60s. *Braun-tex Theatre, 290 W. San Antonio St. 830-627-0808; brauntex.org*

**SAN MARCOS: Aug. 14 Art Squared Arts Market** Presented by the San Marcos Art League, this juried arts and fine crafts market brings talented local artists together in one place. Set up in San Marcos' Downtown Square on the second Saturday of each month from March through December, the market offers live art demonstrations, a kids' arts and crafts booth, live music, and artwork ranging from drawing to wood-working. *Downtown Square, 105 E. Hopkins St. 512-679-5059; artsquaredmarket.com*

**SONORA: Aug. 13–14 Outlaw Rodeo and Sutton County Days** Soak in the summer weather with two full rodeos, a dance, parade, food booths, and arts and crafts from local artisans. *Sutton County Arena and Park, 1700 N. Crockett St. 325-387-2880; sonoratexas.org*

**STONEWALL: Aug. 27 113th Birthday Celebration for President Lyndon B. Johnson** The National Park Service hosts the annual wreath-laying ceremony at President Johnson's gravesite on the LBJ Ranch at 10 a.m. Throughout the day, the LBJ State Park hosts old-time games at the Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm. Birthday

cake is served at 1 p.m. at the state park's visitor center. *LBJ Ranch and National Historical Park. 830-644-2252; nps.gov/lyjo*

**TAYLOR: Aug. 7 Michelle's Hot Peeps 5K** A chip-timed 5K and Kids' Dash, this run/walk benefits the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation, which helps fund research for cholangiocarcinoma, a bile duct cancer that's one of the leading causes of all cancer deaths. *Murphy Park, 1600 Veterans Drive. 512-365-6364; athleteguild.com/running/taylor-tx/2021-michelles-hot-peeps-beat-cc*

## PANHANDLE PLAINS

**ABILENE: Aug. 6–8 Anime Sekai** Celebrate Japanese culture, geek culture, anime, manga, cosplay, comics, and video gaming at this three-day convention. Expect to see special guest appearances, artists, vendors, exciting panels, contests, giveaways, and collectibles. *Abilene Convention Center, 1100 N. Sixth St. 832-494-4028; animesekaitx.com*

**CANYON: May 29–Aug. 14 "Texas Outdoor Musical"** The official play of Texas is packed with lively songs and dance numbers, good ol' Texas humor, and nightly fireworks. Set against the authentic tapestry of history in Palo Duro Canyon State Park, the show brings to life the stories, struggles, and triumphs of the settlers of the Texas Panhandle. Don't miss the pre-performance barbecue dinner. *Pioneer Amphitheatre, Palo Duro Canyon State Park, 11450 Park Road 5. 806-655-2181; texas-show.com*

**GRAHAM: Aug. 7 Cars and Stars** The city's downtown square is filled with cars and trucks old and new, plus race cars and motorcycles. There is also the Rajun Cajun cornhole tournament, food, and music. *Grant Ingram, 608 Elm St. 940-549-0401; grahamcarsandstars.org*

**LEVELLAND: Aug. 12–15 S.P.O.T.C. Dog Agility Trials** See dogs in competition at these agility trials. 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. The South Plains Obedience Training Club of Lubbock was founded in 1970. *Mallet Event Center, 2320 US 385 S. 806-894-4161; malleteventcenter.com*

**LEVELLAND: Aug. 14–15 World Series Team Roping Qualifiers** Watch teams of ropers compete in the qualifying round for the championship team roping competi-

tion. *Mallet Event Center, 2320 US 385 S. 806-894-4161; malleteventcenter.com*

**LUBBOCK: Aug. 5-21 Moonlight Musicals** Watch a production of "In the Heights," a musical that takes place in New York City's Washington Heights neighborhood and is the first musical by "Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda, under the stars at the Moonlight Musicals Amphitheatre. *Mackenzie Park, 413 E Broadway. 806-722-0556; moonlightmusicals.com*

**SAN ANGELO: Through Oct. 10 Richard and Pam Salmon Sculpture Competition** The sixth annual juried competition has 12 large outdoor sculptures on view to the public. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org*

**SAN ANGELO: July 8-Sept. 12 "The State of Sculpture: Texas Sculpture Group All-Member Exhibition"** Featuring works by some of the most celebrated contemporary sculptors in Texas, "The State of Sculpture" marks the 11th anniversary of the Texas Sculpture Group with works from its roster of nearly 100 artist-members. From traditional to cutting-edge, small-scale to monumental, this exhibition fills the expansive galleries of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts and offers insight into the range of material, aesthetic, and conceptual possibilities that define contemporary sculpture. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org*

**WICHITA FALLS: Through May 5, 2022 Sculpture Garden Exhibit** Each year, the new pieces in the sculpture garden go on display for a full 12 months on the grounds of the Kemp Center for the Arts. The artwork is juried by a nationally recognized artist and awards for first, second, and third place are given at the opening of the exhibit. *Kemp Center for the Arts, 1300 Lamar St. 940-767-2787; artscouncil wf.org/sculpture-garden*

**WICHITA FALLS: Aug. 21 Aniamania** Started in 2017, Aniamania is the first anime, gaming, comic, art, and cosplay convention in Wichita Falls, with thousands attending each year. *Multi-Purpose Events Center, 1000 Fifth St. 940-716-5500; animaniawftx.com*

## PINEY WOODS

**LIBERTY: June 26, July 24, Aug. 28 Liberty Opry Music Review** Enjoy live, family-oriented musical entertainment, with a mix of music styles in most shows. Hear country, classics, and oldies ('50s, '60s, and '70s) plus a splash of comedy. Food and nonalcoholic beverages are available. *Liberty Opry, 1816 Sam Houston St. 936-336-5830; libertyopry.com*

**PALESTINE: June 19, Aug. 7 Dogwood Jamboree** The Branson-style country music show is filled with family fun, laughter, and great classic country music from some of the best artists anywhere, with comedians providing entertaining comic relief. The June show's theme is "Legends in Country Music" and August's is "If That Ain't Country." *Palestine High School Auditorium, SH 287 South and Loop 256. 903-729-6070; dogwoodjamboree.com*

**TYLER: Aug. 27-29 Texas Rose All-Breed Horse Show** Breeds of a variety of colors and sizes including Andalusians, Friesians,

Morgans, Gypsies, and Welshes compete to be the best in their class. Spectators are encouraged to come out and enjoy the show, regardless of whether or not one has prior horse knowledge or experience. *Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 SH 110 N. 903-882-8696; texasrosehorsepark.com*

## PRAIRIES AND LAKES

**ARLINGTON: Aug. 21 Chris Stapleton in Concert** Singer-songwriter, guitarist, and record producer Chris Stapleton takes the stage for a country-rock show you're sure

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**August 21:** Sunray Funday  
**September 11:** Ears & Beers Festival  
**September 11:** Texas Tumbleweed 100 Bike Ride  
**September 25:** Museum Day  
**October 2 - 3:** Lions Club Arts & Crafts Show  
**November 20:** Candy Cane Lane  
**December 6:** Sunray Lions Christmas Parade

to never forget. Stapleton has co-written six No. 1 country songs and won five Grammy Awards, seven Academy of Country Music Awards, and 10 Country Music Association Awards. Stapleton is joined by special guests Willie Nelson and family, Jamey Johnson, and Yola. *Globe Life Field, 734 Stadium Drive. 817-533-1972; mlb.com/rangers/tickets/events/chris-stapleton*

**ARLINGTON: Aug. 22 Mötley Crüe, Def Leppard, Poison, and Joan Jett and the Blackhearts in Concert** Don't miss one of the greatest rock shows Arlington has ever seen as '80s sensations Mötley Crüe, Def Leppard, Poison, and Joan Jett and the Blackhearts take the stage. *Globe Life Field, 734 Stadium Drive. 817-533-1972; mlb.com/rangers/tickets/events/motley-crue-def-leppard-tour*

**BELLVILLE: Aug. 7 Fresh Farmers and Artisan Market** More than 30 vendors bring fresh produce, grass-fed beef, Gulf shrimp, honey, eggs, herbs, plants, and flowers to be sold in the shade of the beautiful Jim Bishop Pavilion. Shoppers can find artisans who have handcrafted soap, jewelry, candles, and beard oils. They can also purchase jams, jellies, vinegars, oils, baked goods, dog treats, and concessions. *Jim Bishop Pavilion at Chesley Park, 100 E. Palm St. 979-865-3407; discoverbellville.com*

**BOWIE: Aug. 21 Outdoor Expo** Find all things outdoors at this expo, hosted by The Ranch 95.9 FM radio station. Gear for hunting, fishing, camping, boating, ATVs, and RVs can be found here, in addition to refreshments, food trucks, and entertainment. *Bowie Community Center, 413 Pelham St. 940-872-6246; 959theranch.com*

**BRENHAM: Aug. 14 Lee Greenwood in Concert** Known for "God Bless the U.S.A.," Lee Greenwood is an award-winning performer with seven No. 1 hits and 38 singles that have been on the Billboard charts. He's won a Grammy Award for Top Male Vocal Performance and has 22 studio albums and seven compilation albums. *The Barnhill Center, 111 W. Main St. 979-337-7240; thebarnhillcenter.com/events*

**CANTON: July 29-Aug. 1 First Monday Trade Days** The oldest, largest continually operating outdoor flea market in the USA covers hundreds of acres and provides spaces for 5,000 vendors. *First Monday Trade Days, 800 First Monday Lane. 903-567-6556; firstmondaycanton.com*

**COLUMBUS: June 26, July 31, Aug. 28 Country Market** Held on Courthouse Square in downtown Columbus on the last Saturday of each month from March through November, the market promotes

healthy food choices while supporting local farmers, gardeners, cooks, bakers, craftspeople, and other artisans. There are live music concerts and ready-to-eat foods as well. *Courthouse Square, Corner of Milam and Travis streets. 979-732-8385; columbusfmtx.org*

**DALLAS: Through Sept. 26 "Nasher Mixtape"** This series of "tracks," or micro-exhibitions, highlight the Nasher Sculpture Center's permanent collection, with old and newly acquired works featured throughout the center and its sculpture garden. *Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora St. 214-242-5100; nashersculpturecenter.org*



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**DALLAS: Through Sept. 6 "The Science of Guinness World Records"** Marvel at Guinness World Record attempts and the science (and secrets) behind their triumphs when "The Science of Guinness World Records" exhibition, presented by Highland Capital Philanthropies, makes its United States debut. Guests learn what it takes to crash through these seemingly impossible ceilings, the physical and mental thresholds humans possess, and the scientific principles that explain their awe-inspiring feats. Dozens of engaging exhibits—from the largest Pac-Man video game to reaction competitions, speed drumming, and a dance-a-thon—challenge and encourage all ages to go behind the scenes and discover the discipline driving these fascinating accomplishments. *Perot Museum of Nature and Science, 2201 N. Field St. 214-428-5555; perotmuseum.org*

**DALLAS: Through Jan. 22, 2022 "Out of Many, One: Portraits of America's Immigrants"** The new exhibition at the George W. Bush Presidential Center features Presi-

dent George W. Bush's portraits of immigrants. The collection provides an in-depth look at the issues surrounding the immigration debate in the United States. *George W. Bush Presidential Center, 2943 SMU Blvd. 214-200-4300; bushcenter.org*

**DE LEON: Aug. 4-7 Peach and Melon Festival** Celebrating its 106th year, the festival includes a Queen's Pageant, midway, parade, vendors, and food. There is also various entertainment on the main stage throughout the week. Previous festivals have included tractor pulls, dessert competitions, 5K races, and seed-spitting contests. *De Leon Peach and Melon Festival, 5401 SH 6. 254-893-6600; peachandmelonfestival.com*

**DENTON: Through Aug. 18 Soul Art Renewal** This multigallery and multimedia celebration of art and artists arose in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the arts community. The project focuses on healing, hope, and community resilience and renewal. *Patterson-Appleton Art Center, 400 E. Hickory St. 940-382-2787; dentonarts.com*

**FORT WORTH: Through Dec. 31 "John Wayne: An American Experience"** Sprawling over 10,000 square feet, this exhibit at the Fort Worth Stockyards is structured to give you an intimate tour of the life of John Wayne. Starting with his early childhood and career, each room highlights an aspect of the Duke's legacy, from his most memorable film props and costumes to never-before-seen family photos and correspondence. *Fort Worth Stockyards, Historic Exhibits Building, 2501 Rodeo Plaza. johnwayne.com/experience*

**FORT WORTH: Through Aug. 8 "An-My Lê: On Contested Terrain"** Featuring photos from a selection of the Vietnamese-American photographer's five major bodies of work, the nationally touring exhibition considers the artist's nearly 25-year career exploring the edges of war and recording these landscapes of conflict in beautiful, classically composed photographs. *Amon Carter Museum of American Art, 3501 Camp Bowie Blvd. 817-738-1933; cartermuseum.org*

**FORT WORTH: June 20-Oct. 10 "Sean Scully: The Shape of Ideas"** The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth presents a major retrospective exhibition of Sean Scully's most significant works from the 1970s to the present. Organized by the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the show closely examines the Irish-born American artist's contribution to the development of abstraction in various media over a span of nearly five decades. These works, rarely shown to-

gether, highlight the close relationship between the artist's paintings, drawings, prints, and pastels. *Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215; themodern.org*

**LA GRANGE: June 1-Aug. 31 Summer Wine Passport** Hit the Texas Independence Wine Trail this summer for three full months of Texas wine tastings. Each winery has tastings at discounted rates, and souvenirs are included with your ticket. Nine wineries across La Grange, Fayetteville, Sealy, Weimar, Schulenburg, and Carmine make up the Texas Independence Wine Trail. *Various locations. 210-413-8912; texasindependencewinetrail.com*

**MADISONVILLE: Aug. 21-22 Gun and Hunting Show** The 10th annual gun and hunting show, hosted by the Madisonville Noon Lion's Club, has vendors, exhibits, and free food. *Kimbrow Center, 111 W. Trinity St. 936-348-9333; madisonvilletexas.us*

**MCKINNEY: June 1-Aug. 5 Prairie Adventure Day Camp** Kids can take a break from technology and step back into a simpler time. Activities include changing into outfits that are reflective of the pioneer days and learning skills like weaving, quilting, and soap carving. Pioneer games, baking, and Dutch-oven cooking are also part of

the program. *Chestnut Square Heritage Village, 315 S. Chestnut St. 972-562-8790; chestnutsquare.org*

**MCKINNEY: June 10-Nov. 27 Chestnut Square Public Tours** Don't just peek in the windows. Take a guided walking tour through historic homes with a knowledgeable docent who recounts the history of the buildings and the stories of the families and describes what life was like in McKinney from the 1850s to the 1930s. *Chestnut Square Heritage Village, 315 S. Chestnut St. 972-562-8790; chestnutsquare.org*

**MCKINNEY: Aug. 7 Sips of Summer** Stroll through the charming streets of historic downtown McKinney while tasting any of the 20 unique and refreshing beverages. You'll receive a signature Sips of Summer taster and a map that directs you to the beverage stations set up inside the shops. All are invited and welcome to participate, though alcoholic beverages are available only to ages 21 and up. *Downtown McKinney, 111 N. Tennessee St. 972-547-2660; mckinneysipandstroll.com*

**MCKINNEY: Aug. 13-15 Third Monday Trade Days** This is the oldest and largest monthly trade days and flea market in North Texas. The open-air market offers shopping from more than 450 vendors,

who bring selections on gifts, home decor, trendy clothing and accessories, garage sale items, antiques and collectibles, and specialty items along with many food concessions. *Third Monday Trade Days, 4550 W. University Drive. 972-562-5466; thirdmondaytradedays.com*

**MCKINNEY: Aug. 14 Zip Line Day** Come along for an outdoor adventure at the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary's ropes course. Guests climb a 23-foot tree to the zip line platform, then proceed to soar along a 487-foot zip line. Registration is required. Suitable for outdoor enthusiasts over the age of 10. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org/ropescourse*

**MESQUITE: June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 Championship Rodeo** Dallas' largest professional rodeo event occurs every summer on Saturday nights. This world-famous championship rodeo in Mesquite, the "Rodeo Capital of Texas," is located 15 minutes from downtown Dallas in the climate-controlled Mesquite Arena. Gates open at 6 p.m., with rodeo action beginning at 7:30 p.m. *Mesquite Arena, 1818 Rodeo Drive. 800-541-2360; visitmesquitetx.com*



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**MESQUITE: June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Aug. 7, 14, 21** **IMCA Sprints** Enjoy the racing season at the Southwest's most famous dirt track. With its half-mile, oval clay track, Devil's Bowl Speedway hosts the best in auto racing, including the International Motor Contest Association's Sprints every Saturday this summer. A fireworks show takes place on July 3. *Devil's Bowl Speedway, 1711 Lawson Road. 972-222-2421; devilsbowl.com*

**MESQUITE: June 12-Dec. 1** **Downtown Farmers Market** Every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., this weekly farmers and artisans market offers entertainment, music, vintage items, specialty foods, and miscellaneous merchandise. *Front Street Station, West Front Street. 972-216-6540; downtownmesquitetx.com*

**MESQUITE: June 25-Aug. 27** **Opal Lawrence Historical Park Tours** Presented by Historic Mesquite Inc., tours of the beautiful S.D. Lawrence home, located in Opal Lawrence Historical Park, are every fourth Saturday of the month. Tours include family story time and old-fashioned games and are also available by appointment. *Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney St. 972-216-6468; historicmesquite.org*

**MESQUITE: Aug. 5** **Courtyard Concert Series** Mesquite Arts Council hosts this annual summer music series that features a different band on the first Thursday of each month inside the Mesquite Arts Center courtyard. Tables and chairs are placed outside for this free family-friendly show. *Mesquite Arts Center Courtyard, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org*

**MESQUITE: Aug. 7** **Johnny Suggs Classic** Enjoy the racing season at the Southwest's most famous dirt track. With its half-mile, oval clay track, Devil's Bowl Speedway hosts the best in auto racing. *Devil's Bowl Speedway, 1711 Lawson Road. 972-222-2421; devilsbowl.com*

**MESQUITE: Aug. 24** **Fort Worth Feline Fanciers** Cat lovers head to the Mesquite Convention Center to put their best felines to the test. *Mesquite Convention Center, 1704 Rodeo Drive. 800-541-2358; visitmesquitetx.com*

**MESQUITE: Aug. 28** **Racing Championship Finals** Enjoy the racing season at the Southwest's most famous dirt track. With its half-mile, oval clay track, Devil's Bowl Speedway hosts the best in auto racing. *Devil's Bowl Speedway, 1711 Lawson Road. 972-222-2421; devilsbowl.com*

**TEMPLE: June 16-Aug. 18** **"One Half the People: Advancing Equality for Women"**

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, this exhibit explores the stories of women's struggles to achieve full citizenship—from the decades-long campaign for voting rights to expanding social and economic equality through legislation. Learn about how those before us obtained the rights and privileges of citizenship promised to women today. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templeparks.com*

**TEMPLE: Aug. 6** **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; downtowntemple.com*

**TEMPLE: Aug. 7** **Family Day: Dig It Day** Do you know how fossils are made? Or how ancient civilizations lived? Find out what real archeologists and paleontologist do. Discover how digging in the dirt can reveal the secrets of the past. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templeparks.com*

**TEMPLE: Aug. 21** **Touch-a-Truck** Who wouldn't love to climb aboard a fire truck or big rig? Touch-a-Truck provides a unique opportunity for children of all ages to explore and climb on vehicles of all types, all in one place. *Reuben D. Talasek Bend of the River, 7915 S. General Bruce Drive. 254-298-5690; templeparks.com*

## SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

**SAN ANTONIO: Through Aug. 1** **"Selena Forever/Siempre Selena"** The McNay pays tribute to legendary singer and designer Selena Quintanilla-Pérez with five photographs by award-winning San Antonio photographer John Dyer. Selena was the subject of Dyer's cover shoots for "Más Magazine" in 1992 and "Texas Monthly" in 1995, the latter occurring just months before she was killed at age 23. *The McNay Art Museum, 6000 N. New Braunfels Ave. 210-824-5368; mcnayart.org*

**SAN ANTONIO: Through Sept. 19** **"Limitless! Five Women Reshape Contemporary Art"** This exhibition offers trailblazing installations in diverse mediums by female artists Martine Gutierrez, Letitia Huckaby, Yayoi Kusama, Sandy Skoglund, and Jennifer Steinkamp. From floor-to-ceiling art and video installations to a fan-favorite Infinity Mirror Room, this multigenerational and multicultural group of artists demonstrates boundless creativity and serves to inspire their contemporaries and future generations for years to come. *The McNay,*

*6000 N. New Braunfels Ave. 210-824-5368; mcnayart.org*

**SAN ANTONIO: May 8-Nov. 2** **"Frida Kahlo Oasis"** Making its world debut, "Frida Kahlo Oasis" is a captivating rendition of the artist's famed blue home, Casa Azul, and lush green sanctuary that profoundly influenced her timeless art. Uniquely curated by the San Antonio Botanical Garden, this exhibition uncovers Kahlo's deep connection with Mexican native vegetation and the natural world. *San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston Place. 210-536-1400; sabot.org/frida*

**SAN ANTONIO: May 28-Sept. 6** **"Still in the Saddle: A New History of the Hollywood Western"** Premiering at the Briscoe Western Art Museum, this exhibition tells the story of the Hollywood Western from the late 1960s to the 1980s. Against a historical backdrop of social unrest, political turmoil, economic uncertainty, and generational change, competing cinematic visions of the Old West vied for Americans' attention within the pop culture of the day. "True Grit," "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," and "The Wild Bunch" are just a few of the classic films being featured in the exhibition that includes costumes, props, and dozens of vintage movie posters. *Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St. 210-299-4499; briscoemuseum.org*

**SAN ANTONIO: June 18-Aug. 7** **Fiesta Noche del Rio** The oldest outdoor dance performance of its kind in the United States, Fiesta Noche del Rio, Spanish for "Party Night on the River," is a musical variety show of authentic Mexican, Spanish, and Texas songs and dances performed by local professionals. San Antonio's annual iconic cultural performance brings to life the deep roots that make San Antonio a special place for love and life. The audience is seated on tiered grass seats across the river from the stage, located in La Villita, the Little Spanish Village of the city. *Arneson River Theatre in La Villita, 418 Villita St. 210-226-4651; fiesta-nochesa.com*

**SAN ANTONIO: Aug. 13** **Iliza Shlesinger** While she's known for being one of today's leading comedians, with five Netflix specials, Iliza Shlesinger has recently branched out into acting, having starred opposite Mark Wahlberg in the Netflix film "Spenser Confidential." She can also be seen in the drama "Pieces of a Woman," starring Shia LaBeouf and Vanessa Kirby. *Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, 100 Auditorium Circle. 210-223-8624; tobincenter.org*



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