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EVENTS

SPRING 2023



Art Car Parade

April 10-16

Houston

A humongous hen. A gaping mouth, showing off a perfect set of pearly whites. A smooth, pink-skinned feline named Wrinkles the Hairless Kitty. These wheeled masterpieces, along with vehicles bedecked in plastic trout, bearded trolls, sprouting mushrooms, and a giant melting ice cream, have all rolled through the city streets as part of Houston's annual Art Car Parade. This year's parade is shaping up to be just as memorable.

About 250 mobile works of art conceived and created by artists, students, youth groups, families, and local organizations snake through downtown Houston during the parade, the highlight of more

than a week of activities organized by the Orange Show Center for Visionary Art.

"We really create a festival atmosphere leading up to the parade start," says Jonathan Beitler, director of communications at the center. "But once it starts, all eyes are on the parade."

The big event traces its roots to 1984, when artist Jackie Harris used \$800 in plastic fruit and paint to transform a 1967 Ford Country Squire station wagon into a mobile ambassador of goodwill for the Orange Show, a nonprofit organization that preserves and promotes folk art. The Fruitmobile inspired a small parade of musical cars two years later and, in 1988, a more formal art car parade. More events, including a fundraising gala, were added over the years.

Today, cars, bicycles, go-carts, and other vehicles from across the country participate, making it the largest celebration of its kind in the world. And the creativity

has no limits: a towering silver contraption named The Auto Disco Dance Bot, by artist Chris Wollard from Tulsa, Oklahoma, makes a return appearance at this year's parade. "It's a 20-foot-tall metal robot that kind of looks like those old 1950s toy robots," Beitler says.

More than 200,000 spectators line downtown streets to watch the rolling party each spring, and more than \$15,000 in prize money is awarded to the best entries in an array of categories, including daily drivers, art cars, lowriders, and bicycles.

Following the kickoff party on April 6, the week of activities gets underway with workshops, film screenings, kids' events, the Art Car Ball, live music. The awards ceremony caps off the week. The parade unfolds April 15, when the line of art cars hits the street starting at 10 a.m. Spectators are encouraged to arrive early.

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

MARCH



March 2

FORT STOCKTON: Texas History Days The Annie Riggs Memorial Museum welcomes children to learn about the history of Pecos County and the state of Texas through exhibits and special presentations. **432-336-2167; annieriggsmuseum.org**

March 2-5

FULTON: Oysterfest This annual salute to the oyster industry is held at Fulton Harbor and includes entertainment, food, arts, crafts, a carnival, a parade, oyster-eating contests, oyster shucking and decorating, and a fireworks show. **361-463-9955; fultonoysterfest.org**

March 11

BURTON: Texas Ranger Day The Burton Railroad Depot and Museum honors former and current Texas Rangers with demonstrations by the Old West Rangers and the Legends of the Texas Rangers, kids' activities, mule-driven buggy rides, and folk demonstrations such as blacksmithing and chuckwagon cooking. **979-803-0393; burtonheritagesociety.org/celebrate**

March 18

PALESTINE: Dogwood Trails Festival For over 80 years, Palestine has celebrated the Dogwood Trails Festival, an event in downtown and Old Town Palestine that offers a parade, craft and novelty vendors, food vendors, art galleries, street entertainment, and live music. **903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com**

March 24-26

LLANO: Earth Art Fest Try your hand at stacking rocks to create rock art in and along the Llano River. For kids there are activities such as face painting, a fashion circus, and rock painting. Adults can enjoy live music, a cold beer, and workshops. **512-507-4486; llanoearthartfest.org**

March 25

WESLACO: Texas Onion Fest This salute to the world-famous Texas 1015 Onion, developed in Weslaco by Dr. Leonard Pike at the Texas A&M University Extension Service, began in 1989 and offers family fun with a lineup of entertainment, cooking demos, the 1015 Market, dancing, and a horse show. **956-968-2102; weslaco.com**

APRIL



April 1-2

GALVESTON: Steampunk Festival This inaugural festival harkens back to a time inspired by 19th-century industrial steam-powered machinery and takes place in the historic railroad museum. It offers a program filled with entertainment, exhibits, vendors, presenters, and games for all ages. **818-856-1650; galvestonsteampunk.com**

April 7-9

BURNET: Bluebonnet Festival Bluebonnet season is celebrated with a parade, carnival, and live music. Festivities continue with a pet parade, wiener dog races, 5K and 10K runs, a car show, demolition derby, children's bicycle-decorating contest, arts and crafts vendors, a biergarten, and a food court. **512-756-4297; bluebonnetfestival.org**

April 8

NEWCASTLE: Goodnight-Loving Run Run a 5K, 10K, or half marathon on an out-and-back route from the entrance gate of Fort Belknap, the historic birthplace of the Goodnight-Loving Cattle Trail. **940-549-0401; goodnightlovingrun.com**

April 14-16

POTEET: Strawberry Festival Held annually in April for 76 years, the festival offers entertainment featuring concerts, gunslingers, a carnival, food booths, various contests, and rodeo performances. Located in the heart of the Artesian Belt, Poteet is recognized as the "Strawberry Capital of Texas." **888-742-8144; strawberryfestival.com**

April 15-16

GEORGETOWN: Two Step Inn Embrace the honky-tonk spirit with 40-plus artists across three stages, featuring live music from country currents, country classics, and the country curious. Acts scheduled to perform include Zach Bryan, Tyler Childers, and Tanya Tucker. **twostepinn.com**

April 22

GRAPELAND: Folk Festival This annual event provides visitors a variety of activities and opportunities to experience 19th-century Texas pioneer life in the area around what is today Mission Tejas State Park. **936-687-2394; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/mission-tejas**



EVENTS CALENDAR

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MAY



May 3-5
DEL RIO: Cinco de Mayo Celebration Celebrate the Battle of Puebla, which took place during the French-Mexican War when an outnumbered Mexican army defeated invading French forces. Wednesday features a parade, and Thursday and Friday include live music, food, and arts and crafts vendors. **830-719-2330; facebook.com/brownplazaofdelrio**

May 4-7
JEFFERSON: Historical Pilgrimage: Home Tours of Jefferson Four of the city's finest historical homes and featured gardens open their doors for tours. Other festivities include train rides, battle reenactments, and 19th-century social events. **903-665-7064; jeffersonpilgrimage.com**

May 4-14
CORPUS CHRISTI: Buc Days There's something for buccaneers of every age at Buc Days, including a rodeo, barbecue competition, concerts, a petting zoo and other attractions, and carnival rides. **361-826-4744; bucdays.com**

May 18-20
GIDDINGS: Lee County Fair Enjoy shopping, live music, local art, food contests, a carnival, and an antique carousel for kids. Special days include Senior Citizens' Day and an Armed Forces Day ceremony and parade. **979-542-3455; giddingstx.com/page-1676245**

May 20
SAN ANGELO: Armed Forces Day This daylong celebration at Fort Concho National Historic Landmark near San Angelo honors the nation's military with military history displays and artillery salutes. **325-481-2646; fortconcho.com**

May 26-28
BANDERA: Memorial Day Weekend Stampede Rodeo and Parade Bandera Pro Rodeo presents three nights of PRCA-sanctioned rodeos with bull riding, team roping, bareback riding, and other competitions. The annual morning Memorial Day Parade takes place on Main Street. **830-796-3045; banderaprorodeo.org**

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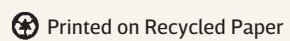
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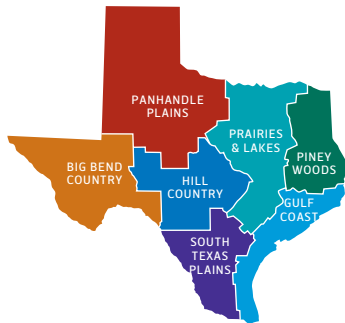
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SPRING (March, April, May): Dec. 1	FALL (Sept., Oct., Nov.): June 1
SUMMER (June, July, Aug.): March 1	WINTER (Dec., Jan., Feb.): Sept. 1

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MARCH



MARCH 2023						
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A ♿ denotes accessibility for the disabled. Check venue websites for more information.

BIG BEND COUNTRY



100 YEARS

DEL RIO: March 18 Texas State Parks Centennial Dark Skies Celebration View the dark skies of Devils River State Natural Area at this event held in partnership with the Devils River Conservancy and partnering astronomical associations. The event takes place in the recently established Dark Sky Viewing Area at the headquarters complex. *Devils River State Natural Area, 21715 Dolan Creek Road. 830-395-2133; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/devils-river*

FORT STOCKTON: March 2 Texas History Days The Annie Riggs Memorial Museum welcomes children to learn about the history of Pecos County and the state of Texas through exhibits and special presentations. *Annie Riggs Museum, 301 S. Main St. 432-336-2167; annieriggsmuseum.org* ♿

FORT STOCKTON: March 23-25 Comanche Springs Rodeo On the fourth weekend of March, head to the Comanche Springs Rodeo for a parade, dancing, live music, and traditional rodeo events. There's free

admission on Thursday, and Friday is Family Night, when kids ages 12 and under get in for free. *Pecos County Coliseum, 1658 Airport Drive. 432-336-2264; comanchespringsrodeo.com* ♿

MONAHANS: March 25 Spring Street Jam

At this street dance, the community welcomes visitors to come by and enjoy live music and vendors. *Ward County Event Center, 1525 E. Monahans Parkway. 432-943-2187; monahans.org* ♿



100 YEARS

TOYAHVALE: March 23 Starry

Skies of Balmorhea Balmorhea State Park and McDonald Observatory host a nighttime constellation education event, where guests float in the pool while looking up and learning about the stars and galaxy. *Balmorhea State Park, 9207 SH 17. 432-375-2370; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/balmorhea*

GULF COAST

ALVIN: March 24-25 Music Festival and Cookoff For almost 10 years, people from Brazoria County and surrounding areas have gathered for a weekend of family fun with food and craft vendors, a cookoff, and live music. This year's performances include Tejano group Siggno and country stars Kevin Fowler and Roger Creager as the duo "Dos Borrachos." *Bob Briscoe Park, 3625 Briscoe Drive. 281-331-3172; alvinmusicfestival.com* ♿

BAY CITY: March 31-April 1 Riverside Smoke Off Fire up your pits and grills for some friendly competition at the fourth annual Riverside Smoke Off. Participants prepare barbecue staples such as brisket, pork ribs, beans, and Dutch oven sweets. Kids ages 5 to 17 years old can participate in rib-eye steak and pork ribs categories. *Riverside Park, 7330 FM 2668. 979-323-1660; cityofbaycity.org/221/events*

BAYTOWN: March 17-March 1, 2024 Sculpture Trail This yearlong display of large sculptures on pedestals is located along several blocks in the downtown Arts District. Vote for the People's Choice winner and enjoy the exhibit along with the murals that are also in the area. *Downtown Arts District, 213 W. Texas Ave. 281-810-2990; sculpturetrailbaytown.artcall.org*

BRAZORIA: March 5-6 Heritage Celebration Celebrate Texas Independence Day with a parade, gun show, car show, and live performances. *Brazoria Foundation Civic Center, 204 W. Smith St. 979-824-0455; brazoriahf.org* ♿

CLUTE: March 7, 14, 21, 24, 28 Planetarium Show This show features a 30-foot dome equipped with a Spitz Star Ball projector that reproduces the night sky, along with a variety of other high-tech equipment to give visitors a close-up look at comets, exploding stars, and black holes. *Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.org* ♿

CORPUS CHRISTI: March 11 Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra Concert For its season finale, the Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra presents Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, with texts taken from poems of the 11th and 12th centuries and compiled in cantata form—a vocal composition with an instrumental accompaniment. *TAMUCC Performing Arts Center, 6300 Ocean Drive, Suite 5723. 361-883-6683; ccsymphony.org* ♿

CORPUS CHRISTI: March 11 Wine Festival The Corpus Christi Wine Festival features wines, food, and concerts, with a large portion of the proceeds going toward local nonprofits that benefit health and safety, education, the arts, and veterans. *Heritage Park, 1581 N. Chaparral St. facebook.com/corpuschristifoodandwinefestival*

CORPUS CHRISTI: March 23 The Adventures of Prince Achmed with Invoke This film by silhouette animation pioneer Lotte Reiniger is featured on the Performing Arts Center's new video screen, while original music is performed live by Invoke, a multi-instrumental band encompassing traditions from across America, including bluegrass, Appalachian fiddle tunes, and jazz. *Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi Performing Arts Center, 6005 Ocean Drive, Unit 5723. 361-825-2787; pac.tamucc.edu*

CYPRESS: March 3-4 West Houston Quilter's Guild Quilt Show The West Houston Quilter's Guild presents their quilt show with over 20 vendors, a silent auction, and many beautiful quilts to view and purchase. *Richard E. Berry Educational Support Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Road. 281-894-3900; whqq.org* ♿

FREEPORT: March 11 Spring Market Day

Local vendors showcase homemade goods and farm-fresh items. *Freeport Historical Museum, 311 E. Park Ave. 979-233-0066; freeport.tx.us/page/historical_museum* 📍

FREEPORT: March 17-28 Dinosaur

George Days Dinosaur George returns to the Freeport Historical Museum, bringing real artifacts and over 150 exhibit pieces of prehistoric life to the coastal community. *Freeport Historical Museum, 311 E. Park Ave. 979-233-0066; facebook.com/events/1810410192657452*

FULTON: March 2-5 Oysterfest

This salute to the oyster industry is held at Fulton Harbor and includes entertainment, food, arts, crafts, a carnival, a parade, oyster-eating contests, oyster shucking and decorating, and a fireworks show on Thursday night. *Fulton Festival Grounds, Fulton Beach Park, North Casterline Drive. 361-463-9955; fultonoysterfest.org*

GALVESTON: March 4 An Evening with

Jaston Williams The humorist, playwright, actor, director, producer, essayist, and novelist performs some of his favorite stories including “The Screaming Part of China” and “Killing Mama.” Hear about how Tuna,

Texas, came to be by two friends telling stories under a giant Texas oak tree. *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 409-765-1894; thegrand.com* 📍

GALVESTON: March 5 Rob Landes: The Great American Songbook II

Featuring a collection of the most influential American popular songs and jazz standards from the early 20th century, *The Great American Songbook II* celebrates musical numbers that have stood the test of time. *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 409-765-1894; thegrand.com* 📍

GALVESTON: March 10-11 The Commodores in Concert

Renowned for R&B hits “Just to Be Close to You,” “Easy,” and “Brick House,” the Commodores have entertained fans with compelling hits, peerless musicianship, and classic American songwriting. *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 409-765-1894; thegrand.com* 📍

GALVESTON: March 24 The StepCrew

The StepCrew’s new show features three exhilarating dance forms: Ottawa Valley step dance, Irish step dance, and tap. Take a dance journey with the dancers and musicians, including three world-class fiddlers backed by a five-piece ensemble.

The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 409-765-1894; thegrand.com 📍

HOUSTON: Through March 19 The Life and Times of Charles Goodnight

The Heritage Society presents works by artist Lee Cable that detail the life and story of the famous cowboy and plainsman from the 1800s, Charles Goodnight. The exhibit showcases six sketches, a touch cart for interactive learning, and six paintings including “Finding Cynthia Ann Parker” and “Old Blue.” Six additional paintings go on display this month to celebrate the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. *The Albert and Ethel Herzstein Museum Gallery, 1100 Bagby St. 713-655-1912; heritagesociety.org*

HOUSTON: Through April 23 Walter De Maria: Boxes for Meaningless Work

The Menil Collection presents the first museum exhibition to survey the artist’s more than 50-year career. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

HOUSTON: Through Aug. 31 Steve Tobin Intertwined: Exploring Nature’s Networks

Houston Botanic Garden presents sculptures by American artist Steve Tobin, who is known for his works in glass, bronze, ceramic, and steel, including *Trinity Root*,



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a memorial cast from a tree that protected a New York City cathedral on 9/11. *Houston Botanic Garden, 1 Botanic Lane. 713-715-9675; hbg.org* 📍

HOUSTON: Through July 9 Art of the Cameroon Grassfields, a Living Heritage in Houston This exhibition, honoring the enduring artistic traditions of Cameroon and its global diaspora, features headdresses, masks, prestige hats, royal stools and figural sculptures, palace architectural elements from the Grassfields kingdoms, and two recent works by Douala-based artist Hervé Youmbi. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

HOUSTON: Feb. 28–March 21 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo More than 2 million people annually attend Houston's livestock show and rodeo. The event is packed with everything from carnival rides to nightly concerts to championship rodeo competitions. *NRG Center, 3 NRG Park. 832-667-1000; rodeohouston.com* 📍

HOUSTON: March 21 Pavel Haas Quartet in Concert Hear one of Austrian-American composer Erich Wolfgang Korngold's last major works performed by Prague-based ensemble Pavel Haas Quartet. *Rice University, Alice Pratt Brown Hall, Stude Concert Hall, 6100 S. Main. 713-348-5400; chambermusichouston.org* 📍

HOUSTON: March 24–Aug. 13 The Curatorial Imagination of Walter Hopps This exhibition explores the influential curatorial vision of Walter Hopps, the Menil Collection's founding director, as well as his distinctive approach to exhibition making and appreciation for a variety of 20th-century art movements. The show features drawings, paintings, photography, and sculpture, ranging from the 1930s to the early 2000s. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

LAKE JACKSON: March 4, April 1, May 6 Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tour Visit the historic archeological site of Maj. Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the site was destroyed by the same hurricane that devastated Galveston in 1900. Learn about the sugar-making process of the 1840s and how convict labor replaced slave labor during the 1870s. *Abner Jackson Plantation Site, Farm-to-Market Road 2004 near State Highway 332, behind Target. 979-297-1570; ljhistory.org*

LAKE JACKSON: March 11, April 8, May 13 Alden B. Dow Office Museum Tour Witness the restored midcentury architectural beauty of Alden B. Dow's downtown 1943

office. Through a self-guided tour, learn about the city's beginnings and the indelible mark that Dow left as the principal architect of Lake Jackson. *Alden B. Dow Office Museum, 101 S. Parking Place. 979-297-1570; ljhistory.org* 📍

LAKE JACKSON: March 11 Food Truck Festival Along with visiting food trucks and eating delicious food, attendees can participate in a cornhole tournament, chalk-the-lot contest, and other activities. *MacLean Park, 93 Lake Road. 979-297-4533; lakejackson-tx.gov* 📍

LAKE JACKSON: March 18, April 15, May 20 Bird Banding Watch volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station provides an excellent opportunity to identify the birds of the Brazosport area and see them up close. *Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 SH 332 West. 979-480-0999; gcbo.org* 📍

LAKE JACKSON: March 24 Lonestar in Concert Lonestar has charted more than 20 singles on the Hot Country Songs chart, including nine that reached No. 1—hits like “Come Cryin’ to Me” and “Amazed,” which also charted at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100, becoming the first country song to do so since “Islands in the Stream” in 1983. *The Clarion, 500 College Drive. 979-230-3658; brazosport.edu/clarion* 📍

LAKE JACKSON: March 25 Brew on the Bayou Sample specialty brews from local breweries, as well as wines. Listen to live music, grab a bite to eat from local food trucks, and check out the items in the silent auction. The wooded grounds at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, lit by torchlight, make a perfect setting for the evening. *Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 SH 332 West. 979-480-0999; gcbo.org* 📍

LAKE JACKSON: March 25 Nature Day and Public Youth Fishing Participate in catch-and-release fishing, pet live reptiles, and watch the Birds of Prey show at this nature day event. *Sea Center Texas, 302 Medical Drive. 979-292-0100; tpwd.texas.gov/fishing/sea-center-texas/* 📍

LAKE JACKSON: March 25 Sweating for Sweets 1K Build your own ice cream sundae during this 1K event. Participants collect favorite toppings at stations located every 250 meters. Runners are encouraged to dress up, with awards handed out for the best individual, couple, and family costumes. *MacLean Park, 93 Lake Road. 979-297-4533; lakejackson-tx.gov*

LAKE JACKSON: March 28 Rising Tide: the Crossroads Project This theatrical experience features climate physicist and

communicator Dr. Robert Davies; the Fry Street Quartet; and works from painter Rebecca Allan, environmental photographer Garth Lenz, and American composer Laura Kaminsky. *The Clarion*, 500 College Drive. 979-230-3156; brazosport.edu/clarion 📍

TEXAS STATE PARKS
100 YEARS

OLMITO: March 11 Resaca Adventure Day Walk through a history of Texas State Parks and enjoy the park with arts and crafts, food, and a 5K Legacy Run to honor the 100 years of Texas State Parks. *Resaca de la Palma State Park*, 1000 New Carmen Ave., off State Highway 281 or Farm-to-Market Road 1732. 956-350-2920; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/resaca-de-la-palma

ORANGE: March 4 Voctave in Concert A cappella sensation Voctave has had over 150 million social media views of their videos, and their latest album, *The Spirit of the Season, Deluxe Edition*, reached No. 6 on the Billboard charts. *Lutcher Theater*, 707 Main Ave. 409-886-5535; lutcher.org 📍

ORANGE: March 30 Anastasia The romantic and adventure-filled new musical *Anastasia* transports you from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s, as a brave young woman sets out on a journey. *Lutcher Theater*, 707 Main Ave. 409-886-5535; lutcher.org 📍

PORT ARTHUR: March 4 Spring Family Fun Day Enjoy children's activities and educational experiences. Previous Family Fun Days have included snake and horse education, *Star Wars* characters, face painting, and a parrot performance. *Museum of the Gulf Coast*, 700 Procter St. 409-999-6284; museumofthegulfcoast.org/events 📍

PORT ARTHUR: March 11 Rotary Taste of Gumbo Try the area's best gumbos and support Rotary Club of Port Arthur's good works. *Robert A. "Bob" Bowers Civic Center*, 3401 Cultural Center Drive. 409-985-7822; portal.clubrunner.ca/3821 📍

ROCKPORT: March 4 Whooping Crane Strut Held at Rockport Beach, the Whooping Crane Strut includes a 2-mile walk and 5K and 10K runs. The walk remains on the beach while the run continues to Austin and Water streets. *Rockport Beach*, 210 Seabreeze Drive. 361-727-2158; rockport-fulton.org/annual-events

ROCKPORT: March 11 Downtown Farmers Market Every second Saturday morning of the month, find vendors selling locally grown produce, jams, jellies, and pickled items. There is often fresh baked bread, local honey, eggs, and freshly made goat soap. *Downtown*, 105 Austin St. 361-230-

0414; facebook.com/rockportdowntownfarmersmarket 📍

ROCKPORT: March 11 Makers Market Every second Saturday of the month, this outdoor market showcases the work of local artists and crafters and features home décor, jewelry, and other handmade items. *Rockport Festival Grounds*, 1500 E. Laurel St. rockportfulton.com 📍

ROCKPORT: March 11-12 Spring Art Fair Shop artist booths, visit with artists and fellow collectors, and witness demonstrations to learn about mediums and techniques. Galleries and art collectives also show works for acquisition. *Rockport Conference Center*, 106 S. Austin St. 361-450-8022; rockportartcenter.com/spring-art-fair 📍

ROCKPORT: March 17-18 Crawfish Cookoff and Tasting This fourth annual event attracts 10,000 attendees and serves approximately 20,000 pounds of crawfish. Feast on food and beverages while enjoying music, vendors, and eating contests. *Rockport Festival Grounds*, 1204 E. Market St. rockport-fulton.org/annual-events

ROCKPORT-FULTON: March 17-19 Market Days Every third weekend of the

month, enjoy live music, peruse the goods of over 100 vendors and resellers, and taste dishes from over a dozen food trucks and vendors. *Rockport Festival Grounds*, 100 Seabreeze Drive. 361-463-0125; acmtexas.com/rockport-fulton-market-days 📍

ROCKPORT-FULTON: March 30 Taste of Rockport-Fulton The Rockport Rotary Club presents this showcase for several fine restaurants and caterers of the area. Along with great food, the event has live and silent auctions and other festivities. *Fulton Convention Center*, 402 N. Fulton Beach Road. tasteofrockport-fulton.com 📍

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: March 25 SPI Triathlon The South Padre Island Triathlon offers a race for seasoned athletes or first-timers, with Olympic and sprint distance courses. The race features an open-water swim and a bike course up the South Padre Island strip. The run portion loops back to Parrot Eyes, and a transition area location is accessible for spectators to cheer on the triathletes. *Parrot Eyes*, 5801 Padre Blvd. 877-806-3987; sopadre.com 📍

SPRING: March 25 The StepCrew The StepCrew's new show features three exhilarating dance forms: Ottawa Valley step



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SUGAR LAND: March 11, April 8, May 13

Heritage Hike This monthly historic walking tour takes visitors back to the time when Sugar Land was a company town, with virtually all enterprises managed by the Imperial Sugar Company or its affiliate, Sugarland Industries. Tours start at the museum. *Sugar Land Heritage Museum and Visitor Center*, 198 Kempner St. 281-275-2030; slheritage.org

SUGAR LAND: March 16-18 Banana Ball

World Tour The Savannah Bananas (known as the “World Famous Baseball Circus”) have been featured on ESPN and CNN and in the *Wall Street Journal* and *Sports Illustrated*. They play the Party Animals, a team created to compete at a high level in a fun, circus-style atmosphere. *Constellation Field*, 1 Stadium Drive. 281-240-4487; thesavannahbananas.com 📍

SUGAR LAND: March 25 International

Art and Kite Festival This festival honors culture and community through art, music, dancing, and food. Kite flying, art car showings, and cultural performances are just some of the highlights. *Brazos River Park*, 18427 Southwest Freeway. 281-275-2825; sugarlandtx.gov/437/special-events 📍

SUGAR LAND: March 27 Astros-Space Cowboys Exhibition Game

The Space Cowboys host the Houston Astros for a spring training exhibition game at Constellation Field, which is the World Series champs first-ever appearance in Sugar Land. *Constellation Field*, 1 Stadium Drive. 281-240-4487; milb.com/sugar-land/schedule/2023-03 📍

SURFSIDE BEACH: March 11 St. Patrick's Day Parade

One of the oldest traditions held at Surfside Beach, this annual event includes a parade with a route that goes partly along the beach, free beads and candy thrown from the floats, costume contests, a social, fundraisers, and a reenactment of the Battle of Fort Velasco. *Surfside Beach City Hall*, 1304 Monument Drive. 979-233-1531; beachblarney.com 📍

SURFSIDE BEACH: March 26 Market in the Park

Choose a variety of fresh foods and other goods from various vendors in Surfside Beach. *Bird and Butterfly Trail*, 418 Parkview Road. 979-233-1531; visitsurfsidebeachtx.org 📍

VICTORIA: March 4-5 Alice in Wonderland

Follow Alice down the rabbit hole in

this exuberant new ballet inspired by the much-loved book. The audience is transported to a world of wonder as the dancers journey through the madcap world of Lewis Carroll. *Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts*, 214 N. Main St. 361-485-8540; victoriaballet.org 📍

VICTORIA: March 10 Gary Morris in Concert

The performer, who appears on his farewell tour, has had more than 25 singles on the Billboard Country charts, including five No. 1 hits. He has performed for the late Queen Elizabeth II and on Broadway. *Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts*, 214 N. Main St. 361-485-8540; weldercenter.org 📍

WEST COLUMBIA: March 18 Market Day at Varner-Hogg

Load up the kids, grab your canvas bags, and head to Varner-Hogg State Historic Site for a day of shopping and supporting local small business owners. There's free admission to the site during market hours. *Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site*, 1702 N. 13th St. 979-345-4656; visitvarnerhoggplantation.com 📍

HILL COUNTRY

AUSTIN: Through July 23 Day Jobs

The first major exhibition to examine the overlooked impact of day jobs on the visual arts, *Day Jobs* is dedicated to demystifying artistic production and upending the myth of the artist sequestered in the studio, waiting for inspiration to strike. The exhibition includes approximately 75 works in a broad range of media by emerging and established artists. *Blanton Museum of Art*, 200 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. 512-471-5482; blantonmuseum.org 📍

AUSTIN: March 10-19 South by Southwest

Every spring, crowds descend on downtown Austin to experience the world-renowned SXSW conference and festivals. Consisting of three main components—Interactive, Music, and Film—the exciting 10-day event brings top creatives and global professionals together to collaborate and share ideas. *Austin Convention Center and Downtown*, 500 E. Cesar Chavez St. 512-404-4000; sxsw.com 📍

AUSTIN: March 14-May 9 Tuesday Twilights

The Wildflower Center stays open late Tuesday nights. Make it a date night, a picnic with friends, or a time for some solo solace in nature. Each evening features live music from local musicians, a rolling lineup of Austin's favorite food trucks, and take-and-walk adult beverages available for purchase. *Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center*, 4801 La Crosse Ave. 512-232-0100; wildflower.org 📍

AUSTIN: March 23–April 8 Vincent See the life story of painter Vincent Van Gogh from the perspective of his brother, Theo. Based on actual letters between the pair, this intimate play goes beyond the biography of Van Gogh's life, revealing a story of inspiration, courage, passion, and the lust for life that art kindles in all of us. *Ground Floor Theatre*, 979 Springdale Road, Suite 122. 512-850-4849; penfoldtheatre.org 📍

BANDERA: March 4–May 27 Cowboys on Main On Saturdays, find cowboy fun in downtown Bandera with activities that can include chuckwagon storytelling, hopping on a saddle-broke longhorn, or a tour of Bandera in a horse-drawn wagon. Gun-fighter reenactment shows take place twice a day. 500 Main St. 210-218-7935; banderabusiness.com 📍

BANDERA: March 7–11 Fiber and Arts Week Celebrating Texas wool, mohair, and alpaca, Bandera Fiber and Arts Week offers shearing days, classes, vendors, a field trip, and other activities. *The Sheep Walk Ranch*, 5305 SH 173 North. 949-400-4225; banderafiberandarts.com 📍

BANDERA: March 7 Market Day This arts and crafts vendor market is set up along Main Street and runs from morning till late afternoon. 500 Main St. 210-218-7935; banderabusiness.com 📍

BANDERA: March 10–11 Fiber and Arts Festival This festival is the capstone of the Bandera Fiber and Arts Week, with live music and vendors. *The Sheep Walk Ranch*, 5305 SH 173 North. 949-400-4225; banderafiberandarts.com 📍

BANDERA: March 16, April 20, May 18 Third Thursday Cowboy Camp with Lew Peterbaugh Bring your guitar to play along, or simply come to listen. Pickers who play cowboy, Texas, or Western swing music are welcome to sit in. *Bandera Beverage Barn*, 1407 SH 16 North. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com 📍

BANDERA: March 18 Ham Rodeo The Bandera Wranglers, an all-volunteer non-profit, hosts this annual rodeo that features vendors, wild hogs, barbecue, a concert, and interactive activities. *Mansfield Park*, 2886 SH 16 North. 830-460-3756; facebook.com/events/325724846434126 📍

BANDERA: March 23–26 Thunder in the Hill Country Come celebrate the 21st annual event that consists of tent camping, a poker run, vendors, food, field events, music all day Friday and Saturday, a bike show, tattoo contest, and other activities. *Mansfield Park*, 2886 SH 16 North. 409-655-8800; bikerralliesoftexas.com 📍



BANDERA: March 25 Ranching Heritage Day Learn about and experience some of the many facets of ranching history and culture by visiting with exhibitors, making crafts, playing games, and watching demonstrations. *Hill Country State Natural Area*, 10600 Bandera Creek Road. 830-796-4413; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/hill-country

BANDERA: March 26 Frontier Times Fourth Sunday Jamboree The Frontier Times Museum presents this jamboree on the fourth Sunday of each month. The event includes live music, storytelling, and fun for all ages. *Frontier Times Museum*, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; frontiertimesmuseum.org 📍



BEND: March 18 White Bass Run at the Bend For generations, families have cast their lines for white bass during the annual spawning run. Find out what the “lure” is all about. Both kids and adults can learn basic fishing skills before hitting the water. There is also a 1-mile Tot Trot for children 12 and under. *Colorado Bend State Park*, 1201 Colorado Park Road. 325-628-3240; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/colorado-bend

BLANCO: March 18 Market Day Shop from about 70 vendors offering homemade crafts, apparel, home décor, plants, baked goods, art, embroidery and crocheted items, and jewelry. Food vendors are on site, and live music fills the air. *Old Blanco Courthouse*, 300 Main St. 830-833-2211; historicblanco.org/market-day 📍

BOERNE: March 11, 25; April 8, 22; May 13, 27 Bluegrass Jam at the AgriCultural Bring your instrument and play along or just come to listen to the Bluegrass Jam. *The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center*, 102 City Park Road. 210-445-1080; theagricultural.org/bluegrass-jams 📍

BOERNE: March 11, 25; April 8, 22; May 13, 27 Kuhlmann-King Museum Tour and Programs The Kuhlmann-King house gives the public the opportunity to step back in time to see what a historic Boerne home looked like “way back when.” Monthly events and themes vary. *Kuhlmann-King Museum*, 402 E. Blanco Road. 210-275-8301; facebook.com/kuhlmannkinghouse

BOERNE: March 11–12, April 8–9, May 13–14 Market Days Hundreds of festive booths display everything from collectibles and remembrances of the past to modern innovations that bring a smile of wonder to those who stroll past. *Main Plaza*, 100 N. Main St. 210-844-8193; boernemarketdays.com/boerne.html 📍



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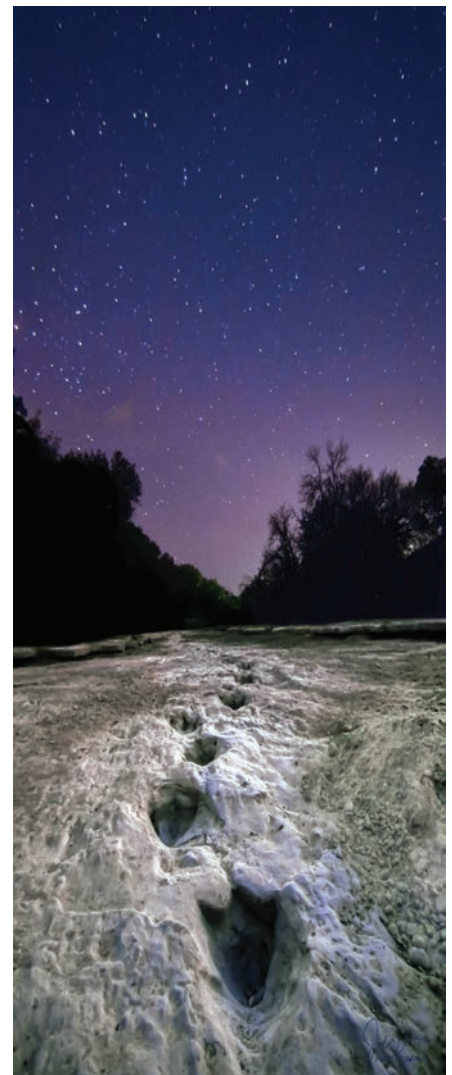


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BOERNE: March 18 Music in the Cave: Spring Equinox Enjoy an evening of contemporary acoustic music, soaring vocal harmonies, and a percussive tribal/world-beat vibe performed on a mix of ancient and modern instruments, all focused on the theme of the Spring Equinox as a time of rebirth and renewed energy. *Cave Without a Name Throne Room, 325 Kreuzberg Road. 830-537-4212; cavewithoutaname.com*

BOERNE: March 24 The Peking Acrobats Boerne Performing Arts presents The Peking Acrobats in an all-new production. They are joined by members of the Shanghai Circus and perform daring acrobatics with grace, strength, and skill. *Boerne Champion Auditorium, 201 Charger Blvd. 830-331-9079; boerneperformingarts.com* 📍

BURNET: March 25 Hill Country Lawn and Garden Show Shop for plants of all kinds including native species, vegetables, and flowers. Artisans offer their unique treasures, and there are kids' activities, food, and gardening demonstrations. *Burnet County AgriLife Auditorium, 607 N. Vandever St. 512-756-3059; burnetcountyhighlandlakesmastergardener.org* 📍

CEDAR PARK: March 2 Kevin Fowler and Roger Creager in Concert Texas country artists Kevin Fowler and Roger Creager perform their hits. Fowler is known for songs such as "Hard Man to Love" and "100% Texan," while Creager is known for "The Everclear Song" and "Long Way to Mexico." *Haute Spot, 1501 E. New Hope Drive. 512-986-7411; haute-spot.live*

CEDAR PARK: March 11 Ray Wylie Hubbard in Concert Country singer Ray Wylie Hubbard is famous for his hits "Redneck Mother," "Snake Farm," and "Choctaw Bingo." *Haute Spot, 1501 E. New Hope Drive. 512-986-7411; haute-spot.live* 📍

CEDAR PARK: March 24 The Gatlin Brothers in Concert Dazzling audiences for more than 65 years, the trio has won a Grammy for Best Country Song ("Broken Lady"), three Academy of Country Music awards for Single of the Year ("All the Gold in California"), Album of the Year ("Straight Ahead"), and Male Vocalist of the Year for Larry Gatlin. *Haute Spot, 1501 E. New Hope Drive. 512-986-7411; haute-spot.live*

DRIPPING SPRINGS: March 25 Brewers Festival The festival features several of the Hill Country region's top craft beers and

brewers. Additional highlights include live music plus a variety of food options and a keepsake plastic mug. *311 Old Fitzhugh Road. 512-858-4740; destinationdripping-springs.com*



100 YEARS

FREDERICKSBURG: March 2 Enchanted Rock 45th Birthday Celebration Marking 45 years since

Enchanted Rock became a State Natural Area, this is one of the many 100-anniversary celebrations for Texas State Parks this year. Festivities include a fair showcasing different activities such as backyard bass fishing and birding. *Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, Ranch Road 965. tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/enchanted-rock* 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: March 3-5 Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Musical Fredericksburg Theater Company presents this performance by Texas Repertory Theatre of *Tenderly*, a personal and poignant portrait of the woman whose unparalleled talent and unbridled personality made her an American musical legend. *Steve W. Shepherd Theater, 1668 US 87 South. 888-669-7114; fredericksburgtheater.org* 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: March 13-18 Spring Break at the Pioneer Museum The museum grounds are full of family fun with living history demonstrations that include tomahawk throwing, chuckwagon cooking, cornhusk doll-making, butter churning, pioneer laundry, frontier songs, and games. *Pioneer Museum, 325 W. Main St. 830-990-8441; pioneermuseum.org* 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: March 17-19 Trade Days Shop more than 350 vendors in seven barns and acres of antiques, collectibles, tools, crafts, shabby chic, primitives, ranch furniture, hunting accessories, candles, unique clothing, jewelry, food, and other items. *Fredericksburg Trade Days, 355 Sunday Farms Lane. 210-846-4094; fbgradedays.com* 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: March 18 Hill Country Indian Artifact Show Featuring some of the finest Native American artifacts from Texas and the United States, the show includes arrowheads, pottery, beads, cases, and books. *Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park, 432 Lady Bird Drive. 830-329-2636; hillcountryindianartifacts.com* 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: March 18 Mud Dauber Festival and Chili Cookoff Named in honor of the pesky insect, this open chili cookoff and live music festival shows why Luckenbach has some of the best mud in the universe. *Luckenbach Texas, 412 Luckenbach Town Loop. luckenbachtexas.com, visitfredericksburgtx.com* 📍

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FREDERICKSBURG: March 19 Rob Landes in Concert Fredericksburg Music Club presents Rob Landes, widely known as a pianist, organist, harpist, arranger, conductor, and published composer. *Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, 1800 N. Llano St.* fredericksburgmusicclub.com 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: March 25 Wanderlust Run Participate in a half marathon, 10K, or 5K through the Hill Country. Half marathon runners get to tackle the famous Crabapple Road, which has great views and rolling hills in one large loop. All runners start at Marktplatz in the heart of Fredericksburg. *Marktplatz Square, 126 W. Main St.* 210-849-8275; scallywompus.com

FREDERICKSBURG: March 27-April 21 Texas Hill Country Wineries' Wine and Wildflower Journey Get tickets online to receive full complimentary tastings and wine discounts at dozens of participating wineries on this self-guided tour. *Various locations.* texaswinetrail.com 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: March 31-April 2 Texas Vintage Motorcycle Fandango Known as the "best little vintage bike event in Texas," the Texas Fandango is a vintage swap meet and bike show with vintage races all rolled into one fun-packed weekend. *Gillespie County Fairgrounds, 530 Fair Drive.* thetexasfandango.com 📍

JOHNSON CITY: March 25-27 Market Days Held the fourth weekend of the month, this open-air market features vendors and artisans selling handmade or locally produced products in the heart of Texas wine country. *City Park, US 290 West between Nugent Street and Avenue G.* 830-868-7684; johnsoncitytexas.info

KERRVILLE: March 4 Classical Music Festival The Hill Country Chorale, an entity of the Hill Country Vocal Arts Society, presents its Classical Music Festival. *First Presbyterian Church, 800 Jefferson St.* 830-321-0303; hillcountrychorale.org 📍

KERRVILLE: March 4 Hill Country Cluster of Dogs Show Almost 700 dogs compete in different classes at this free and family-friendly event that also has vendors and food trucks. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27.* 210-725-0661; onofrio.com 📍

KERRVILLE: March 5 Kerr County Market Days and Hill Country Swap Meet Market Days features artists and crafters bringing their own original handcrafted items. Hill Country Swap Meet is a community garage sale/flea market. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27.* 830-459-6198; kerrmarketdays.org 📍

KERRVILLE: March 9-April 8 Art Exhibits Tuesday through Saturday, visit the Kerr Arts and Cultural Center for three art exhibits: *Tierra Linda Ranch and the Texas Hill Country* by photographer SJ Derby, *Road Trip: One Woman Show* by Catherine Mas-saro, and *The World of NONS: Spatial/Surreal Environs* with the art of H.C. "Hardy" Lewis, featuring Sadie Roselle. An artists reception takes place March 18. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St.* 830-895-2911; kackkerrville.com 📍

KERRVILLE: March 17-19, 24-26, 31; April 1-2 On Golden Pond The classic American comedic drama is every bit as touching, warm, and witty today as it was when it debuted off-Broadway in 1978. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road.* 830-367-5121; hcaf.com 📍

KERRVILLE: March 24-April 21 Spring Bling: Fiber and Jewelry Show This exhibit features fiber art and jewelry by artists from across Texas. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road.* 830-367-5121; hcaf.com 📍

KERRVILLE: March 25 Disc Golf Tournament Kerrville Parks and Recreation Department and Schreiner University host this

competitive morning with 18 holes of disc golf. *Kerrville-Schreiner Park, 2385 Bandera Highway.* 830-257-7300; kerrvilletx.gov

KERRVILLE: March 25 VIVA Trio This internationally touring trio of sopranos offers a cross between classical and pop music, with vocal fireworks, a charismatic stage presence, lush harmonies, designer gowns, and music that promises to enchant audiences. *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St.* 830-896-9393; caillouxperformingarts.com 📍

KERRVILLE: March 31 A Conversation with the Actors of Napoleon Dynamite Jon Heder, Efen Ramirez, and Jon Gries, the actors who played Napoleon Dynamite, Pedro, and Uncle Rico, discuss the cult classic at this screening, which includes a special meet-and-greet. *The Arcadia Live Theater, 717 Water St.* 830-315-5483; thearcadialive.org 📍

KERRVILLE: March 31 Camerata San Antonio in Concert Grammy-nominated Camerata San Antonio is a flexible classical chamber music ensemble that performs in San Antonio and the surrounding Hill Country. This performance, titled "Quartets," features Mozart's String Quartet in A Major, K. 464; Bacewicz's String



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KERRVILLE: March 31, April 28 Concerts by the River Pack your lawn chairs and picnic blankets and come to the park to enjoy free concerts along the banks of the beautiful Guadalupe River. *Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Drive. 830-257-7300; kerrvilletx.gov* 📍

LLANO: March 24-26 Earth Art Fest More than 6,000 people come out each year to the banks of the Llano River for Llano Earth Art Fest—home of the World Rock Stacking Championships. Try your hand at stacking rocks to create rock art in and along the Llano River. For kids there are activities such as face painting, a fashion circus, and rock painting. Adults can enjoy live music, a cold beer, and workshops. *Grenwelge Park, 199 E. Haynie St. 512-507-4486; llanoearthartfest.org*

LLANO: March 31-April 1 Llano River Chuckwagon Cookoff Every year since 2005, a group of chuckwagon enthusiasts have gotten together on the banks of the Llano River and gone back to when the West was settled. Each wagon serves a meal of chicken-fried steak, potatoes, beans, bread, and a dessert. Enthusiasts use traditional cooking methods, wear period dress, and engage in neighborly fun as they compete in a number of categories. *Badu Park, 300 W. Legion Drive. 325-247-5354; llanochuckwagoncookoff.com*

LOMETA: March 24-25 Diamondback Jubilee The Lometa Diamondback Jubilee is full of fun with a carnival, chili cookoff, food vendors, cornhole tournament, rodeo, live bands, and of course, snakes and snake weigh-ins. *Lometa Regional Park, 15115 US 183. 512-556-5172; lometalionsclub.org* 📍

NEW BRAUNFELS: March 2 Texas Independence Day Celebration Mark the 187th anniversary of Texas independence at this Texas-size party with special offers and live music. *Gruene Historic District, 1601 Hunter Road. 830-629-5077; gruenetexas.com* 📍

NEW BRAUNFELS: March 3-May 26 Friday Afternoon Club at Gruene Hall This Gruene Hall tradition, now in its 25th year, is where hipsters, oldsters, suits, locals, and drifters mix it up to start their weekend. The quintessential Friday happy hour offers great beer prices, prize giveaways, and the best in Texas tunes broadcast live by KNBT 92.1 FM Radio New Braunfels. *Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. 830-606-1281; gruenehall.com* 📍

NEW BRAUNFELS: March 4 Kinder-schuhe 5K Run and Walk The proceeds for this 5K run and walk help Communities In Schools purchase shoes for schoolchildren from low-income families. The event is open to participants of all ages. *Gruene Historic District, 1601 Hunter Road. 830-629-8454; nbu5k.com* 📍

NEW BRAUNFELS: March 14 Two Ton Tuesdays Spring Break Show If you haven't felt the energy of Two Tons live, grab your dancing partner and get ready for a rockin' night. The band takes the stage at 8:30 p.m. *Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. 830-606-1281; gruenehall.com* 📍

NEW BRAUNFELS: March 16 Come and Taste It: Meet Texas' Best Winemakers On the third Thursday of each month (except January), come to The Grapevine and taste some of Texas' best wines and craft beer straight from the winemakers and brewers. This monthly event features complimentary tastings and live music in the heart of Gruene Historic District. *The Grapevine, 1612 Hunter Road. 830-606-0093; grapevineingruene.com* 📍

NEW BRAUNFELS: March 18-19; April 15-16; May 20-21 Old Gruene Market Days Nearly 100 vendors offer uniquely crafted items and packaged Texas foods at this monthly market. *Gruene Historic District, 1724 Hunter Road. 830-832-1721; gruenemarketdays.com* 📍

NEW BRAUNFELS: March 25 Hayes Carll in Concert Influenced by artists like John Prine, Tom Waits, and Randy Travis, Hayes Carll has been nominated for two Americana Music Awards and a Grammy for Best Country Song and has won multiple Austin Music Awards. *Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. 830-606-1281; gruenehall.com* 📍

SABINAL: March 25-26 Wild Hog Festival and Craft Fair Witness a wild hog chase, admire the creativity at the arts and crafts fair, and enjoy games, rides, and a variety of ethnic and local foods. *Sabinal City Park, 1000 block of North Center Street, adjacent to Yellowjacket Football Stadium. sabinalwildhogfestival.com*

SAN MARCOS: March 4 Middleton Brewing 5K Beer Run The Middleton Brewing 5K Beer Run starts and finishes at Middleton Brewing Company and runs the rural streets of Oakwood Loop near the brewery. Participation ends with a tasting, finisher glass, and shirt. *Middleton Brewing, 101 Oakwood Loop. runintexas.com/middleton*

SAN MARCOS: March 11 Art Squared Arts Market This juried arts and fine crafts market brings the best local artists together in

one place. Find great art of all kinds, live music, a kids' arts and crafts booth, and art demonstrations. *Hays County Historic Courthouse Lawn, 111 E. San Antonio St. 512-679-5059; artsquaredmarket.com* 📍

SPRING BRANCH: March 23 Sporting Clay Shoot Test your clay-shooting skills at the challenging 15-station course at the Good Bull Ranch. *8415 FM 311. 830-438-4285; bulverdespringbranchchamber.com* 📍



SPRING BRANCH: March 25 Pollinators and Parks Celebrate 100 years of state parks in Texas with a special version of the annual Monarch and Friends Pollinator Fiesta.

Join the celebration as the monarchs return from Mexico. Learn why monarchs, along with other pollinators, are an integral part of the interactions that take place in nature. *Guadalupe River State Park, 3350 Park Road 31. 830-438-2656; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/guadalupe-river*

WIMBERLEY: March 5 Market Days The first Saturday of the month, stroll around a total of 20 acres and enjoy 10 concession stands, live music, and over 450 vendor booths. *Lions Field, 601 FM 2325. 512-847-2201; wimberleymarketday.com*

PANHANDLE PLAINS

AMARILLO: March 2-5 These Shining Lives This play, based on the book *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore, hits the stage of the Amarillo Little Theatre, one of the nation's oldest-running community theaters. *Amarillo Little Theatre, Allen Shankles Mainstage, 2019 Civic Circle. 806-355-9991; amarillolittletheatre.org* 📍

AMARILLO: March 10-12 Western Antiques and Collectibles Show At the longest-running Western merchandise show and auction in America, visitors and vendors buy, sell, and trade Western items such as spurs; saddles; chaps; Native American beadwork, baskets, and rugs; antique firearms; leather goods; ranch décor; old photos; and modern objects. *Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza, 401 S. Buchanan St. 806-378-4297; amarillociviccenter.com* 📍

AMARILLO: March 11-12 Texas Gun and Knife Show The show is hosted by the Texas Gun and Knife Association. Vendors display guns, knives, and ammo in a safe environment. *Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St. 806-378-4297; amarillociviccenter.com* 📍

AMARILLO: March 16-19 Disney on Ice: Let's Celebrate Your favorite Disney characters return to Amarillo for Disney On Ice's

Let's Celebrate, which features 14 classic and modern Disney stories in one production. *Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St. 806-378-4297; amarillociviccenter.com* 📍

AMARILLO: March 24-25 Amarillo Symphony Concert The symphony presents a performance of *Carmina Burana* featuring the Amarillo Master Chorale. The show also includes performances of Mozart's *Ave Verum Corpus* and the overture to the composer's opera *Marriage of Figaro*. *Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts, 500 S. Buchanan St. 806-376-8782; amarillosymphony.org* 📍

JACKSBORO: March 25 Eats and Treats Farmers Market Vendors set up along the courthouse lawn to sell homemade soaps, fresh vegetables, canned goods, clothing, homemade dog treats, frozen beef and pork, knickknacks, and desserts. The market is held every fourth Saturday from March through October. *Jack County Courthouse, 100 N. Main St. 940-567-2602; jacksborochamber.com* 📍

LEVELLAND: March 24-April 1 ABC Pro Rodeo Whether it's your first rodeo or not, you'll love watching these rodeo feats including saddle bronc, bareback, steer wrestling, calf roping, team roping, barrel racing, bull riding, mutton bustin', and free-style bullfighting. *Mallet Event Center, 2320 US 385 South. 806-777-1510; abcrodeo.com*

LUBBOCK: March 4 Legally Blonde: The Musical Based on the movie, this upbeat musical takes you on a journey of self discovery from the sorority house to the halls of justice. *The Buddy Holly Hall of Performing Arts and Sciences, 1300 Mac Davis Lane. 806-792-8339; buddyhollyhall.com* 📍

MINERAL WELLS: March 25 Pedal, Paddle, and Trek This event, hosted by the Friends of Lake Mineral Wells State Park and Trailway, includes guided hikes, bike rides, and horseback rides on trails in the park and along the trailway. Walk, paddle, or cycle through the Cross Timbers eco-region of Texas. *Lake Mineral Wells State Park and Trailway, 100 Park Road 71. 940-328-1957; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-mineral-wells*

SAN ANGELO: Through Aug. 1 Salmon Sculpture Competition in Memory of Pam Salmon Hosted by the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, the seventh biennial competition features a dozen sculptures created by sculptors from across the country and chosen by juror Emily Wilkin-son, director for public art at Texas Tech University System. *Sunken Garden Park,*



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SAN ANGELO: Through April 9 Permanent Collection and Orna Feinstein and Otto McKay Exhibits San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts presents an exhibit showing a wide array of works from the museum's permanent collection along with pieces by artists Orna Feinstein and Otto McKay. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St.* 325-653-3333; samfa.org 📍



SAN ANGELO: March 18 Texas State Parks 100-Year Celebration Come to the park and celebrate the 100-year anniversary of Texas State Parks. Events and activities include archery, wildlife viewing, birding, a guided hike, longhorn and bison viewing, canoes for paddling on the lake, fishing with a ranger, biking on the trails, and horseback riding. *San Angelo State Park, 362 S. FM 2288.* 325-947-2687; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/san-angelo

WICHITA FALLS: Through May 14 Sculpture Garden Exhibit Each year, 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. This year's juror is Dewane Hughes, associate professor of sculpture at the University of Texas at Tyler. *Kemp Center for the Arts, 1300 Lamar St.* 940-767-2787; artscouncilwf.org

PINEY WOODS

GLADEWATER: Through Dec. 31 Sesquicentennial Celebration Visit the historic streets of Gladewater during 2023. Each month, a special event takes place in different locations across the town, including a "Night at the Museum" and lakeside festivities. *Various locations, 116 E. Commerce Ave.* 903-845-5501; gladewater150.com 📍

HUNTSVILLE: Through March 12 12 Plus One: Black History Month Exhibit This exhibition reveals the museum's ongoing research about the 12 enslaved individuals listed on Sam Houston's probate inventory in 1863, plus one who was not listed. *Sam Houston Memorial Museum and Republic of Texas Presidential Library, 1836 Sam Houston Ave.* 936-294-1832; samhoustonmemorialmuseum.com 📍

HUNTSVILLE: March 2 Texas Independence Day and Sam Houston's Birthday Celebration Mark these historic occasions with a coffee reception at the Gibbs-Powell

House at the Walker County Museum and a gravesite ceremony honoring "the father of Texas" at Oakwood Cemetery, plus music, speakers, the "baptized Texan" ceremony for new residents, and a luncheon hosted by the Walker County Historical Commission. *Various locations.* 936-291-9726; huntsvilletexas.com 📍

HUNTSVILLE: March 11-12 Rusty Chippy Repurpose Show From antiques to vintage garden ideas, jewelry, and handcrafted items to painted furniture and demonstrations by artists—learn how to make over your own treasures using a few new ideas. *Walker County Fairgrounds, 3925 SH 30 West.* 936-661-2545; huntsvilleantiqueshow.com 📍



HUNTSVILLE: March 13-17 Spring Break Recreation Spend spring break at Huntsville State Park, with five days of fishing, geocaching, birdwatching, hiking, campfires, and other activities. Whether you are an avid outdoor recreationist or wanting to try something for the first time, this week is your opportunity. *Huntsville State Park, 565 Park Road 40 West.* 936-295-5644; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/huntsville

JEFFERSON: May 6 Pilgrimage Express Train Hop aboard the locomotive and enjoy the special train narration commemorating the Jessie Allen Wise Garden Club's Jefferson Pilgrimage, an annual historic homes tour. The ride offers views of the wildlife and wetlands along the Big Cypress Bayou and a stop at the alligator pit (weather permitting). *Historic Jefferson Railway, 400 E. Austin St.* 903-742-2041; jeffersonrailway.com or diamonddonempire.com 📍

JEFFERSON: March 15 St. Patrick's Day Express Train Celebrate the holiday aboard the St. Patrick's Day Express. The historic depot is decked out in green, and the train ride includes a stop at the Diamond Don Gator Pit for alligator feeding (weather permitting). *Historic Jefferson Railway, 400 E. Austin St.* 866-398-2038; jeffersonrailway.com 📍

JEFFERSON: March 18-19 Medieval Wine Fair Find wine, chivalry, romance, and merriment at this event in downtown historic Jefferson. Enjoy beer, mead, live music, food, and a costume contest. *Knightlight Tavern Olde World Restaurant, 202 N. Walnut St.* 903-665-8546; knightlighttheater.com 📍

JEFFERSON: March 31-April 1 City-Wide Rummage Sale Homeowners around town go through their closets and storerooms

and bring out treasures to sell. Local businesses participate as well. You might find that perfect item you have had your eye on for sale on this weekend. *Various locations. 903-665-2672; visitjeffersontexas.com*

JEFFERSON: March 31-April 1 Miata Madness This annual event is open to Mazda Miata owners and held at the 100 block of East Austin Street. On Saturday, the Show 'n' Shine kicks off in the morning. The car show is open to spectators at no charge. *Downtown, 100 E. Austin St. 903-665-3733; visitjeffersontexas.com* 📍

LIBERTY: March 24-25 Jubilee Have fun with the family at this outdoor festival that has arts and crafts, food, music, entertainment, a barbecue cookoff, carnival, photo contest, book sale, and car show. *Downtown, 1829 Sam Houston St. 936-336-3684; cityofliberty.org* 📍

LIVINGSTON: March 11 Frontier Day On this special Frontier Day, programs focus on the lives of the pioneers who explored and settled Texas. Topics range from primitive fire-starting methods to Dutch oven cooking to products of the pine industry. *Lake Livingston State Park, 300 State Park Road*

65. 936-365-2201; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-livingston

LONGVIEW: March 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27 Spring Concert Series: Roots in the Gardens Bring a lawn chair or blanket to the Longview Arboretum and Nature Center for the spring concert series, held in the gardens on Thursday evenings. The lineup featuring bands playing a mix of music genres and includes Galaxy, the Usual Suspects, Flashbacks, Probable Cause Band, and Tuxedo Cats. *Longview Arboretum and Nature Center, 706 W. Cotton St. 903-212-2181; longviewarboretum.org*

PALESTINE: March 17-April 2 Dogwood Trails Celebration Enjoy the delicate beauty of the dogwood trees in Davey Dogwood Park the last two weeks in March and first week in April. Activities scheduled each weekend complement the celebration, including a festival the first weekend. Stop at Palestine Visitor Center for venues and maps. *Davey Dogwood Park and surrounding forest trails, 825 W. Spring St. 903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com*

PALESTINE: March 17-April 30 Fairy Garden Trail There's more to explore in Davey Dogwood Park this spring—the 5.5

miles of driving trails provide beautiful views, but park the car and see how many of the hidden fairy gardens you can find on the trail. *Davey Dogwood Park, 4205 N. Link St. 903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com*

PALESTINE: March 18 Boston Porter Memorial Bull Riding Enjoy a kids' rodeo in the afternoon and the bull-riding event in the evening. Organizers are matching some of the country's top-ranked bulls with the best pro bull riders. *Anderson County Youth Livestock Pavilion, 750 SH 287 North. 903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com*

PALESTINE: March 18-25 Dogwood Lunch Train Passengers aboard the Dogwood Lunch Train get to savor the flavor and sights of East Texas with a delicious meal at the Rusk Rail Depot and have a front-row seat for the Dogwood Days springtime show during the journey. The luminous white dogwoods and pink redbud blooms light up the East Texas woods as the radiant blossoms and Piney Woods scenery pass by. *Texas State Railroad Palestine Depot, 789 Park Road 70. 855-632-7729; texasstaterailroad.net*

PALESTINE: March 18 Dogwood Trails Festival For over 80 years, Palestine has

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celebrated the Dogwood Trails Festival. This event in downtown and Old Town Palestine offers a parade, craft and novelty vendors, food vendors, art galleries, street entertainment, and live music. *Downtown and Old Town Palestine, 825 W. Spring St. 903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com*

PALESTINE: March 18 Stained Glass Tour Visit some of Palestine's historic churches and see beautiful windows and glasswork. Participating churches on the tour include Sacred Heart Catholic, St. Phillip's Episcopal Church, First Christian Church, and First Presbyterian. *Various locations. 903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com* 📍

PALESTINE: March 23-25 Old-Time Music and Dulcimer Festival This festival offers workshops in the morning, but the afternoons are free for jamming. If you just want to listen, the jams are throughout the building. Hear autoharps, old-time fiddlers, or a slow mountain dulcimer jam for beginners. Concerts take place in the afternoons and evenings. *First Baptist Church of Palestine, 5700 Loop 256. 903-723-3014; oldpalmusic.com* 📍

PALESTINE: March 24-April 2 Clue the Musical Based on the 1985 movie, *Clue* is a

hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The tale begins at a remote mansion, with six mysterious guests assembled for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When the host turns up dead, they all become suspects. *The Historic Texas Theatre, 213 E. Crawford St. 903-724-4385; thetexasheater.com* 📍

PALESTINE: March 24-26 Dogwood Fly-In Fair Shop for arts, crafts, antiques, military items, and collectibles, as well as take a plane ride, visit a gun show, and enjoy a cookoff. *Palestine Municipal Airport, 1278 CR 421. 817-929-1816; whipfarmproductions.com* 📍

PALESTINE: March 25 Dogwood Jambo-ree Be entertained at this Branson-style show that features classic country music and comedy. *Palestine High School Auditorium, 1600 Loop 256. 903-729-7080; dogwoodjamboree* 📍

TYLER: March 2 Trinity Irish Dance Company Rooted in tradition yet always looking ahead, this company dazzles with hard-driving percussive power and aerial grace while celebrating the fusion of vibrant Irish traditions and ever-evolving American innovation. *UT Tyler Cowan Cen-*

ter, 3900 University Blvd., FAC 1120.

903-566-7424; cowancenter.org 📍

TYLER: March 22 Annie Little orphan Annie has reminded generations of the-atergoers that sunshine is always right around the corner, and now the best-loved musical of all time is set to return in a new production. *UT Tyler Cowan Center, 3900 University Blvd., FAC 1120. 903-566-7424; cowancenter.org* 📍

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

AQUILLA: March 11-12 Southwestern Regional Rendezvous Go back in time to the early 1800s as reenactors dressed in period costumes demonstrate activities that were common during this era. *Deadhorse Creek, 248 FM 1133. 931-261-0705; facebook.com/southwesternrendezvous* 📍

ARLINGTON: March 16 Symphony Arlington Concert Bassoonist Anthony Adario plays a concert featuring Mozart's "Bassoon Concerto," Ravel's "Mother Goose," Mahler's "Blumine," and Butterworth's "The Banks of Green Willow." *Arlington Music Hall, 224 N. Center St. 817-385-0484; symphonyarlington.org* 📍

ARLINGTON: March 25 Texas Indie Filmmaker Awards Show This awards show, created with independent artists in mind, acknowledges the hard work they pour into their projects and provides opportunities and exposure to the talent behind the industry. *Hilton Hotel Grand Ballroom, 2401 E. Lamar Blvd. 678-956-5438; ladiesinfilm.com/award-show* 📍

BASTROP: March 3 First Friday Artwalk Experience Bastrop's art and culture scene on the first Friday of every month with local artists featured at various downtown locations and interactive experiences along the way. Many stops offer light snacks and beverages. Live music spills out into the streets. *Main Street Bastrop, Main Street. 512-332-8993; visitbastrop.com* 📍

BASTROP: March 10-26 Addams Family the Musical Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, falls in love with a young man from a respectable family. Everything changes for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's normal boyfriend and his parents. *Bastrop Opera House, 711 Spring St. 512-332-8993; visitbastrop.com* 📍

BELLVILLE: March 4 First Saturday Market Stroll through the market on the square and check out the nearby farmers and artisan market with more than 85 booths featuring crafters, woodworkers, retailers, rolling boutiques, produce, honey, and

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BELLVILLE: March 4 Fresh Farmers and Artisan Market More than 35 vendors bring fresh produce, grass-fed beef, honey, eggs, herbs, plants, and flowers to be sold in the shade of Jim Bishop Pavilion. Shoppers can find artisans selling fine linens, soaps, jewelry, dog treats, and beard oils and presenting live demonstrations. Enjoy wine tastings, an old-fashioned lemonade stand, cold brew coffee, jams, jellies, and baked goods. The market is held on the first Saturday of the month. *Jim Bishop Pavilion at Chesley Park, 100 E. Palm St. 979-865-3407; discoverbellville.com* 📍

BELLVILLE: March 11 Classic Car Stampede The annual Classic Car Stampede is held on the second Saturday of March each year with designated parking for cars made in or before 1976. *Downtown, 1 Main St. 979-865-3407; austincountycruisers.com*

BRENHAM: March 18 The Celtic Angels in Concert Be captivated by Ireland's great tapestry, woven together through song, dance, and storytelling. The group features

award-winning singers, dancers, and musicians. *The Barnhill Center, 111 W. Main St. 979-337-7240; thebarnhillcenter.com* 📍

BURLESON: March 4 Wicked Wine Run DFW Part race, part wine festival, all fun. Race through the vines and trails of the beautiful Lost Oak Winery. Your wine-fueled night out features a live DJ, local food trucks, vendors, games, and a wine festival. *Lost Oak Winery, 8010 CR 802. 888-644-3644; wickedwinerun.com/locations/texas-dallas*

BURTON: March 11 Texas Ranger Day Celebrate Texas history and honor former and current Texas Rangers. The afternoon includes tasty food, demonstrations by the Old West Rangers and the Legends of the Texas Rangers, kids' activities, mule-driven buggy rides, and folk demonstrations such as blacksmithing and chuckwagon cooking. All proceeds go to restoring the Mt. Zion Historical Chapel. *Burton Railroad Depot and Museum, 507 N. Railroad St. 979-803-0393; burtonheritagesociety.org/celebrate* 📍

BURTON: March 24-April 1 La Bahia Antiques Show Dealers across the country provide antiques, collectibles, and repurposed and vintage items in the historic

1902 La Bahia Hall. Outside, dealers offer a variety of vintage goods. There is country cooking all day. The show is part of the famous Round Top Antique Festival weekend. *La Bahia Hall, 550 SH 237. 979-289-2684; labahiaantiques.com* 📍

CAMERON: March 25 Spring Festival Wine wagons, craft beer, a street dance, and live music are all part of the fun at the Spring Festival. Enjoy arts and crafts vendors, a youth livestock exhibit, and a Kids' Zone. The event coincides with the Milam County Junior Livestock Show, where heifers, steers, chickens, turkeys, rabbits, and hogs are exhibited. *Downtown Square, 206 S. Central Ave. 254-697-4979; cameron-tx.com* 📍

COLLEGE STATION: Through April 23 Mandela: The Official Exhibition The story of Nelson Mandela is told in a series of experiential galleries, from his rural childhood home through years of turbulent struggle against the apartheid regime to his eventual vindication and final years as South Africa's first democratically elected president. *George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, 1000 George Bush Drive West. 979-862-2251; bush41.org* 📍

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COMANCHE: March 18 Food Truck Rodeo Feast on great food from food trucks, plus enjoy live music all day and kids' activities. *Comanche City Park, 1200 Comanche Trail. 325-356-3233; comanchechamber.org* 📍

CORSICANA: March 3 Food Truck Friday Live music, games, and, of course, food trucks fill the parking lot behind Brick Streets Brewery in the evening. Come join the fun on the first Friday of every month (except April) from March through July. *Brick Streets Brewery, 224 E. Fifth St. 903-654-4850; visitcorsicana.com*

CORSICANA: March 4 Georgette Jones and Marty Haggard in Concert Georgette Jones, the daughter of George Jones, has released six albums, performed at The Grand Ole Opry, and recorded her first single, "Daddy Come Home," with her dad when she was just 10 years old. The son of Merle Haggard, Marty Haggard sings songs that remind you of not only his father, but also others he considers some of the greatest of all time. *The Palace Theatre, 112 W. Sixth Ave. 903-874-7792; corsicana palace.com*

CORSICANA: March 9 Artist and Writer Residency Presentations Meet artists

specializing in video, paint, oil, acrylic, poetry, and fiction. The ground floor book and art space in historic downtown Corsicana houses more than 30 books by writers in residence over the past 10 years, along with select works of art from residents and a carefully curated selection of merchandise. *Storefront Bookstore, 203 N. Commerce St. 480-824-3015; corsicana residency.org* 📍

CORSICANA: March 17 Babbette Samuels Day In 2008, Corsicana dedicated March 17 to Babbette Samuels, a woman who was involved in the restoration of Temple Beth-El and the Jewish community in Corsicana. The temple hosts an event honoring the late Samuels for all her contributions to the Jewish community, with light bites and refreshments, a video presentation, and remarks by guest speakers. *Temple Beth-El, 208 S. 15th St. 903-654-4874; corsicana175years.com* 📍

CORSICANA: March 30 Ruthie Foster in Concert Described by *Rolling Stone* as "pure magic to watch and hear," Ruthie Forster elevated her vocal talent in worship services at her community church. Drawing influence from legendary acts like

Mavis Staples and Aretha Franklin, Foster developed a unique sound unable to be contained within a single genre. *The Palace Theatre, 112 W. Sixth Ave. 903-874-7792; corsicanapalace.com* 📍

DALLAS: Through June 18 In the Shadow of Dictatorship: Creating the Museum of Spanish Abstract Art During an era when Spanish artists found success abroad yet struggled for recognition at home, artist, critic, and collector Fernando Zbel established the Museo de Arte Abstracto Español in Cuenca, Spain, on July 1, 1966, the first institution of its kind within Spain. Highlights from its remarkable collection explore the rich panorama of abstract Spanish art during the middle of the 20th century and under the Francoist regime. *Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd. 214-768-2516; meadowsmuseumdallas.org* 📍

ELGIN: March 9, April 13, May 11 Sip, Shop, and Stroll Sip a little wine and shop as you stroll through the stores in historic downtown Elgin. Find diverse merchandise, eclectic décor, artwork by local artists, live music, the Elgin Farmers Market, delicious food, and fun, friendly people. *Downtown, 114 Central Ave. 512-229-3227; elgintexas.gov*

FORT WORTH: Though April 30 I'll Be Your Mirror: Art and the Digital Screen This landmark thematic group exhibition examines the screen's vast impact on art from 1969 to the present. See more than 60 works by 50 artists who examine screen culture through a broad range of media such as paintings, sculpture, video games, digital art, augmented reality, and video. *Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215; themodern.org* 📍

FRANKSTON: March 25 Elevenses Spring Tea Grab a fascinator or hat and join others in a fun-filled morning. There is plenty of food, entertainment, and a surprise for guests. Be prepared to take something home from the auction and raffle. *Bank-quette Room, 126 W. Main St. 817-913-1982; facebook.com/frankston-garden-club-frankston-texas-2058001837755150* 📍

FRISCO: March 11 Starfest On the second Saturday of the month, Texas Astronomical Society holds a star party. Society members educate about the night sky while guests observe planets, stars, and other celestial wonders. *Frisco Commons Park, 8000 McKinney Road. 214-800-6000; texasastro.org* 📍

GARLAND: March 24 Mavis Staples in Concert Mavis Staples brings her legendary American rhythm, blues, and gospel

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voice to Garland. In her work as a singer, actress, and civil rights activist, Staples' achievements include collaborations with Aretha Franklin, Prince, Bob Dylan, Arcade Fire, and Hozier. See the Grammy Award winner and Lifetime Achievement Award recipient as she croons, scats, swoops, and testifies like no one else can. *Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. 972-205-2780; visitgarlandtx.com* 📍

GARLAND: March 27 The Peking Acrobats Astounding audiences with daring maneuvers, acrobatics, and high-tech special effects for the past 30 years, The Peking Acrobats offer an evening of thrilling dexterity and entertainment for the family with a time-honored tradition rooted in centuries of Chinese history and folk arts. *Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. 972-205-2780; visitgarlandtx.com*

GRANBURY: March 16 Paddy Parade Wear your green and welcome St. Patrick's Day in Granbury. The parade runs from Pearl Street to the Granbury Square to Crockett Street. *Downtown, Pearl Street. 817-573-5548; visitgranbury.com*

GRANBURY: March 18-20 Bulls on the Beach Bull riding and mutton bustin' return

to the Granbury City Beach, a unique setting but also the most popular bull-riding location for Chute 2 Productions. Bull Riding on the Beach is a World Senior Pro Bull Riding Association sanctioned event. *City Beach Park, 505 E. Pearl St. 817-573-1114; visitgranbury.com*

GRANBURY: March 18-20 Founder's Day Jubilee and Cookoff Put your taste buds up to the challenge of choosing the best ribs, brisket, or beans. Think you've got what it takes to win? Share your own barbecue cooking in the annual Bean and Barbecue Cookoff. There's cake and ice cream, craft and shopping vendors, fun activities, live music, and the hilarious outhouse race, too. *Historic Granbury Square, 201 E. Pearl St. 817-573-5548; visitgranbury.com* 📍

GRAND PRAIRIE: March 2 Dancing With The Stars Live TV's biggest dance show returns on tour this spring with fan-favorite professional and troupe dancers in a brand-new production showcasing every type of dance style as seen on ABC's hit show, ranging from ballroom and jazz to modern and hip-hop. *Texas Trust CU Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Texas Trust Way. 972-854-5050; texastrustcutheatre.com* 📍

GRAND PRAIRIE: March 4 Dallas Blues Festival The 18th annual Dallas Blues Festival features the following acts: Pokey Bear, King George, J'Wonn, Tucka, Calvin Richardson, Roi Anthony, and Ronnie Bell. *Texas Trust CU Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Texas Trust Way. 972-854-5050; texastrustcutheatre.com* 📍

GRAND PRAIRIE: March 11-12 Kids' Fest Bring the whole family out for a day of fun and kid-friendly activities, plus carnival rides and food. *Traders Village, 2602 Mayfield Road. 972-647-2331; tradersvillage.com/grand-prairie*

GRAND PRAIRIE: March 17-19, 24-26 The SpongeBob Musical The stakes are higher than ever in this dynamic stage musical, as SpongeBob and all of Bikini Bottom face the total annihilation of their undersea world. Chaos erupts. Lives hang in the balance. And just when all hope seems lost, a most unexpected hero rises up and takes center stage. *Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. 972-237-8786; uptowntheatergp.com*

HALLETTSVILLE: March 3-4 Texas State Championship 42 Domino Tournament Try your luck at 42, the official state domino game of Texas. Friday night there's a

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warm-up game, and pre-registration for Saturday is encouraged. *KC Hall, 321 US 77 South. 361-798-2662; hallettsville.com*

HALLETTSVILLE: March 24-26 Polka and Sausage Fest Czech and Texas cultures collide at this festival that includes live bands, a fish fry, a polka mass, dancing, dinner, and a dance battle. Foods served at the festival include sauerkraut, sausage, German potatoes, kolaches, and fried chicken. *Hallettsville KC Hall, 321 US 77 South. 361-798-2311; kchall.com* 📍

INDEPENDENCE: March 25-April 8 Independence Historical Society Open Houses Over three weekends every spring, Independence Historical Society opens its early Texas homes to the public. Visit the 1820s Coles Cabin, the 1830s Dogtrot Log House, and a one-room schoolhouse. Artisans demonstrate pioneer Texas crafts and music. The Texas homes are located next to Old Baylor Park in historic Independence. *11300 Old Baylor College Road. 210-724-1514; ihstexas1836.com*

IRVING: March 9-12 Texas Steel Guitar Jamboree Hear steel guitarists from around the world play at the annual jamboree. There are also educational seminars,

plus vendors and manufacturers of steel guitars and musical products. *Sheraton DFW, 4440 W. John Carpenter Freeway. 817-558-3481; texassteelguitar.org* 📍

IRVING: March 25 A Musical Tour of the Mayan Culture and the Texas Guitar Quartet This concert honors Mayan culture with a showing of the 1939 film *Night of the Mayas*, enhanced by a multimedia presentation. The evening begins with one of Gershwin's most colorful scores, and the soothing sounds of the Texas Guitar Quartet complement this night of music. *Irving Arts Center, Carpenter Performance Hall, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. 972-831-8818; irvingsymphony.org* 📍

LA GRANGE: March 11 Sara Hickman in Concert Past state of Texas official musician Sara Hickman performs at the Bugle Boy's listening room—a converted World War II Army barracks. *The Bugle Boy, 1051 N. Jefferson St. 979-968-9944; thebugleboy.org* 📍

LEWISVILLE: March 18 St. Paddy's Texas Style Toast to St. Patrick's Day and Texas Independence Day with Irish and Texas music, dancing, beer, food, and activities for kids including life-size games. Blankets

and chairs are encouraged, and leashed pets are welcome. *Wayne Ferguson Plaza, Old Town, 150 W. Church St., Old Town. 972-219-3401; visitlewsville.com* 📍

MCKINNEY: March 11 Second Saturday Bird Walk These bird walks are intended to help beginning and intermediate birders with bird spotting and identification techniques. Participants can pose questions to experienced birders. Prairie, woodland, and wetland habitats are included in these walks. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org* 📍

MCKINNEY: March 17-19 Third Monday Trade Days This is the oldest and largest monthly trade days and flea market in North Texas. Shop from more than 400 vendors who offer unique gifts, home décor, trendy clothing and accessories, garage sale items, antiques and collectibles, and specialty items along with many food concessions at this open-air market. *Third Monday Trade Days Grounds, 4550 W. University Drive. 214-548-5810; tmmtd.com* 📍

MESQUITE: March 16, April 15, May 13 Mesquite Rocks Join the Mesquite Arts Center for this monthly family-friendly event with performances by tribute bands that cover the greatest hits of popular musicians and folk artists. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org* 📍

MESQUITE: March 25-26 Gun Show Mesquite Rodeo presents this gun show with over 450 tables of guns, knives, ammo, and shooting supplies. The public is invited to buy, sell, or trade. *Mesquite Convention Center and Exhibit Hall, 1700 Rodeo Drive. 972-204-4925; premiergunshows.com/shows/mesquite-gun-show* 📍

PLANO: March 11 Spring Into Color 5K and 10K Relay Run into spring with a 5K through Oak Point Nature Preserve. The 10K relay builds camaraderie with teams consisting of two people, who switch off during the race. *Oak Point Recreation Center, 6000 Jupiter Road. 972-941-7540; visitplano.com*

PLANO: March 18 Plano Symphony Orchestra Concert Maestro Hector Guzman shares the stage with the three grand prize winners of the Plano Symphony Orchestra's annual Collin County Young Artist Competition. This concert also features Berlioz's imaginative *Symphonie Fantastique*. *Christ United Methodist Church, 3101 Coit Road. 972-596-4303; planosymphony.org* 📍

PLANO: March 25 Texas Forever Fest Celebrate the food, art, and people of

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Texas. Enjoy live music, live Western entertainment, Texas-favorite food and drink, Texas-themed vendors, and fun for all ages. *Haggard Park, 901 E. 15th St. 972-941-7275; texasforeverfest.com*

ROUND TOP: March 16–April 2 Spring Antiques Show More than dusty relics and shabby chic signage, the antiques show has over 65 venues in about a 20-mile radius in the communities of Round Top, Warrenton, Carmine, Burton, and Fayetteville. People from across the United States come to shop for treasures and enjoy a festival of epic proportions, with food and fun in the Texas countryside. *Various locations. 979-505-1200; explorroundtop.com/antiques* 📍

SALADO: March 25–26 Wildflower Arts and Crafts Festival Vendors sell handcrafted items including woodworks, jewelry, original paintings, photography, pottery, toys, soap, knitting, crochet, and embroidery. *Salado Civic Center, 601 N. Main St. 254-947-5040; salado.com* 📍

SALADO: March 30–April 2 Texas Packard Meet The Texas Packard Meet is the oldest and possibly the largest regional Packard meet in the country. It features a welcoming social, early bird tour, parade, public display on the banks of Salado Creek, a swap meet, people's choice competition, seminars, banquet, and awards. *Holiday Inn Express Salado–Belton, 1991 N. Stagecoach Road. texaspackardmeet.org* 📍

SHERMAN: March 3–12 Judy Moody and Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt Sherman Community Players' Theatre presents this show that asks the audience to join in the shenanigans that never fail to follow Judy Moody and her little brother, Stink. *Finley Theatre, 500 N. Elm St. 903-892-8818; scptheater.com* 📍

SHERMAN: March 4 Sherman Symphony Orchestra Concert The concert features Beethoven's mercurial Symphony No. 5. If you haven't heard it in person, this is your chance to be a part of a special evening. *Kidd–Key Auditorium, 400 N. Elm St. 903-814-0201; shermansymphony.com* 📍

SHERMAN: March 11 St. Patrick's Day Parade Join Sherman Main Street, Texoma Society of CELTS, and the Old Iron Post for this St. Patrick's Day Parade. Bring your friends and family to check out all of the groups and music. *Downtown. 903-892-7230; facebook.com/shermanmainstreet* 📍

SHERMAN: March 25–26 Celtic Festival and Highland Games The sixth annual Sherman Celtic Festival and Highland Games features Celtic dancing, the Viking Village, Scottish clans, cultural exhibitors,

demonstrations, and food and beverages. *Pecan Grove Park West, 3200 Canyon Creek Drive. shermancelticfest.com* 📍

SOUTHLAKE: March 25 Celebrate Southlake Connect with community members or get to know Southlake if you're new to the area. Hosted by the city of Southlake, the event has cultural experiences, international cuisine, stage performances, and family activities. *Southlake Town Square, 1400 Main St. 817-748-8919; cityofsouthlake.com* 📍

TEMPLE: Through April 15 Quanah Parker: One Man Two Worlds In 1836, a Comanche raiding party took Cynthia Ann Parker from her family. Over the following years, she became wife to a Comanche chief and mother to children including Quanah Parker, the last Comanche chief. This photo exhibit tells this story of their lives caught between two different worlds. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templeparks.com*

TEMPLE: March 3 First Friday On the first Friday of every month, downtown transforms into a giant party. Enjoy street music, live performances, drinks, food, and after-

hours shopping. *Downtown, Main Street. 254-298-5378; downtowntemple.com* 📍

TEMPLE: March 4 Quanah Parker Family Day Learn about Chief Quanah Parker, Texas history, and the Comanche tribe, and have fun with crafts and activities after visiting the new exhibition *Quanah Parker: One Man, Two Worlds. Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templeparks.com* 📍

THE COLONY: March 25 Mother and Son Adventure Day Enjoy a day designed for moms and sons. Test your skills in archery, fishing, horseshoes, and other camping/outdoor activities. *Lion's Club Park, 4800 Nash Drive. 972-625-1106; thecolonytx.gov*

TOLAR: March 17–18 Ceramic Expo and Handcrafted Items Shop for ceramic supplies from vendors and compete in judged ceramic art competitions. *J.D. Neely Community Center, 120 Tolar Cemetery Road. 254-716-5227; westceramicshow.com* 📍

VALLEY VIEW: March 25 Spring Fling: 100-Year Celebration Get back outside and enjoy all things spring with ranger-led crafts, activities, and field games. *Ray Roberts Lake State Park, Johnson Branch Unit,*



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WHITNEY: March 18 Play Day at Lake Whitney State Park

Throughout the day, enjoy special programs, scavenger hunts, nature walks, and other fun activities for all ages. *Lake Whitney State Park, 433 FM 1244. 254-694-4915; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-whitney*



WHITNEY: March 18 Stargazing at Lake Whitney State Park

Spend an evening in the park and explore the galaxy by star maps and telescope. Celebrate parks with retired National Park Ranger Larry Smith as he guides you through the planets, moon, and stars with fascinating facts. *Lake Whitney State Park, 433 FM 1244. 254-694-4915; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-whitney*

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BEEVILLE: Through April 15 *El Corazon, Scenes and Memories from Mexico* A collection of paintings and cut paper pieces from Guadalupe Hernandez explores the Mexican diaspora through the lens of people, places, and memories from his child-

hood in Mexico. *Beeville Art Museum, 401 E. Fannin St. 361-358-8615; bamtexas.org*

EDINBURG: March 2-5 Fiesta Edinburg Music Festival

Fiesta Edinburg is the Edinburg Chamber's largest celebration. Besides being a fun event for the city and the Rio Grande Valley, Fiesta Edinburg also honors an important moment in Edinburg's history: The festival was initially created to commemorate Edinburg's county seat. *Bert Ogden Arena, 4900 S I-69C. 956-383-4974; edinburg.com/fiesta-edinburg*

SAN ANTONIO: Through March 26 *Something Wicked: Susan Hilferty Costumes*

For her *Wicked* costumes, Susan Hilferty won the Tony Award for Best Costume Design of a Musical in 2004. This exhibition presents 30 of her costumes and designs. Explore the process of costume design in "Hilferty's Studio." Artworks from The Tobin Collection of Theatre Arts and paintings by Judith Godwin, Robin Utterback, and Grace Hartigan share Hilferty's spotlight. *The McNay, Tobin Theatre Arts and Brown Galleries, 6000 N. New Braunfels Ave. 210-824-5368; mcnayart.org*

SAN ANTONIO: Through April 29 *Tangible/Nothing* As the first reinstallation of

Ruby City's permanent collection since the contemporary art center opened in 2019, the exhibition features some 40 works by artists with Texas roots, such as Rick Lowe, Dario Robleto, Alejandro Diaz, Katie Pell, and Chuck Ramirez, as well other national and international artists. *Ruby City, 150 Camp St. 210-227-8400; rubycity.org*

SAN ANTONIO: Through March 5 *The Hero Twins: Blood Race*

Inspired by classic Mayan narratives, *The Hero Twins: Blood Race* is an action-filled adventure that is also an allegory about inequality, justice, and liberation. Who will win the Blood Race, an ancient competition between two tribes that takes place in the underworld? Cricket has trained with his twin sister, Moth, and he is favored to be the first of their tribe to win. *Magik Theatre, 420 S. Alamo St. 210-227-2751; magiktheatre.org*

WESLACO: March 25 Texas Onion Fest

This salute to the world-famous Texas 1015 Onion, developed in Weslaco by Dr. Leonard Pike at the Texas A&M University Extension Service, began in 1989 and offers family fun with a lineup of entertainment, cooking demos, the 1015 Market, dancing, and a horse show. *Downtown, 500 S. Texas Blvd. 956-968-2102; weslaco.com*

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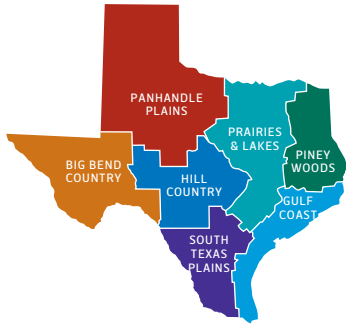
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BIG BEND COUNTRY

FORT STOCKTON: April 19–22 Big Bend Open Road Race Sit back, buckle up, and get ready for the ride of a lifetime. That’s what the Big Bend Open Road Race brings to Fort Stockton and Sanderson each April. This event alone draws hundreds of people to these small West Texas communities from all over the U.S. and Europe. *US 285 between Stockton and Sanderson.* 432-299-1221; [bborr.com](#)

MARFA: April 22 Airstrip Astronomy Enjoy stargazing, astrophotography, and an astronomy-based oral history at the Saucedo Airstrip. Participants can view the night sky through the lens of telescopes provided by amateur astronomers and learn the basics of night sky photography, all accompanied by an educational narrative spanning space and time. The evening winds down at the South Leyva campground, with limited camping on the airstrip. *Big Bend Ranch State Park Complex Interior District, 1900 Saucedo Ranch Road.* 432-229-3613; [tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/big-bend-ranch](#)



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MONAHANS: April 4 Spring Fling At the Spring Fling, the community welcomes visitors to come by and enjoy the live music and vendors. *Ward County Event Center, 1525 E. Monahans Parkway.* 432-943-2187; [monahans.org](#)

VAN HORN: April 19–21 Building Bridges Art Show Local and regional artists display their sculptures, photography, oil paintings, and watercolors to younger generations to bridge the gap and share the joy of art. *Van Horn Convention Center, 1801 W. Broadway.* 432-283-2682; [vanhorn-texas.org](#) ♿

GULF COAST

ALVIN: April 28–30 Rotary Frontier Day The 49th annual Frontier Day, presented by the Alvin Rotary Club, features a parade through the old downtown area, shootout performances by the Alvin Rotary Club Gunfighters, children’s rides, concessions, carnival activities, arts and crafts vendors, and an antique car and bike show. *Alvin National Oak Park, 118 S. Magnolia St.* 713-828-9477; [alvinrotary.org](#) ♿

BAY CITY: March 31–April 1 Riverside Smoke Off Fire up your pits and grills for some friendly competition. Participants prepare barbecue staples such as brisket, pork ribs, beans, and Dutch oven sweets. Kids ages 5 to 17 can participate in rib-eye steak and pork ribs categories. *Riverside Park, 7330 FM 2668.* 979-323-1660; [cityofbaycity.org/221/events](#)

BAYTOWN: March 17–March 1, 2024 Sculpture Trail This yearlong display of large sculptures on pedestals is located along several blocks in the downtown Arts District. Vote for the People’s Choice winner and enjoy the exhibit along with the murals that are also in the area. *Downtown Arts District, 213 W. Texas Ave.* 281-810-2990; [sculpturetrailbaytown.artcall.org](#)

BRAZORIA: April 29–30 Migration Celebration Tour the refuge on a marsh buggy or wagon. Activities for children include archery, fishing for catfish, a BB gun range, bug sweeping, microscopes, touch tanks, and reptiles. See the “Birds of Prey” show by EarthQuest as well as the butterfly encounter tents. Guided walking tours to Bobcat Woods and to the largest Texas Live Oak are also available. *San Bernard National Wildlife*

Refuge, 2547 CR 306. 844-842-4737; [migrationcelebration.com](#) ♿

CLUTE: April 4, 11, 18, 25, 28 Planetarium Show This show features a 30-foot dome equipped with a Spitz Star Ball projector that reproduces the night sky, along with a variety of other high-tech equipment to give visitors a close-up look at comets, exploding stars, and black holes. *Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd.* 979-265-7661; [brazosportcenter.org](#) ♿

CORPUS CHRISTI: April 1 Big Bloom Mega Plant Sale Bring your plant wagon and load up on hundreds of plants of all kinds. There’s also specialty vendors, reptile shows, butterfly releases, food trucks, and a Kids’ Zone. *South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St.* 361-852-2100; [stxbot.org](#) ♿

CORPUS CHRISTI: April 15 Explore the Shore A wide array of activities take place throughout the day that highlight the recreational opportunities the park offers as well as provide information about its important habitat and ecosystems. Try fishing with a ranger or kayaking, beach walks, and wildlife touch tanks. *Mustang Island State Park, 9394 SH 361.* 361-749-5246; [tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/mustang-island](#)

CORPUS CHRISTI: April 26–30 Birdiest Festival in America Spotting South Texas’ peak spring migration in one of the country’s busiest flyways, the festival features optional guided birding field trips to regional birding hot spots, shorebird/wading bird sites, and private ranches. Other highlights include “The Raptor Project” presentations, a vendor trade show, and an artisan show. *South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, 8545 S. Staples St.* 361-563-5968; [birdiestfestival.org](#)

GALVESTON: April 1–2 Steampunk Festival The inaugural Steampunk Festival harkens back to a time inspired by 19th-century industrial steam-powered machinery and takes place in the historic railroad museum. It offers a program filled with entertainment, exhibits, vendors, presenters, and games for all ages. *Galveston Railroad Museum, 2602 Santa Fe Place.* 818-856-1650; [galvestonsteampunk.com](#) ♿



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GALVESTON: April 14 Seong-Jin Cho Piano Concert Classical piano virtuoso Seong-Jin Cho has made his mark as “one of the most distinctive artists on the current music scene.” See an intimate concert performed by one of the world’s brightest stars in contemporary classical music. *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 409-765-1894; thegrand.com* 📍

GALVESTON: April 15 Renee Elise Goldsberry in Concert Winner of the 2016 Tony Award for her performance in *Hamilton*, Renee Elise Goldsberry is equally at home in a Broadway theater, on a film set, or on a concert hall stage. Her show, titled “Re-*vive*,” is a performance anchored by a four-piece band and complemented by backup singers who’ll have you clapping your hands along to the music. *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 409-765-1894; thegrand.com* 📍

GALVESTON: April 20-23 FeatherFest and Nature Photo Festival Bird lovers are invited to experience one of the largest birding festivals in Texas and the only one with a dedicated nature photography track. The 21st annual event features field trips, workshops, and other special events on Galveston Island. *Various locations. 832-459-5533; galvestonfeatherfest.com* 📍

GALVESTON: April 29 The Grand Kids Festival Hosted by the historic Grand 1894 Opera House, this event introduces families to the arts and features live performances, storytellers, and arts and crafts. *Postoffice District, Postoffice Street between 20th and 23rd streets. 409-765-1894; thegrand.com* 📍

HOUSTON: Through April 23 Walter De Maria: Boxes for Meaningless Work The Menil Collection presents the first museum exhibition to survey the artist’s more than 50-year career. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

HOUSTON: Through Aug. 31 Steve Tobin Intertwined: Exploring Nature’s Networks Houston Botanic Garden presents sculptures by American artist Steve Tobin, who is known for his works in glass, bronze, ceramic, and steel, including *Trinity Root*, a memorial cast from a tree that protected a New York City cathedral on 9/11. *Houston Botanic Garden, 1 Botanic Lane. 713-715-9675; hbg.org*

HOUSTON: Through July 9 Art of the Cameroon Grassfields, a Living Heritage in Houston This exhibition, celebrating the enduring artistic traditions of Cameroon and its global diaspora, features headdresses, masks, prestige hats, royal stools and figur-

al sculptures, palace architectural elements from the Grassfields kingdoms, and two recent works by Douala-based artist Hervé Youmbi. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

HOUSTON: March 24-Aug. 13 The Curatorial Imagination of Walter Hopps This exhibition explores the influential curatorial vision of Walter Hopps, the Menil Collection’s founding director, as well as his distinctive approach to exhibition making and appreciation for a variety of 20th-century art movements. The show features drawings, paintings, photography, and sculpture, ranging from the 1930s to the early 2000s. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

HOUSTON: April 10-16 Art Car Parade Orange Show Center for Visionary Art hosts the annual Art Car Parade and event week. Founded in the mid-’80s as a small gathering of like-minded individuals making a statement on the road, the event now showcases personal artistic creativity and provides a forum for a unique type of expression. Festivities include the annual ball, a lineup party along Allen Parkway, Kids’ Creative Zone in Sam Houston Park, the 36th annual Art Car Parade, and an awards ceremony. *Various locations. 713-926-6368; thehoustonartcarparade.com* 📍

HOUSTON: April 11 Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Wind Ensemble Already well-known to Chamber Music Houston audiences, the celebrated Academy of St. Martin in the Fields performs a wind ensemble program featuring two superb quintets for piano and winds by the masters: Mozart and Beethoven. *Rice University, Alice Pratt Brown Hall, Stude Concert Hall, 6100 Main St. 713-348-5400; chambermusichouston.org* 📍

HOUSTON: April 16 Crossing to the New World: Early and Traditional Music in the British Isles, France, and North America Houston Early Music presents a concert by Baltimore Consort featuring country music brought to the shores of the New World by northern European settlers. *A.D. Bruce Religion Center, 3841 Cullen Blvd. 713-325-5377; houstonearlymusic.org/baltimoreconsort* 📍

HOUSTON: April 21-Sept. 3 Hyperreal: Gray Foy Between the 1940s and 1970s, American artist Gray Foy (1922–2012) created a body of extraordinarily meticulous drawings, most often rendered in graphite on paper, and this exhibition spans the entirety of Foy’s career. It also celebrates two recent gifts that have made the Menil Collection the foremost repository of Foy’s




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work. *Menil Drawing Institute, 1412 W. Main St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

HOUSTON: April 22 *The Story of the Lone Star State* This original production by Houston's award-winning children's theater takes a bite out of Texas history. Beginning with the Indigenous people of the Gulf Coast through the adventures of NASA astronauts, 600 years of Texas tales are told in an hour. *Mangum-Howell Community Center, 2500 Frick Road (inside Doss Park). 281-440-4850; cypresscreekface.org/iact-lone-star-state-2023* 📍

LA PORTE: April 29 *Sylvan Beach Festival* The 67th annual Sylvan Beach Festival is a full day of excitement for the entire family. Join one of the longest-running traditions on the Gulf Coast for fun and games, live concerts, a carnival, food and drinks, and vendors. *Sylvan Beach Park, 636 N. Bayshore Drive. 281-471-1123; sylvanbeachfestival.com* 📍

LAKE JACKSON: March 4, April 1, May 6 *Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tour* Visit the historic archeological site of Maj. Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the site was destroyed by the same hurricane that devastated Galveston in 1900. Learn about the sugar-making process of the 1840s and how convict labor replaced slave labor during the 1870s. *Abner Jackson Plantation Site, Farm-to-Market Road 2004 near State Highway 332, behind Target. 979-297-1570; ljhistory.org* 📍

LAKE JACKSON: March 11, April 8, May 13 *Alden B. Dow Office Museum Tour* Witness the restored midcentury architectural beauty of Alden B. Dow's 1943 office in downtown Lake Jackson. Learn all about the city's beginnings and the indelible mark that Dow left as the principal architect of Lake Jackson through a self-guided tour. *Alden B. Dow Office Museum, 101 S. Parking Place. 979-297-1570; ljhistory.org* 📍

LAKE JACKSON: March 18, April 15, May 20 *Bird Banding* Watch volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station provides an excellent opportunity to identify the birds of the Brazosport area and see them up close. *Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 SH 332 West. 979-480-0999; gcbo.org* 📍

LAKE JACKSON: April 22 *Kids Reel Big Fish Event* Pack your sunscreen, hat, lawn chair, and fishing gear and enjoy catch-and-release fishing at a marine fish hatchery. Guests 16 years old and younger and accompanied by an adult must bring their own gear and bait with barbless hooks.

Sea Center Texas, 302 Medical Drive. 979-297-4533; lakejackson-tx.gov 📍

ORANGE: April 22 *Jimmy Fortune and the Malpass Brothers in Concert* Gospel Music Association and Country Music Association Hall of Famer Jimmy Fortune is joined by special guests the Malpass Brothers for this one-of-a-kind concert. Fortune toured, sang, and performed with the legendary Statler Brothers for 21 years and wrote the group's second No. 1 hit, "Elizabeth." *Lutcher Theater, 707 Main Ave. 409-886-5535; lutcher.org* 📍

PEARLAND: April 1 *Houston Folk, Blues, and Gospel Festival* Hear concerts and browse through 100 artist booths and a farmers market, and see dozens of contests and attractions. Check out the Taste of Texas Food Garden, with delicious cuisine and domestic and craft beers. Nationally known recording artists perform on the main stage. *Independence Park, 3449 Pearland Parkway. 409-245-9281; houstonfolkfestival.com* 📍

PORT ARTHUR: April 1 *Cajun Heritage Fest* Enjoy live Cajun music, spicy food, and dancing the night away. Cajun activities are planned for the days surrounding the event. *Carl A. Parker Multipurpose Center, 1800 Lakeshore Drive. 409-985-7822; cajunheritagefest.com* 📍

QUINTANA: April 8-May 7 *Spring Fling* Spring is peak migration time so the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory hosts Spring Fling. For four weeks, volunteers and staff are available each day to help identify the migrants as well as resident birds and keep a daily list going. *Quintana Bird Sanctuary, 814 N. Lamar St. 979-480-0999; gcbo.org* 📍

ROCKPORT: April 8 *Downtown Farmers Market* Every second Saturday morning of the month, find vendors selling locally grown produce, jams, jellies, and pickled items. There is often fresh baked bread, local honey, eggs, and freshly made goat soap. *Downtown, 105 Austin St. 361-230-0414; facebook.com/rockportdowntownfarmersmarket* 📍

ROCKPORT: April 8 *Makers Market* Every second Saturday of the month, this outdoor market showcases the work of artists and crafters and features home décor, jewelry, and other handmade items. *Rockport Festival Grounds, 1500 E. Laurel St. rockportfulton.com* 📍

ROCKPORT: April 28 *Goose Island Extravaganza* At this open house event, come and experience what Goose Island has to offer. Activities include fishing,



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archery, kayaking, a star party, demonstrations, and food. Find educational program stations set up around the park, and enjoy bass fishing, geocaching, living history programs, outdoor skills, Dutch oven cooking, and touch tank aquatic programs. *Goose Island State Park, 202 S. Palmetto St. 361-729-2858; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/goose-island*

ROCKPORT: April 29 Fishing for Wishes Tournament The tournament's location is in a world-renowned area known for salt-water tournaments. Fishing categories include Heaviest Redfish, Trout, Flounder, and Stringer. Side pots consist of Most Spots on a Redfish, Blackjack Trout, and Texas Slam. Don't forget about Calcutta. There is a Kids Pier Fishing Tournament and Make-A-Wish Kids Fishing Tournament, plus a live auction, drop ticket raffle, and giveaways. *Fulton Convention Center, 402 N. Fulton Beach Road. 281-468-1439; friendsforwishes.org/events/fishing-for-wishes-fishing-tournament/* &

ROCKPORT: April 29-30 Kite Festival The Kite Festival provides the opportunity to view, make, and fly kites. An exotic array of kites are on display, along with demonstrations by professional kite pilots.

There are children's arts and crafts booths including one for making kites, plus vendors and food trucks. *Rockport Festival Grounds, adjacent to the Beach Park. 361-727-2158; cityofrockport.com*

ROCKPORT-FULTON: April 14-16 Market Days Every third weekend of the month, enjoy live music played throughout the weekend, peruse the goods of over 100 vendors and resellers, plus taste dishes from over a dozen food trucks and vendors. There is shaded seating, and pets are allowed. *Rockport Festival Grounds, 100 Seabreeze Drive. 361-463-0125; acmtexas.com/rockport-fulton-market-days*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: April 15-16 Texas State Surfing Championship The Texas Gulf Surfing Association specializes in grassroots surfing events that are healthy and fun while still placing emphasis on maintaining academic excellence, good sportsmanship, and environmental awareness. See surfers battle the waves for the top spot in this surfing competition. *Isla Blanca Park, 33174 State Park Road 100. 956-761-6433; surftgsa.org*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: April 22-23 Texas Beach Ultimate Festival Ultimate is an exciting, non-contact team sport played by thousands the world over. It mixes the

best features of sports such as soccer, basketball, American football, and netball into a simple yet fascinating game. *Isla Blanca Park, 33174 State Park Road 100. 956-761-6433; houston-ultimate.com*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: April 27-30 Splash South Padre Enjoy a weekend of nonstop fun and relaxation by the beach. A perfect getaway for the LGBTQ community and friends. Television personality Carson Kressley makes an appearance. *South Padre Island, Padre Boulevard. 956-761-6433; splashsouthpadre.com*

SUGAR LAND: March 11, April 8, May 13 Heritage Hike This monthly historic walking tour takes visitors back to the time when Sugar Land was a company town, with virtually all enterprises managed by the Imperial Sugar Company or its affiliate, Sugarland Industries. Tours start at the museum. *Sugar Land Heritage Museum and Visitor Center, 198 Kempner St. 281-275-2030; slheritage.org*

SUGAR LAND: April 17 Sensory Friendly Day Children with autism spectrum disorder and their families can experience the Fort Bend Children's Discovery Center with dimmed lights, limited extra sounds, no distracting motions during the event, and

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SUGAR LAND: April 20 Ha*Ash in Concert Sisters Hanna Nicole and Ashley Grace Pérez, aka Latin pop duo Ha*Ash, perform songs from their latest album *HAASHTAG*, which debuted at No. 1 on iTunes Mexico and includes hits like "Lo Que Un Hombre Debería Saber." *Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land, 18111 Lexington Blvd. 281-207-6278; smartfinancialcentre.net* 📍

SURFSIDE BEACH: April 1 Wings Over Surfside Celebrate spring bird migration and the wonders of birds in Bird City Surfside. With 400 species of birds in the area, this event provides visitors with an opportunity to learn more through speakers, vendors, and fellow birders. *Bird and Butterfly Trail, 418 Parkview Road. 979-233-1531; visitsurfsidebeachtx.org* 📍

SURFSIDE BEACH: April 29 Old Guy Surf Reunion Join Texas surfers as they remember and honor those who have gone before them. The event includes vendors,

food trucks, a paddle-out, and a nighttime bonfire. *Stahlman Park, 2211 Bluewater Highway. 979-233-1531; surfsidetx.org*

SURFSIDE BEACH: April 29 Surfside Marina Crawfish Fest Come for the crawfish, stay for the competition, where teams are judged for the best crawfish boil. The event also features vendors and live music. *Surfside Marina, 827 Gulf Road. 979-230-9400; surfside-marina.com* 📍

VICTORIA: April 20-23 Clybourne Park Enjoy Theatre Victoria's performance of *Clybourne Park*, a razor-sharp satire about the politics of race and real estate. The play features two scenes, 50 years apart, that bookend Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun*. *Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts, 214 N. Main St. 361-576-6277; theatrevictoria.org* 📍

VICTORIA: April 20-June 11 Ernesto Leon: Selected Works Experience the art of Houston artist Ernesto Leon, whose photography, paintings, and sculptures reflect his views on cultural resistance and environmental concerns. *The Nave Museum, 306 W. Commercial St. 361-575-8228; navemuseum.com* 📍

VICTORIA: April 27 Victoria Symphony Concert The Victoria Symphony puts on an outdoor performance, *Downtown Rhythms*, interspersed with student and college musical groups. At the instrument petting zoo, children can play symphony instruments. *De Leon Plaza, 101 N. Main St. 361-576-4500; victoriasymphony.com* 📍

VICTORIA: April 28 John Conlee in Concert Enjoy classic country music at this Charity Concert Series show featuring John Conlee, who has recorded 11 studio albums, charted a total of 32 singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts, and has been a member of the Grand Ole Opry since 1981. *Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts, 214 N. Main St. 361-485-8540; weldercenter.org* 📍

VICTORIA: April 29 Victoria Symphony Concert Hear two of George Gershwin's most memorable pieces, *An American in Paris* and *Rhapsody in Blue*, followed by Brahms' First Symphony. Martin James Bartlett plays piano. *Victoria Fine Arts Center, 1002 Sam Houston Drive. 361-576-4500; victoriasymphony.com* 📍

HILL COUNTRY

AUSTIN: March 14- May 9 Tuesday Twilights The Wildflower Center stays open late Tuesday nights. Make it a date night, a picnic with friends, or a time for some solo solace in nature. Each evening features live music from local musicians, a rolling lineup of Austin's favorite food trucks, and take-and-walk adult beverages available for purchase. *Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 4801 La Crosse Ave. 512-232-0100; wildflower.org* 📍

AUSTIN: Through July 23 Day Jobs The first major exhibition to examine the overlooked impact of day jobs on the visual arts, *Day Jobs* is dedicated to demystifying artistic production and upending the myth of the artist sequestered in the studio, waiting for inspiration to strike. The exhibition includes approximately 75 works in a broad range of media by emerging and established artists. *Blanton Museum of Art, 200 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. 512-471-5482; blantonmuseum.org* 📍

AUSTIN: March 23-April 8 Vincent See the life story of painter Vincent Van Gogh from the perspective of his brother, Theo. Based on actual letters between the pair, this intimate play goes beyond the biography of Van Gogh's life, revealing a story of inspiration, courage, passion, and the lust for life that art kindles in all of us. *Ground Floor Theatre, 979 Springdale Road, Suite 122. 512-850-4849; penfoldtheatre.org* 📍



AUSTIN: April 8 Austin Falls Ultra Navigate a technical single-track trail protected by lush green foliage and diverse scenery. Rolling and winding through the course, dodge roots and rocks, ascend and descend hills, and run across wooden bridges. After the race, have fun jumping off cliffs in the cool, refreshing pools of Onion Creek. *McKinney Falls State Park, 5808 McKinney Falls Parkway. 210-749-1118; ultraexpeditions.com/austin-falls-ultra* 📍

AUSTIN: April 12-23 Moontower Comedy Festival Over 100 comedians invade downtown Austin for stand-up, podcasts, parties, screenings, and panels. Headliners this year include Trevor Noah, Seth Meyers, Chelcie Lynn, and Vir Das. *Various locations. 512-472-5470; austintheatre.org/moontower-comedy* 📍



AUSTIN: April 15 McKinney Falls Fest Come out to the park for a fun day full of guided hikes, live music, food trucks, and activity booths, plus park staff open a time capsule buried in the park in 1975. Discover the treasures that were left behind and witness the preparation of the next time capsule for McKinney Falls State Park, to be opened in

2073. *McKinney Falls State Park, 5808 McKinney Falls Parkway. 512-243-1643; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/mckinney-falls*

AUSTIN: April 23 Shakespeare's Birthday: Celebrate Sonnets Austin Shakespeare presents Shakespeare's Birthday: Celebrate Sonnets, a collaboration with the Pease Park Conservancy featuring poetry, music, dance, and cake and beverages. The event features the park's newly restored 1920 Tutor cottage. *Pease Park, Tudor Cottage and Terrace, 1100 Kingsbury St. 512-470-4505; austinshakespeare.org* 📍

BANDERA: March 4-May 27 Cowboys on Main On Saturdays, find cowboy fun in downtown Bandera with activities that can include chuckwagon storytelling, hopping on a saddle-broke longhorn, or a tour of Bandera in a horse-drawn wagon. Gun-fighter reenactment shows take place twice a day. *500 Main St. 210-218-7935; banderabusiness.com* 📍

BANDERA: March 16, April 20, May 18 Third Thursday Cowboy Camp with Lew Peterbaugh Bring your guitar to play along, or simply come to listen. Pickers who play cowboy, Texas, or Western swing music are welcome to sit in. *Bandera Bev-*

erage Barn, 1407 SH 16 North. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com 📍

BANDERA: April 23 Frontier Times Fourth Sunday Jamboree The Frontier Times Museum presents this jamboree on the fourth Sunday of each month. The event includes live music, storytelling, and fun for all ages. *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; frontiertimesmuseum.org* 📍

BANDERA: April 14 Texas Heroes Hall of Honors Induction Ceremony and Reunion In keeping with the pioneering spirit of its founder, J. Marvin Hunter Sr., the Frontier Times Museum has established the Heroes Hall of Honor to recognize the contributions of individuals who, through their leadership, creativity, example, and hard work, keep the pioneer spirit alive. Each year, the museum inducts its honorees in an annual induction ceremony. *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; frontiertimesmuseum.org* 📍

BLANCO: April 15 Market Day Shop from about 70 vendors offering homemade crafts, apparel, home décor, plants, baked goods, art, embroidery and crocheted items, and jewelry. Food vendors are on

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site, and live music fills the air. *Old Blanco Courthouse, 300 Main St. 830-833-2211; historicblanco.org/market-day* 📍

BOERNE: April 8, 22 Bluegrass Jam at the AgriCultural Every second and fourth Saturday of the month, bring your instrument and play along or just come to listen to the Bluegrass Jam. *The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. 210-445-1080; theagricultural.org/bluegrass-jams*

BOERNE: April 8, 22 Kuhlmann-King Museum Tour and Programs Every second and fourth Saturday of the month, the Kuhlmann-King house gives the public the opportunity to step back in time to see what a historic Boerne home looked like “way back when.” Monthly events and themes vary. *Kuhlmann-King Museum, 402 E. Blanco Road. 210-275-8301; facebook.com/kuhlmannkinghouse*

BOERNE: April 8-9 Market Days On the second weekend of each month, hundreds of festive booths display everything from collectibles and remembrances of the past to modern innovations. *Main Plaza, 100 N. Main St. 210-844-8193; boernemarketdays.com/boerne.html* 📍

BOERNE: April 1 Spring Antique Tractor Pull The Boerne Agricultural Museum and Arts Center hosts its annual Antique Tractor Pull event. Antique tractors from around Texas compete to pull the heaviest weight the farthest distance. *The Agricultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. 210-445-1080; theagricultural.org*

BOERNE: April 22 Texas Corvette Association Open Car Show Hundreds of Corvettes line the historic Hill Country Mile and Main Plaza, attracting car enthusiasts and guests. Enjoy all that downtown Boerne has to offer while admiring beautiful vehicles. *Hill Country Mile, 100 N. Main St. 210-287-4246; texas-corvette-association.com* 📍

BURNET: April 7-9 Bluebonnet Festival Bluebonnet season begins in Burnet with a grand parade, carnival, and two stages with live music. Other festivities include a pet parade, wiener dog races, 5K and 10K runs, a car show, a demolition derby, children’s activities, a children’s bicycle decorating contest, over 150 arts and crafts vendors, a biergarten, and a food court. *Downtown, 220 S. Pierce St. 512-756-4297; bluebonnetfestival.org* 📍

CEDAR PARK: April 1 Cory Morrow in Concert Texas country singer-songwriter

Cory Morrow visits the Haute Spot. *Haute Spot, 1501 E. New Hope Drive. 512-986-7411; hautespot.live*

FREDERICKSBURG: March 27-April 21 Texas Hill Country Wineries’ Wine and Wildflower Journey Get tickets online to receive full complimentary tastings and wine discounts at dozens of participating wineries on this self-guided tour. *Various locations. texaswinetrail.com* 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: March 31-April 2 Texas Vintage Motorcycle Fandango Known as the “best little vintage bike event in Texas,” the Texas Fandango is a vintage swap meet and bike show with vintage races all rolled into one fun-packed weekend. *Gillespie County Fairgrounds, 530 Fair Drive. thetexasfandango.com* 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: April 1-16 Wildflower Celebration Enjoy viewing and snapping photos of the wildflower fields in full bloom along with two butterfly gardens. *Wildseed Farms, 100 Legacy Drive. 830-990-1393; wildseedfarms.com* 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: April 7 First Friday Art Walk Participating fine art galleries remain open until 8 p.m., so visitors and visiting artists have more time to enjoy new shows, demonstrations, and receptions. *Various locations. 830-990-8160; facebook.com/first-friday-art-walk-fredericksburg-401466143219898* 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: April 8 Easter at the Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm Learn about German Easter traditions including friendship cards, homemade egg dyes, grass baskets, and lamb cake. *LBJ State Park and Historic Site, 199 State Park Road 52. tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lyndon-b-johnson* 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: April 8 Spring Fling Art Sale Find original art and prints from members of Die Kunstler’s von Fredericksburg, the artists of Fredericksburg. Die Kunstler is an all-volunteer member artist group founded in 1993, its name honoring the city’s German heritage. *Marktplatz, 100 block of Main Street. 830-285-5005; dkfredericksburg.org* 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: April 9 Big Easter Egg Hunt in Luckenbach Texas Participate in free family fun that includes hunting for Easter eggs, live music, games, and photo ops with the Easter Bunny. *Luckenbach Texas, 412 Luckenbach Town Loop. luckenbachtexas.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: April 14-16 Trade Days Shop more than 350 vendors in seven barns and acres of antiques, collectibles, tools, crafts, shabby chic, primitives,

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FREDERICKSBURG: April 15 Spring Fish Fry At this annual fundraiser for the Fredericksburg Volunteer Fire Department, enjoy a freshly fried catfish dinner with all the trimmings, raffle, silent auction, and music. *Marktplatz*, 100 block of West Main Street. fbgtx.org 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: April 16 Alamo Metro Chorus in Concert Fredericksburg Music Club presents award-winning barbershop group Alamo Metro Chorus, a membership organization of female singers who meet regularly to practice, perform, socialize, and have fun. *Fredericksburg United Methodist Church*, 1800 N. Llano St. fredericksburgmusicclub.com 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: April 21-23, 27-30 The Play That Goes Wrong This 1920s whodunit has everything you never wanted in a show—an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can't play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including their lines). Nevertheless, the accident-prone thespians battle against all odds to make it through to their final curtain call, with hilarious consequences. *Fredericksburg United Methodist Church*, 1800 N. Llano St. fredericksburgtheater.org 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: April 22 Luckenbach Bluegrass Festival Hear great bluegrass music in an all-ages atmosphere. The music starts at 1 p.m. and goes into the evening. *Luckenbach Texas*, 412 Luckenbach Town Loop. luckenbachtexas.com 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: April 22 Monster Truck Wars America's wildest monster truck show promises fun and excitement, with monster trucks as seen on national TV. Ride on a real monster truck and meet the drivers. *Gillespie County Fairgrounds*, 530 Fair Drive. gillespiefair.com 📍

GEORGETOWN: April 15-16 Two Step Inn Embrace the honky-tonk spirit with 40-plus artists across three stages, featuring live music from country currents, country classics, and the country curious. Acts scheduled to perform include Zach Bryan, Tyler Childers, Midland, Travis Tritt, Tanya Tucker, Wynonna Judd, Clay Walker, Mavis Staples, and Diplo. *San Gabriel Park*, 445 E. Morrow St. twestepinn.com 📍

GEORGETOWN: April 28-30 Red Poppy Festival The "Red Poppy Capital of Texas" celebrates this annual event in honor of red poppy season. The three-day festival

includes food vendors, live music, a parade and car show, a kids' Fun Zone, an artisan market, and fields of red poppies. *The Georgetown Square*, 103 W. Seventh St. 512-930-3545; poppy.georgetown.org 📍

INGRAM: April 21-23, 27-30; May 5-7 The Gods of Comedy In this comedy by Ken Ludwig, Daphne and Ralph are young classics professors who have just made a discovery that's sure to turn them into academic superstars. But something goes disastrously wrong. The Ivy League will never be the same as a pair of screwball deities encounters the carnal complexity of college coeds, campus capers, and conspicuous consumption. *Hill Country Arts Foundation*, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com 📍

INGRAM: April 29 Stonehenge II Celtic Festival and Highland Games Learn about Celtic culture through vendors, clans, music, food, the annual Highland Games, and dancing. The event takes place on the grounds of the Hill Country Arts Foundation, which include a replica of Stonehenge that was created by the late Al Shepperd and Doug Hill more than 20 years ago. *Hill Country Arts Foundation*, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com 📍

JOHNSON CITY: April 22 Celebration Under the Stars Visit Pedernales Falls State Park and enjoy stargazing and other nighttime activities like a camping demonstration, nocturnal wildlife table, and nighttime sensory-testing station. Night-sky-friendly lighting is also demonstrated. *Pedernales Falls State Park*, 2585 Park Road 6026. 830-868-7304; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/pedernales-falls

JOHNSON CITY: April 22-23 Market Days Held the fourth weekend of the month, this open-air market features vendors and artisans selling handmade or locally produced products in the heart of Texas wine country. *Downtown, City Park, US 290 West, between Nugent Street and Avenue G*. 830-868-7684; johnsoncitytexas.info

JUNCTION: April 15 100 Years at South Llano River Celebrate this area of the Hill Country and Walter Buck Jr., the man who donated the land to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Along with an open house at the new headquarters, the event features activities revolving around angora goats and wool, Model Ts, and history. *South Llano River State Park*, 1927 Park Road 73. 325-446-3994; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/south-llano-river



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KERRVILLE: March 9–April 8 Art Exhibits Tuesday through Saturday, visit the Kerr Arts and Cultural Center for three separate art exhibits: *Tierra Linda Ranch and the Texas Hill Country* by photographer S.J. Derby, *Road Trip: One Woman Show* by Catherine Massaro, and *The World of NONS: Spatial/Surreal Environs* with the art of HC “Hardy” Lewis, featuring Sadie Roselle. An artists reception takes place March 18. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com* 📍

KERRVILLE: March 17–19, 24–26, 31; April 1–2 On Golden Pond The classic American comedic drama is every bit as touching, warm, and witty today as it was when it debuted off-Broadway in 1978. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcacf.com* 📍

KERRVILLE: March 24–April 21 Spring Bling: Fiber and Jewelry Show This exhibit features fiber art and jewelry by artists from across Texas. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcacf.com* 📍

KERRVILLE: March 31, April 28 Concerts by the River Pack your lawn chairs and picnic blankets and come out to the park to enjoy free concerts along the banks of the beautiful Guadalupe River. *Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Drive. 830-257-7300; kerrvilletx.gov* 📍

KERRVILLE: April 1–2 Hill Country Gun Show Find new and used guns, knives, coins, cutting boards, ammo, and hunting items for sale. All proceeds go to local area veterans. *Hill Country Veterans Center, 411 Meadowview. 830-315-3101; gunshowtrader.com* 📍

KERRVILLE: April 1 Solar Eclipse Kickoff Butt-Holdworth Memorial Library hosts this party that includes an indoor planetarium show, music, and guest speaker. This event celebrates the upcoming Oct. 14, 2023, annular eclipse and the April 8, 2024, total solar eclipse. *Butt-Holdworth Memorial Library, 505 Water St. 830-257-7300; kerrvilletx.gov* 📍

KERRVILLE: April 2 Kerr County Market Days and Hill Country Swap Meet Market Days continues to feature artists and crafters bringing their own original handcrafted items. Hill Country Swap Meet is a community garage sale/flea market. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-459-6198; kerrmarketdays.org* 📍

KERRVILLE: April 8 Blooms and Barrels Plant Sale Shop for native and adapted ornamental plants, herbs, 55-gallon rain barrels, vegetables, and items at “The Garden

Shed” resale shop. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-257-6568; hillcountrymastergardeners.org* 📍

KERRVILLE: April 8 Easterfest, Cookoff, and Open Car Show Enjoy a barbecue and chili cookoff, food, games, rides for all ages, vendors, live music, an Easter egg hunt, an open car and bike show, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. *Flat Rock Lake Park, 3840 Riverside Drive. 830-896-1155; kerrvillechamber.biz*

KERRVILLE: April 8 The Salvation Army’s Easter Eggstravaganza Bring your Easter basket for a family day of fun. This community event is filled with bounce houses, face painting, a cake walk, pictures with the Easter Bunny, food vendors, games, and two Easter egg hunts with over 25,000 candy-filled Easter eggs and giveaways with prizes. *The Salvation Army Kroc Center, 201 Holdsworth Drive. 830-315-5762; kerrvillekroc.org* 📍

KERRVILLE: April 13–May 13 Art Exhibits Tuesday through Saturday, visit the Kerr Arts and Cultural Center for three separate art exhibits: *Schreiner University Seniors Show* featuring the seniors from Schreiner University’s graphic arts projects; *Hill Country Quilt Guild*, an exhibit by local quilters; and *Guadalupe Watercolor Group*, a judged watercolor exhibit. An artists reception takes place April 22. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com* 📍

KERRVILLE: April 14–16, 21–22, 28–30 Dead Man’s Cell Phone Sarah Ruhl’s absurd comedy-drama explores technology’s effect on society as it brings people together while also isolating them. *Playhouse 2000 VK Garage Theater, 305 Washington St. 830-896-9393; caillouxperformingarts.com* 📍

KERRVILLE: April 15 Spring Native Plant Sale Come browse and shop for native plants that have been selected to thrive in the Texas climate and soil, along with other gardening-related items. *Riverside Nature Center, 150 Francisco Lemos St. 830-257-4837; riversidenaturecenter.org* 📍

KERRVILLE: April 15–16 Texas Gun and Knife Show Vendors sell new and used guns, knives, ammo, coins, jewelry, camping gear, accessories, and hunting and outdoors items. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-285-0575; texasgunandknifeshows.com* 📍

KERRVILLE: April 23 WindSync in Concert Houston-based WindSync performs wind quintet masterworks, adapting beloved music to their instrumentation and

championing new works by today's composers. *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-896-9393; caillouxperformingarts.com* 📍

KERRVILLE: April 27 Symphony of the Hills Concert The symphony presents "Orchestral Fire," the season finale featuring Pyotr Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 in E Minor. The concert opens with Armenian composer Alexander Arutunian's Trumpet Concerto, one of the most often performed trumpet concertos in the orchestra repertoire. *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-792-7469; symphonyofthehills.org* 📍

LAMPASAS: April 28-29 Riata Roundup Rodeo and LTX Barbecue Fest The Diamond Cross Rodeo Company produces this rodeo that kicks off Thursday night with a jackpot open barrel race. Gates open Friday and Saturday with mutton bustin' and rodeo events immediately following, plus concerts, food trucks, and vendors. On Saturday before the rodeo, the LTX Barbecue Fest kicks off. *Lampasas 580 Sports Complex, 2351 FM 580. 512-556-5172; lampasaschamber.org*

LLANO: March 31-April 1 Llano River Chuckwagon Cookoff Since 2005, chuckwagon enthusiasts have come together on the banks of the Llano River to recreate what life was like when the West was settled. Be served chicken-fried steak, potatoes, beans, bread, and a dessert by enthusiasts who use traditional cooking methods, wear period dress, and engage in friendly competitions in a number of categories. *Badu Park, 300 W. Legion Drive. 325-247-5354; llanochuckwagoncookoff.com* 📍

LLANO: April 1-2 Fiddle Fest Contest and Concert The weekend includes the 45th annual Open Fiddle Fest, a live concert and dance, a Sunday service, and cowboy breakfast. This year's Open Fiddle Contest includes youth, senior, open, and accompanist divisions. Saturday's activities feature an evening concert with legendary country star Moe Bandy. *John L. Kuykendall Event Center, 2200 W. RR 152. 325-247-5354; llanofiddlefest.com* 📍

LLANO: April 21-22 Crawfish Open It's crawfish season and the Llano Crawfish Open celebrates with great food, arts and crafts, the Crawfish Crawler 5K Walk and Run, live auctions, steer roping, live music, a motorcycle fun run, and a golf tournament. The event benefits Llano charities. *Robinson Park, 123 Robinson Park Drive. 325-247-2270; llanocrawfishopen.com* 📍

MASON: April 1 Arts and Wine Festival Local artists and craftspeople, Mason winemakers, and Texas winemakers serving wines made with Mason County grapes

line the sidewalks with their creations. *Mason Town Square, 201 Fort McKavitt St. 325-347-0230; business.masontxcoc.com/community-calendar* 📍

NEW BRAUNFELS: March 3-May 26 Friday Afternoon Club at Gruene Hall This Gruene Hall tradition, now in its 25th year, is where hipsters, oldsters, suits, locals, and drifters mix it up to start their weekend. The quintessential Friday happy hour offers great beer prices, prize giveaways, and the best in Texas tunes broadcast live by KNBT 92.1 FM Radio New Braunfels. *Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. 830-606-1281; gruenehall.com* 📍

NEW BRAUNFELS: April 20 Come and Taste It: Meet Texas' Best Winemakers On the third Thursday of each month (except January), come to The Grapevine and taste some of Texas' best wines and craft beer straight from the winemakers and brewers. This monthly event features complimentary tastings and live music in the heart of Gruene Historic District. *The Grapevine, 1612 Hunter Road. 830-606-0093; grapevineingruene.com* 📍

NEW BRAUNFELS: March 18-19; April 15-16; May 20-21 Old Gruene Market Days Nearly 100 vendors offer uniquely crafted items and packaged Texas foods at this monthly market. *Gruene Historic District, 1724 Hunter Road. 830-832-1721; gruene marketdays.com* 📍

SAN MARCOS: April 1-2 Studio Tour Art lovers and artists alike adore exploring colorful and creative San Marcos during the San Marcos Studio Tour. Check out featured studios on the tour map, and see a group exhibition at MotherShip Studios for works from participating artists. *Various locations, 20027 SH 80, Bay 5. 210-724-0476; mothershipstudios.com*

TAYLOR: April 21 Music on Main Heritage Square is full of family-friendly music from local and regional musicians. Bring a blanket or chairs. *Heritage Square Park, 400 N. Main St. 512-352-3675; ci.taylor.tx.us/1136/music-on-main*

PANHANDLE PLAINS

AMARILLO: March 3-4 Anastasia Inspired by the beloved film, the romantic and adventure-filled new musical *Anastasia* is on a journey to Amarillo at last. *Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St. 806-378-4297; amarilociviccenter.com* 📍

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AMARILLO: April 14-20, April 21-23 *The Father* Winner of the 2014 Molière Award, France's most prestigious honor for a new work of theater, Florian Zeller's *The Father* is a tragicomic mystery, a sobering and realistic family story, and an unsentimental, emotionally intense look at the world through the eyes of a man experiencing dementia. *Amarillo Little Theatre Adventure Space*, 2751 Civic Circle. 806-355-9991; amarillolittletheatre.org

AMARILLO: April 21-22 Amarillo Symphony Concert The symphony's final concert of the season is a performance of Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2, performed by award-winning pianist Joyce Yang. *Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts*, 500 S. Buchanan St. 806-376-8782; amarillosymphony.org 📍

ANDREWS: April 22-23 Wild, Wild West Fest Live gunfighters, a barbecue cookoff, carnival, car show, vendor market, and petting zoo help bring back the vibes from the Wild West days. *ACE Arena*, 1441 SH 176 East. 432-523-2695; wildwildwestfest.com 📍

JACKSBORO: April 23 Eats and Treats Farmers Market Vendors set up along the courthouse lawn to sell homemade soaps, fresh vegetables, canned goods, clothing, homemade dog treats, frozen beef and pork, knickknacks, and desserts. The market is held every fourth Saturday from March through October. *Jack County Courthouse*, 100 N. Main St. 940-567-2602; jacksborochamber.com 📍

LEVELLAND: March 24-April 1 ABC Pro Rodeo Whether it's your first rodeo or not, you'll love watching these rodeo feats including saddle bronc, bareback, steer wrestling, calf roping, team roping, barrel racing, bull riding, mutton bustin', and free-style bullfighting. *Mallet Event Center*, 2320 US 385 South. 806-777-1510; abcrodeo.com

LUBBOCK: April 1 Lubbock Uncorked With a showcase of more than 20 Texas wineries, guests are invited to taste, purchase bottles, ask winemakers questions, and enjoy the live music, local food trucks, restaurants, and beer garden. *American Windmill Museum*, 1701 Canyon Lake Drive. 806-761-7000; lubbockchamber.com/lubbock-uncorked 📍

LUBBOCK: April 2 Ranch Day Saddle up for a day of activities centered on ranching history, ranch skills, and ranch science. Enjoy the Snake Oil Magic Show, build a log cabin, learn to churn butter, and watch as children become a ranch hand for the day. *National Ranching Heritage Center*, 3121 Fourth St. 806-742-0498; ranchingheritage.org/nrhc-events/ranch-day

LUBBOCK: April 4-9 *Dear Evan Hansen* This Tony Award-winning musical has struck a chord with audiences around the world. Join shy high school senior Evan Hansen on his journey to fit in. *The Buddy Holly Hall of Performing Arts and Sciences*, 1300 Mac Davis Lane. 806-792-8339; buddyhollyhall.com 📍

LUBBOCK: April 15-16 Arts Festival With over 150 artists and crafters showcasing and selling their work, this festival is an art lover's dream. Listen to live music, browse through galleries, and enjoy local eats at this family-friendly event. *Lubbock Memorial Civic Center*, 1501 Mac Davis Lane. 806-744-2787; lubbockartsfestival.org

LUBBOCK: April 22 Texas Wine, Hops, and Shops Festival Showcasing the best of the Texas beverage industry are wineries, breweries, and vendors from across the state. Guests are invited to explore the winery, shop local artisan vendors, grab a bite from local food trucks, and enjoy a beverage tasting. Cap off the night with a celebratory street concert. *McPherson Cellars*, 1615 Texas Ave. 806-687-9463; texaswinehopsandshops.com

NEWCASTLE: April 8 Crawfish and Cannons Historic Fort Belknap hosts its seventh annual Crawfish and Cannons event featuring a crawfish boil, live cannon fire, children's activities, vendors, armadillo races, and live music. The Goodnight Loving 5K, 10K, and half marathon takes place in the morning. *Fort Belknap*, 114 Fort Circle. 940-549-0401; crawfishandcannons.com 📍

NEWCASTLE: April 8 Goodnight-Loving Run The Goodnight-Loving 5K, 10K, and half marathon is an out-and-back run from the entrance gate of Fort Belknap, the historic birthplace of the Goodnight-Loving Cattle Trail. *Fort Belknap*, 114 Fort Circle. 940-549-0401; goodnightlovingrun.com 📍

PALO PINTO: April 29 Palo Pinto County on Tour Take a self-driving tour of notable and historical sites in Palo Pinto County. Land owners open their gates to areas typically not accessible. Sites include the recently renovated Crazy Hotel and Old Rock Schoolhouse in Mineral Wells, Worth Scout Ranch, and Lovers Retreat. *Various locations*. 940-325-2557; palopintohistory.com



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SAN ANGELO: Through Aug. 1 *Salmon Sculpture Competition in Memory of Pam Salmon* Hosted by the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, the seventh biennial competition features a dozen sculptures created by sculptors from across the country and chosen by juror Emily Wilkinson, director for public art at Texas Tech University System. *Sunken Garden Park, 704 S. David (at South Abe Street and West Avenue D).* 325-653-3333; samfa.org 📍

SAN ANGELO: Through April 9 *Permanent Collection and Orna Feinstein and Otto McKay Exhibits* San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts presents a rich exhibit showing a wide array of works from the museum's permanent collection along with pieces by artists Orna Feinstein and Otto McKay. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St.* 325-653-3333; samfa.org

SAN ANGELO: April 20 *Regional Cavalry Competition* Held on the historic Fort Concho Parade Grounds, this three-day competition features riding and horsemanship skills that reflect the drills and training of the U.S. Cavalry in the 1800s. *Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St.* 325-481-2646; fortconcho.com 📍

SAN ANGELO: April 21-June 25 *Invitational Ceramic Exhibition* See contemporary ceramics by invited artists Brian Molanphy, Bonnie Lynch, and Linda Lynch. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St.* 325-653-3333; samfa.org 📍

SAN ANGELO: April 21-June 25 *Permanent Collection Exhibit* San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts presents a rich exhibit showing a wide array of works from the museum's permanent collection. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St.* 325-653-3333; samfa.org 📍

SAN ANGELO: April 22 *Frontier Day* This event starts with the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, followed by ongoing entertainment, living history, demonstrations, exhibits, and displays reflecting the region's pioneer, military, agricultural, and ranching heritage. *Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St.* 325-481-2646; fortconcho.com

WICHITA FALLS: Through May 14 *Sculpture Garden Exhibit* Each year, 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. This year's juror is Dewane Hughes, associate professor of sculpture at the University of Texas at Tyler. *Kemp Center for the Arts, 1300 Lamar St.* 940-767-2787; artscouncilwtf.org 📍

PINEY WOODS

GLADEWATER: April 14-15 *East Texas Gusher Days* The festival celebrates the rich oil history of Gladewater from the 1930s oil boom era. This year, special events and activities coincide with Gladewater's 150th birthday celebration. There is a domino tournament and longest beard contest, arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, live music, a car show, and a chili cookoff. *Downtown, Pacific and Commerce streets.* 903-845-5501; gusher-days.com 📍



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GRAPELAND: April 22 *Folk Festival* This annual event provides visitors a variety of educational experiences and activities about 19th-century Texas pioneer life in the area around what is today Mission Tejas State Park. *Mission Tejas State Park, 19343 SH 21 East.* 936-687-2394; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/mission-tejas



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JEFFERSON: March 31–April 1 Miata Madness This annual event is open to Mazda Miata owners and held at the 100 block of East Austin Street. On Saturday, the Show 'n' Shine kicks off in the morning. *Downtown, 100 E. Austin St. 903-665-3733; visitjeffersontexas.com*

JEFFERSON: April 1 Spring History, Haunts, and Legends This spring event is for the history buff, avid ghost hunters, and anyone with an interest in the unexplained and things that go bump in the night. There are special guest speakers, authors, vendors, book signings, galleries, nighttime tours, and investigations. *Jefferson Convention and Tourism Center, 305 E. Austin St. 903-601-3375; visitjeffersontexas.com*

JEFFERSON: April 14–15 Outlaw Nationals Car Show This antique rod show is

open to all—if it runs, bring it. Activities include karaoke on Friday night, live entertainment and a live auction on Saturday night, and awards to be given out before the auction. This is Jefferson's most popular and longest-running car show. *Downtown. 903-665-7121; outlawnationals.com* 📍



KARNACK: April 14 Caddo Homecoming Walk into yesterday at Caddo Lake State Park, which celebrates 30 years of good conservation with the Caddo Lake Institute. Try your hand at canoeing, fishing, and other park activities. Decorate your campsite with a retro theme, attend an outdoor movie, and enjoy music and dancing like it's 1923, when the Texas State Parks system was founded. *Caddo Lake State Park, 245 Park Road 2. 903-679-3351; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/caddo-lake*

LONGVIEW: March 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27 Spring Concert Series: Roots in the Gardens Bring a lawn chair or blanket to the spring concert series, held in the gardens on Thursday evenings. The lineup this year features bands playing music, from classic rock to blues to Motown. The bands include Galaxy, the Usual Suspects, Flash-

backs, Probable Cause Band, and Tuxedo Cats. *Longview Arboretum and Nature Center, 706 W. Cotton St. 903-212-2181; longviewarboretum.org*



LUMBERTON: April 22 Village Creek Fun Day Camp with a ranger, practice yoga, go for a bike ride or paddling adventure, learn Dutch oven cooking, participate in craft activities, and get camping 101 how-to tips at this event. *Village Creek State Park, 8854 Park Road 74. 409-755-7322; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/village-creek*

PALESTINE: March 17–April 2 Dogwood Trails Celebration Enjoy the delicate beauty of the dogwood trees in Davey Dogwood Park the last two weeks in March and first week in April. Activities scheduled each weekend complement the celebration, including a festival the first weekend. Stop at Palestine Visitor Center for venues and maps. *Davey Dogwood Park and surrounding forest trails, 825 W. Spring St. 903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com*

PALESTINE: March 17–April 30 Fairy Garden Trail There's more to explore in Davey Dogwood Park this spring—the 5.5 miles of driving trails provide beautiful views, but park the car and see how many of the hidden fairy gardens you can find on the trail. *Davey Dogwood Park, 4205 N. Link St. 903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com*

PALESTINE: March 24–April 2 Clue the Musical Based on the 1985 movie, *Clue* is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The tale begins at a remote mansion, with six mysterious guests assembled for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When the host turns up dead, they all become suspects. *The Historic Texas Theatre, 213 E. Crawford St. 903-724-4385; thetexas theater.com* 📍

PALESTINE: April 1–May 26 Piney Woods Express Diesel Unplug for a tradition that merges comfort and adventure for the whole family. Relaxed seating, thoughtful décor, and responsive attendants add to the ambiance of the scenic journey afforded travelers a century ago. The trip includes food and adult beverage service and historical narration on a rail journey that whisks you back into another century. *Texas State Railroad Palestine Depot, 789 Park Road 70. 855-632-7729; texasstaterailroad.net*

PALESTINE: April 15 Wiggy Thump Festival This music festival features a lineup of Texas country favorites including Whiskey Myers, Mark Chesnutt, Tanner Usrey, and Sarah Hobbs. Food and nonalcoholic drinks

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PALESTINE: April 21-23 1836 Chuckwagon Races The race takes place every year during the celebration of Texas' independence. This Western event welcomes visitors to bring their horses, mules, and wagons. Enjoy the activities or just sit back and watch. On-site camping starts April 14. *Diamond B Ranch, 11589 FM 321. 903-721-9111; 1836chuckwagonrace.com*



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TATUM: April 15 Bait and Boats Start your morning off learning the basics of fishing. Test your new skills on the water by participating in the fishing derby, with prizes given out in a variety of categories. Wrap up the day on the water, as park rangers guide a group paddle in kayaks and canoes around the island. *Martin Creek Lake State Park, 9515 County Road 2181D. 903-836-4336; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/martin-creek-lake*

THE WOODLANDS: April 14-16 Waterway Arts Festival Set along the scenic banks of The Woodlands Waterway and in Town Green Park, the Waterway Arts festival gives guests an opportunity to enjoy an outdoor art gallery with music, food, and kids' activities while shopping for art created by fine artists from around the world. *The Woodlands Waterway and Town Green Park, 2099 Lake Robbins Drive. 832-304-9863; thewoodlandsartscouncil.org*

TYLER: April 13 Chicago After 25 years, the Tony-winning musical still makes Broadway shimmy and shake with its universal tale of fame, fortune, and all that jazz, with one showstopping song after another. *UT Tyler Cowan Center, 3900 University Blvd., FAC 1120. 903-566-7424; cowancenter.org*

TYLER: April 15 Popovich Comedy Pet Theater Featuring the comedy and juggling skills of Ukrainian circus performer Gregory Popovich and the talents of his performing pets, including Diamond the Shetland Pony, *Popovich Comedy Pet Theater* is entertainment for the whole family. *UT Tyler Cowan Center, 3900 University Blvd., FAC 1120. 903-566-7424; cowancenter.org*

TYLER: April 20 Michael Carbonaro: Lies on Stage From the television series *The Carbonaro Effect*, the master magician returns with a new show where he conjures up a concoction of magic, offbeat shenanigans and wonder for all ages. *UT Tyler Cowan Center, 3900 University Blvd., FAC 1120. 903-566-7424; cowancenter.org*

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

ARLINGTON: April 13 Symphony Arlington Concert Classical guitarist Jacob Cor-dover performs "A Salute to the Big Apple," featuring songs by various composers, and Elmer Bernstein's "Guitar Concerto." The evening also includes the 15th annual Great Movie Scores Quiz. *Arlington Music Hall, 224 N. Center St. 817-385-0484; symphonyarlington.org*

BASTROP: April 14-16, 21-22, 28-30 Little Women Director Gretchen Westbrook brings to life Louisa May Alcott's story of the four young March sisters, who under the guidance of their beloved mother struggle to keep their family going while their father is away in the Civil War. *Bastrop Opera House, 711 Spring St. 512-200-3826; bastropoperahouse.org*

BELLVILLE: April 1 First Saturday Market Stroll through the market on the square and check out the nearby farmers and artisan market with more than 85 booths featuring crafters, woodworkers, retailers, rolling boutiques, produce, honey, and baked goods galore while you enjoy music all day, several food trucks, a photo booth, and activities. *Downtown*

Square, 1 Main St. 979-865-3407; discoverbellville.com

BELLVILLE: April 1 Fresh Farmers and Artisan Market More than 35 vendors bring fresh produce, grass-fed beef, honey, eggs, herbs, plants, and flowers to be sold in the shade of Jim Bishop Pavilion. Shoppers can find vendors and artisans selling fine linens, soaps, jewelry, dog treats, and beard oils and presenting live demonstrations. Enjoy wine tastings, an old-fashioned lemonade stand, cold brew coffee, jams, jellies, and baked goods. The market is held on the first Saturday of the month. *Jim Bishop Pavilion at Chesley Park, 100 E. Palm St. 979-865-3407; discoverbellville.com*

BELLVILLE: April 1-2 Texas Select Custom Cutlery Event Inspired by the History Channel's *Forged in Fire*, this event has become one of the largest knife shows in Texas, with 200-plus vendors. Visitors can meet knifsmiths from across the country, examine their work, and enjoy forging demonstrations and chopping competitions. *Austin County Fair Convention and Expo Center, 1076 E. Hill St. 713-724-6813; texasselectevent.com*

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BONHAM: April 15 100 Years State Park Celebration To celebrate 100 years of Texas State Parks, Bonham State Park is hosting various natural and cultural table talks and activities for all to enjoy, ranging from programs about fossils to a Bois 'd Arc Trail Civilian Conservation Corps hike to fishing for backyard bass. *Bonham State Park, 1363 State Park 24. 903-583-5022; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/bonham*

BRENHAM: April 1 Southern Raised in Concert Trained in classical music but raised in the bluegrass-covered Ozark Mountains, the Southern Raised siblings create a trademark sound where classical meets bluegrass, with Celtic and Christian music mixed into their repertoire. *The Barnhill Center, 111 W. Main St. 979-337-7240; thebarnhillcenter.com/events* 📍

BRENHAM: April 22 One Night in Memphis: The Music of Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Johnny Cash Relive the magical night of Dec. 4, 1956, when Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Johnny Cash gathered for an impromptu jam session at the renowned Sun Studios in Memphis. This theatrical pro-

duction features acclaimed cast members of the Broadway smash *Million Dollar Quartet*. *The Barnhill Center, 111 W. Main St. 979-337-7240; thebarnhillcenter.com* 📍

BURTON: March 24-April 1 La Bahia Antiques Show Dealers across the country provide antiques, collectibles, and repurposed and vintage items in the historic 1902 La Bahia Hall. Outside dealers offer a variety of vintage goods. There is country cooking all day. The show is part of the famous Round Top antiques festival weekend. *La Bahia Hall, 550 SH 237. 979-289-2684; labahiaantiques.com* 📍

BURTON: April 15 Cotton Gin Festival In Burton sits the 1914 Burton Farmers Gin, the oldest operating cotton gin in America. Go back in time at this annual festival and enjoy a parade, music, contests, games, arts and crafts, food, drinks, a tractor pull, antique engines, and tractor and classic car shows. *Texas Cotton Gin Museum, 307 N. Main St. 979-289-3378; texascottonginmuseum.org*

CHAPPELL HILL: April 15-16 Official Bluebonnet Festival of Texas Chappell Hill is the official Bluebonnet Capital of Texas, and this festival honors that blue-

bonnet heritage with more than 400 vendors, food, live music, and family-friendly fun. *Downtown. 979-836-6033; chappellhillhistoricalsociety.com*

CLEBURNE: April 1 The Mammoth Race Choose 5K, 10K, 15K, and 30K run options and race through Cleburne State Park. Runners get a race shirt and a finisher's medal. *Cleburne State Park, 5800 Park Road 21. 817-707-6620; mammothrace.com* 📍

CLEBURNE: April 14-16 Antique Alley of Texas Held the third weekend in April and September, the event includes over 500 dealers from across the state and country, plus food vendors, along a 25-mile stretch from Cleburne to Waxahachie. *Various locations, 817-645-2455; visitcleburne.com* 📍

COLLEGE STATION: Through April 23 Mandela: The Official Exhibition The story of Nelson Mandela is told in a series of experiential galleries, from his rural childhood home through years of turbulent struggle against the apartheid regime to his eventual vindication and final years as South Africa's first democratically elected president. *George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, 1000 George Bush Drive West. 979-862-2251; bush41.org* 📍

COMANCHE: April 1 Sippin' in the Sunshine Come explore the boutiques and shops on the square while you taste various local wines. *Historic Comanche Square, 101 W. Central Ave. 325-356-3233; comanchechamber.org* 📍

COOPER: April 1 Festival of the Fish Try casting a line and catching fish. This event offers angler education programs, a big fish contest, arts and crafts featuring *gyotaku* (a Japanese method of fish printing/painting), presentations, and other activities. *Cooper Lake State Park, Doctors Creek Unit, 95 Park Road 8154. 903-395-3100; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/cooper-lake*

CORSICANA: April 6 Downtown Easter Hop Join in and hop your way through downtown. Children and children at heart are all welcome for Easter egg hunts, games, free food and drinks, and prizes. *Downtown, 301 S. Beaton St. 903-654-4850; visitcorsicana.com*

CORSICANA: April 11-16 The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and His Friends The Warehouse's Youth Theatre Company presents this tale that weaves in the life of creator Beatrix Potter, who overcame her lonely childhood and whose writings and drawings were discouraged in the Victorian

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era, to become one of the most widely read children's authors of all time. *The Warehouse Living Arts Center, 119 W. Sixth Ave. 903-872-5421; thewlac.com*

CORSICANA: April 14 Food Truck Friday

Live music, games, and, of course, food trucks fill the parking lot behind Brick Streets Brewery in the evening. Come join the fun on the first Friday of every month (except April) from March through July. *Brick Streets Brewery, 224 E. Fifth St. 903-654-4850; visitcorsicana.com*

CORSICANA: April 20 Etta May and the Southern Fried Chicks

Etta May has performed her brand of clean comedy on numerous TV shows. She's an American Comedy Awards Comic of the Year and headlines this all-female comedy tour. *The Palace Theatre, 112 W. Sixth Ave. 903-874-7792; corsicanapalace.com* 📍

CORSICANA: April 21-22 Bike Race It's a battle on the bricks. The one-mile, eight-corner criterium course is renowned for its historic brick streets—a victory on Beaton Street is no small achievement. The course is spectator friendly with a planned vendor market and dining and shopping opportunities. *Downtown, 301 S. Beaton St. 903-654-4850; corsicanacrit.com*

CORSICANA: April 21-22 Texas Veterans Parade

A patriotic parade to honor our Texas veterans from all wars and conflicts takes place downtown. This year is the 175th anniversary of the city of Corsicana. The parade marshal is Chris Cassidy, a former Navy SEAL who became a NASA astronaut. *Downtown, 300 W. Third Ave. 214-537-9311; texasveteransparade.org* 📍

CORSICANA: April 21 The Malpass Brothers in Concert

Count on classic, real country music with the Malpass Brothers. They might play a couple of old-time traditional gospel songs or come down into the house at intermission and ask what you'd like to hear. *The Palace Theatre, 112 W. Sixth Ave. 903-874-7792; corsicanapalace.com* 📍

CORSICANA: April 27-30 Derrick Days Festival

Celebrate Corsicana's oil history with a week of events leading up to the festival, such as the rodeo, Oil Town Mini-thon, wine stroll, and block party. Enjoy food and craft vendors from all over the state of Texas, live entertainment, a carnival, and a chili cookoff. *Downtown, 301 S. Beaton St. 903-654-4850; derrickdays.com*

CORSICANA: April 29 Artist and Writer Residency Open Studios

100 West, the residency of Corsicana Artist and Writers, presents new works by visiting artists and writers from throughout the U.S. and

around the world. View works produced by the residents who live and work in historic downtown Corsicana while creating their pieces. *100 West, 100 W. Third Ave. 480-824-3015; corsicanaresidency.org* 📍

DALE: April 20-23 Old Settler's Music Festival

At the 36th annual Old Settler's Music Festival, enjoy four days of Americana/roots music, camping, jamming, and family fun in beautiful Dale (just outside of Austin). Yolo, the Wood Brothers, Shovels and Rope, and Shinyribs are just a few of the acts scheduled to perform. *1616 FM 3158. oldsettlersmusicfest.org*

DALLAS: Through June 18 In the Shadow of Dictatorship: Creating the Museum of Spanish Abstract Art

During an era when Spanish artists found success abroad yet struggled for recognition at home, artist, critic, and collector Fernando Zbel established the Museo de Arte Abstracto Español in Cuenca, Spain, on July 1, 1966. Highlights from its remarkable collection explore the rich panorama of abstract Spanish art during the middle of the 20th century and under the Francoist regime. *Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd. 214-768-2516; meadowsmuseumdallas.org* 📍

DALLAS: April 29-May 27 Charlotte's Web

Get caught in Charlotte's web to save Wilbur, the "radiant" and "humble" pig, and make friends once again with all his lovable barnyard neighbors. One of the first books ever written for children exploring issues of mortality, *Charlotte's Web* is an emotional tribute to friendship with universal themes, depicting courage, compassion, and the ever-changing cycle of life. *Rosewood Center, 5938 Skillman St. 214-978-0110; dct.org*

ELGIN: March 9, April 13, May 11 Sip, Shop, and Stroll

Sip wine and shop as you stroll through the stores in historic downtown Elgin. Find diverse merchandise, eclectic décor, artwork by local artists, live music, the Elgin Farmers Market, food, and fun, friendly people. *Downtown, 114 Central Ave. 512-229-3227; elgintexas.gov*

ELGIN: April 7-May 26 Music in the Park

Every Friday in April and May, the Friends of Elgin Parks hosts this live-music series featuring a different band in historic downtown Elgin's Veterans Memorial Park. Bring friends and family, beverages, snacks, and a blanket or lawn chair. Elgin Parks and Recreation also provides games for chil-

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dren. *Downtown, 114 Central Ave. 512-229-3227; elgintexas.gov* 📍

FAIRFIELD: April 8 Easter Eggstravaganza Join the fun at the Freestone County Courthouse for Easter festivities. Bring your Easter baskets and participate in Easter egg hunts, art and crafts, and face painting. *Freestone County Courthouse, 118 E. Commerce St. 903-389-5792; fairfieldtexaschamber.com* 📍

FORT WORTH: Through April 30 I'll Be Your Mirror: Art and the Digital Screen This landmark thematic group exhibition examines the screen's vast impact on art from 1969 to the present. See more than 60 works by 50 artists who examine screen culture through a broad range of media such as paintings, sculpture, video games, digital art, augmented reality, and video. *Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215; themodern.org* 📍

FORT WORTH: April 20-23 Main Street Fort Worth Arts Festival Spanning more than 27 city blocks from the Tarrant County Courthouse to Sundance Square Plaza to the Fort Worth Convention Center, the 36th Main Street Arts Festival features more than 200 juried artists from across

the country, chart-topping entertainers, authentic Texas cuisine, and arts and crafts activities for the whole family. *Downtown, 777 Taylor St. 817-336-2787; mainstreetartsfest.org* 📍

FRISCO: April 8 Starfest On the second Saturday of the month, Texas Astronomical Society holds a star party. Society members educate about the night sky while guests observe planets, stars, and other celestial wonders. *Frisco Commons Park, 8000 McKinney Road. 214-800-6000; texasastro.org* 📍

FRISCO: April 29 Uncorked The fourth annual Frisco Uncorked is a can't-miss food and wine experience featuring local restaurants, wine pairings, a VIP tent with lawn games and a photo booth, selections from more than 100 wineries, and a lively atmosphere. *Frisco Square, 8874 Coleman Blvd. 214-387-5700; friscouncorked.com* 📍

GARLAND: April 1 Big Art Day The creative community in Garland unites with the Texas Art Education Association's state initiative to raise awareness of art education. Garland's art education event features visual and performing artists, steamroller art, make-and-take art, and many other

attractions. *Downtown, 520 W. State St. 972-205-2780; visitgarlandtx.com*

GARLAND: April 14 Band Together on the Square Concert Series Bring your lawn chairs and catch live music and a carefree, spring vibe in Garland's pocket park on the square. Purchase food and beverages from local restaurants for the full downtown experience. *506 Art Pocket Park, 506 Main St. 888-879-0264; visitgarlandtx.com*

GIDDINGS: April 14-15 Rodeo Giddings Enjoy an old-fashioned rodeo that includes steer wrestling, team roping, calf roping, bareback riding, bull riding, barrel racing, and saddle bronc riding. *Lee County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Arena, 2495 US 290 West. 979-542-3455; giddingsstx.com/page-1676245*

GLEN ROSE: April 15 Spring Wing Ding At this annual celebration of everything winged and migratory, families can make birdhouses and feeders, see monarch butterflies in various stages of development, and take nature walks and hikes. *Dinosaur Valley State Park, 1629 Park Road 59. 254-897-4588; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/dinosaur-valley*

GONZALES: April 1 100 Years, 100 Species Learn about the wide variety of species in the park. Staff and volunteers are stationed around the park and lead tours (including some in Spanish), helping visitors identify species. The event includes challenges to identify 100 species of flora and fauna found in the park. *Palmetto State Park, 78 Park Road 11 South. 830-672-3266; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/palmetto*

GRAND PRAIRIE: April 13-July 4 Live Thoroughbred Racing World-class thoroughbred horse racing every weekend. *Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Parkway. 972-263-7223; lonestarpark.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: April 21-23 Main Street Fest The 10th annual Main Street Fest is a three-day event featuring live music, carnival rides, arts and crafts, food and beer, and local vendors. *Downtown, 200 block of West Main Street. 972-237-8100; mainstreetfest.com* 📍

GRAND PRAIRIE: April 21 Royal Comedy 2023 The Royal Comedy tour comes to Grand Prairie with Sommore, Bruce Bruce, Lavell Crawford, JJ Williamson, Special K, Q Coleman, and D Elli\$. *Texas Trust CU Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Texas Trust Way. 972-854-5050; texastrustcutheatre.com* 📍

GRANDVIEW: April 21-23 Antique Alley Texas Festival Find special sales at antiques shops, cafes, and small businesses,



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and visit flea markets, food trucks, antique tractor and classic car displays, and yard sales scattered across Johnson and Ellis counties. *Antique Alley Texas, 300 E. Crier St. 817-666-5024; facebook.com/antiquealleytexas* 📍

HALLETTSVILLE: April 21-23 Texas State Championship Fiddlers' Frolics All things fiddle are celebrated this weekend. Activities include the fiddle championship, a barbecue cookoff, Fit as a Fiddle 5K, arts and crafts, and food. *Hallettsville KC Hall, 321 US 77 South. 361-798-2311; kchall.com*

INDEPENDENCE: March 25-April 8 Independence Historical Society Open Houses Every spring, Independence Historical Society opens its early Texas homes to the public. Visit the 1820s Coles Cabin, the 1830s Dogtrot Log House, and a one-room schoolhouse. Artisans demonstrate pioneer Texas crafts and music. The Texas homes are located adjacent to Old Baylor Park in historic Independence. *11300 Old Baylor College Road. 210-724-1514; ihstexas1836.com*

IRVING: April 22 Super Diamond: The Music of Neil Diamond The Irving Symphony's season comes to a close with Super Diamond, a band that pays tribute to the music of Neil Diamond. Hear hits including "Hello Again," "Cherry Cherry," and "Sweet Caroline." *Irving Arts Center, Carpenter Performance Hall, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd. 972-831-8818; irvingsymphony.org* 📍

LA GRANGE: April 21 The Limelighters in Concert Classic folk trio and members of the prestigious Texas Touring Roster, the Limelighters make their Bugle Boy debut in the converted World War II Army barracks listening room. *The Bugle Boy, 1051 N. Jefferson St. 979-968-9944; thebugleboy.org* 📍

LA GRANGE: April 28 Steve Seskin and Allen Shamblin in Concert Steve Seskin's songs have been recorded by artists like Garth Brooks, Reba McEntire, Waylon Jennings, and Tim McGraw, while Allen Shamblin is in the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame. *The Bugle Boy, 1051 N. Jefferson St. 979-968-9944; thebugleboy.org* 📍

LEWISVILLE: April 22 ColorPalooza Ring in spring with ColorPalooza, designed to showcase the rich cultural, artistic, and eco-friendly spirit of Lewisville. There are sidewalk chalk art demonstrations, a tie-dye station, live music and cultural performances, and an artisan market. *Wayne Ferguson Plaza, Old Town, 150 W. Church St. 972-219-3401; lewisvillecolorpalooza.com*

MCKINNEY: April 8 Second Saturday Bird Walk These bird walks are intended to help beginning and intermediate birders

with bird spotting and identification techniques. Participants can pose questions to experienced birders. Prairie, woodland, and wetland habitats are included in these walks. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org* 📍

MCKINNEY: April 14-16 Arts in Bloom The streets of downtown McKinney come alive with artists, performance artists, musicians, Texas wines, and food vendors. An interactive area lets young Picassos learn art processes and create their own masterpieces. *Downtown, 111 N. Tennessee St. 214-208-3692; mckinneytexas.org* 📍

MCKINNEY: April 14-16 Third Monday Trade Days This is the oldest and largest monthly trade days and flea market in North Texas. Shop from more than 400 vendors who offer unique gifts, home décor, trendy clothing and accessories, garage sale items, antiques and collectibles, and specialty items along with many food concessions at this open-air market. *Third Monday Trade Days Grounds, 4550 W. University Drive. 214-547-5810; tmmtd.com* 📍

MESQUITE: March 16, April 15, May 13 Mesquite Rocks Join the Mesquite Arts

Center for this monthly family-friendly event with performances by tribute bands that cover the greatest hits of popular musicians and folk music. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org* 📍

MESQUITE: April 1 Mesquite Symphony Orchestra Concert The orchestra presents *Mother Earth* with Victor Agudelo's "Algo Va a Suceder..." ("Something is going to happen...") and Debussy's "La mer." *Mesquite Symphony Orchestra, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8127; mesquitesymphony.org* 📍

MESQUITE: April 1 Rodeo Parade and Food Truck Rodeo The 65th annual Rodeo Parade features a farmers market; food trucks lined up along Front Street; and a parade with horses, bands, and floats that wind through downtown Mesquite. *Downtown and Front Street Station, 111 S. Broad St. and 100 W. Front St. 972-216-6499; downtownmesquitetx.com* 📍

MESQUITE: April 14-30 Death by Design Mesquite Arts Theatre presents its spring performance, *Death by Design*, inside Mesquite Arts Center's Black Box Theatre. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org* 📍

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MESQUITE: April 15 Community Band Spring Concert The Mesquite Community Band is made up of volunteer musicians from high school through retirement age. The group performs its annual spring concert, which includes favorite songs that are inspired by Texas. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org* 📍

MOUNT VERNON: April 1 Main Street Beer and Wine Festival In downtown Mount Vernon around the historic plaza, there's not only beer and wine vendors but craft vendors, food trucks, and painting classes, for a day filled with fun. *Mount Vernon Plaza, 109 N. Kaufman St. 903-537-4070; cityofmountvernotexas.com* 📍

 **PILOT POINT: April 15 Greenfest on the Greenbelt** Greenfest includes a 5K, a 1-mile fun run, exhibit booths, vendors, and activities centered around health, wellness, and outdoor recreation. *Ray Roberts Lake State Park, Isle du Bois Unit, 100 PW 4137. 940-686-2148; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/ray-roberts-lake*

PLANO: April 1 Spring Festival and Eggstravaganza Enjoy egg hunts and more than 7,500 eggs filled with candy and prizes for children. Visit the Blackland Prairie, take wagon rides, tour the historic Farrell Wilson home, meet the Easter Bunny, visit the one-room schoolhouse, dabble in hands-on activities, and stop by the restored lambing barn to see the lambs. *Heritage Farmstead Museum, 1900 W. 15th St. 972-881-0140; heritagefarmstead.org*

PLANO: April 30 Plano Symphony Orchestra Concert This family concert, *A Night at the Ball*, features the orchestra's brass quintet and percussion, marionettes, and dancers. Kids learn about classical music and instruments as well as hear music from *Beauty and the Beast*, *Star Wars*, and other popular movies. *Courtyard Theater, 1509 H Ave. 972-941-5600; planosymphony.org* 📍

RICHARDSON: April 29 Plano Symphony Orchestra Concert The final performance of the orchestra's 40th-anniversary season brings together the largest ensemble of musicians in the orchestra's history, uniting the Plano Civic Chorus and the Irving Chorus with 100 orchestra musicians for Mahler's *Symphony No. 2, Resurrection*. *Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive. 972-744-4650; planosymphony.org* 📍

ROUND TOP: March 16-April 2 Spring Antiques Show More than dusty relics and shabby chic signage, the antiques show has over 65 venues in about a 20-mile radius

in the communities of Round Top, Warrenton, Carmine, Burton, and Fayetteville. Over two weeks, people from across the U.S. come to shop for treasures and enjoy a festival with food and fun in the Texas countryside. *Various locations. 979-505-1200; exploreroundtop.com/antiques*

SALADO: March 30-April 2 Texas Packard Meet The Texas Packard Meet is the oldest and possibly the largest regional Packard meet in the country. It features a welcoming social, early bird tour, parade, public display on the banks of Salado Creek, swap meet, people's choice competition, seminars, banquet, and awards. *Holiday Inn Express Salado-Belton, 1991 N. Stagecoach Road. texaspackardmeet.org* 📍



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SHERMAN: April 7-23 Noises Off For its 74th season, Sherman Community Players presents a production of *Noises Off* by playwright Michael Frayn. The farce goes behind the scenes of a chaotic stage production populated with unstable actors, a volatile director, and an overworked stage crew. *Honey McGee Playhouse, 313 W. Mulberry St. 903-892-8818; scptheater.com*


SHERMAN: April 14-16 Jazz Classic See a lineup of top community jazz bands, guest artists, and ensembles. Step into an immersive experience at the Sherman Jazz Museum's collection of jazz memorabilia. Other special events include the *Speak-easy Gala*, music talks, and *Sunday Jazz Brunch*. *Kidd-Key Auditorium and Sherman Jazz Museum, 400 N. Elm St. 903-957-4237; shermanarts.org* 📍

SHERMAN: April 22 Texoma Earth Day Festival This Earth Day fest offers something for the entire family, including entertainment, educational activities, food, and

fun. *Municipal Grounds, 405 N. Rusk St. earthdaytexoma.org* 📍

SHERMAN: April 29 Sherman Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert For the final concert of the 2022-23 season, Sherman Symphony Orchestra partners with regional choirs and professional vocalists to present a one-of-a-kind opera performance. *Kidd-Key Auditorium, 400 N. Elm St. 903-814-0201; shermansymphony.com* 📍

 **SOMERVILLE: April 1 Get Hooked on the Outdoors** This new spring fishing event incorporates multiple styles of fishing. Come learn to fly-fish, experience creek fishing from a kayak, or take a child fishing for the first time in the stocked family fishing pond. All ages and experience levels are welcome. *Lake Somerville State Park, Nails Creek Unit, 14222 Park Road 57. 979-535-7763; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-somerville*

 **SULPHUR SPRINGS: April 1 Festival of the Fish** Try your hand at casting a line and catching a fish or two to earn your First Fish Certificate. Learn fish anatomy and other species-specific information during a hands-on painting activity, or learn to tie and attach tackle to your line. *Cooper Lake State Park, Doctors Creek Unit, 1690 FM 3505. 903-945-5256; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/cooper-lake*

TEMPLE: Through April 15 Quanah Parker: One Man Two Worlds In 1836, a Comanche raiding party took Cynthia Ann Parker from her family. Over the following years, she became wife to a Comanche chief and mother to children including Quanah Parker, the last Comanche chief. This photo exhibit tells this story of their lives caught between two different worlds. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templeparks.com*

TEMPLE: April 1 Family Day: Muggle Mayhem Calling all witches and wizards. Take the leap into a world of spells, potions, and goblins. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templeparks.com* 📍

TEMPLE: April 7 First Friday: Springtime On the first Friday of every month, historic downtown Temple transforms into a giant party. Join along for live music and performances, drinks, food, and after-hours shopping. *Downtown, Main Street. 254-298-5378; downtowntemple.com* 📍

TEMPLE: April 28-29 Bloomin' Temple Festival Attracting more than 13,000 people annually, this festival is held the last Fri-

day and Saturday in April. For over 15 years, attendees have enjoyed musical performances, a carnival, food, arts and crafts, and fun for the whole family. *Downtown, Main Street.* 254-298-5440; templeparks.com 📍

THE COLONY: April 6 Spring Eggstravaganza Bring the whole family to this classic celebration of springtime. Watch the kids have a ball as they gather eggs filled with an assortment of candy and prizes. *The Colony Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks Drive.* 972-625-1106; thecolonytx.gov/828/spring-eggstravaganza

WACO: April 1 Texas Food Truck Show-down Come hungry and prepare for tasty eats and pop-up shopping. Enjoy a beer and wine garden while youngsters play in the KidsZone. On average, 40 food trucks from around the country participate, and more than 25,000 people attend. *Heritage Square, 311 Austin Ave.* 254-750-5627; thetexasfoodtruckshowdown.com 📍

WACO: April 15 Texas Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet The banquet honors newly elected inductees for the Class of 2022, including Robert Brazile, Jose Cruz, Scott Drew, Carlette Guidry-Falkquay, Priest Holmes, Adrian Peterson, Cynthia Potter, and Michael Strahan. *Base at Extraco Event Center, 4401 Bosque Blvd.* 254-756-1633; tshof.org/induction 📍

WACO: April 22 Silo District Marathon The fourth annual Silo District Marathon weekend includes a USA Track and Field-certified, Boston Marathon-qualifying marathon. *Magnolia Market and Downtown, 601 Webster Ave.* 254-235-0603; goallevents.com/e/silo-district-marathon-2023-E200022938860543

WAXAHACHIE: April 8-May 29 Scarborough Renaissance Festival Enjoy 16th century-style fun with full combat jousting, birds of prey exhibitions, the Mermaid Lagoon, 20 stages with nonstop Renaissance entertainment, and shops featuring exquisite crafts and artisan demonstrations. Experience knighting ceremonies, combat competitions, the Grande Parade, wine and beer tasting events, and themed weekends. *Scarborough Renaissance Festival, 2511 FM 66.* 972-938-3247; srfestival.com 📍

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

BEEVILLE: Through April 15 El Corazon, Scenes and Memories from Mexico The collection of paintings and cut paper pieces from Guadalupe Hernandez explores the Mexican diaspora through the lens of people, places, and memories from his childhood in Mexico. *Beeville Art Museum, 401 E. Fannin St.* 361-358-8615; bamtexas.org

POTEET: April 14-16 Strawberry Festival Held annually in April for 76 years, the festival features concerts with nationally known Western and Tejano music stars, regional bands, gunslingers, a carnival, food booths, contests, and rodeo performances. Located in the heart of the Artesian Belt, Poteet is recognized as the "Strawberry Capital of Texas." *9199 SH 16 North.* 888-742-8144; strawberryfestival.com

SAN ANTONIO: Through April 29 Tangible/Nothing As the first reinstallation of Ruby City's permanent collection since the contemporary art center opened in 2019, the exhibition features some 40 works by artists with Texas roots, such as Rick Lowe, Dario Robleto, Alejandro Diaz, Katie Pell, and Chuck Ramirez, as well other national and international artists. *Ruby City, 150 Camp St.* 210-227-8400; rubycity.org 📍

SAN ANTONIO: April 15-June 4 Schoolhouse Rock Live The musical follows Tom, a nervous schoolteacher who is anxious about his first day of teaching. He tries to relax by watching TV and discovers that his favorite show comes to life on the set. Enjoy classic songs such as "Just a Bill," "Interjections," and "Conjunction Junction" at this retro revue. *Magik Theatre, 420 S. Alamo St.* 210-227-2751; magiktheatre.org 📍

SAN ANTONIO: April 20-30 Fiesta For 11 days, the city celebrates its history and diversity with street fairs, parades, carnivals, charity runs, music, arts, culture, and pageants. *Various locations.* 210-227-5191; fiestasantonio.org

SAN ANTONIO: April 22 Water Fest See how water has shaped the past, present, and future of San Antonio's largest natural area and the role it plays in helping protect our most precious resource. *Government Canyon State Natural Area, 12861 Galm Road.* 210-688-9055; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/government-canyon

SAN ANTONIO: April 30 Siesta Half Marathon 10K and 5K This race starts in Mission Country Park, runs along the River Walk, and finishes at an after-party with a Fiesta San Antonio theme. *Mission County Park, 6030 Padre Drive.* 210-849-8275; scallywampus.com

WESLACO: April 19-22 Spring Chirp Beginners and experienced birders take field trips to premium locations and get exclusive access to private properties. Explore this renowned birding mecca for species such as green jays, hummingbirds, and a number of Mexican species. *Valley Nature Center, 301 S. Border Ave.* 956-969-2475; springchirp.com



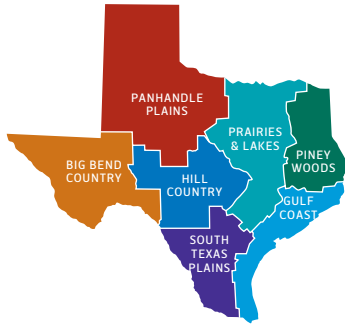
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BIG BEND COUNTRY

DEL RIO: May 3-5 Cinco de Mayo Celebration Celebrate the Battle of Puebla, which took place during the French-Mexican War when an outnumbered Mexican army defeated invading French forces. Wednesday there is a parade, and Thursday and Friday include live music, food, and arts and crafts vendors. *Brown Plaza, 305 Cantu St. 830-719-2330; facebook.com/brownplazaofdelrio* ♿



FORT DAVIS: May 13 Mile-High Mountains Fest Guided hikes, educational booths, and kid-friendly activities are offered throughout the park. Snap pics at selfie stations placed at photogenic vistas, participate in a scavenger hunt, and end the day with a ranger-led sunset program at the Skyline Drive Overlook. *Davis Mountains State Park, Indian Lodge, State Highway 118 North, Park Road 3. 432-426-3337; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/davis-mountains*

FORT STOCKTON: May 6 Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Commemorate and celebrate Mexi-

can history and culture. The party includes live bands, *folklórico* dancers, and street vendors. *Fort Stockton Convention Center, 2181 I-10 West. 432-299-1220; cityoffortstockton.com*

MONAHANS: May 20-21 Golf Tournament The Monahans Chamber of Commerce hosts this golf tournament held at the Ward County Golf Course. The tournament format is a three-person scramble. *Ward County Golf Course, 2028 SH 18 North. 432-943-2187; monahans.org*

VAN HORN: May 6 Cinco de Mayo Spend a day celebrating the culture and traditions of Old Mexico with food, arts and crafts, mariachi bands, *folklórico* dancers, and a moonlit outdoor dance. *Van Horn City Park, Second and Austin streets. 432-283-2682; vanhorn.texas.org*

GULF COAST

BAYTOWN: March 17-March 1, 2024 Sculpture Trail This yearlong display of large sculptures on pedestals is located along several blocks in the downtown Arts District of Baytown. Visitors can vote for the People's Choice winner and enjoy the exhibit along with murals in the area. *Downtown Arts District, 213 W. Texas Ave. 281-810-2990; sculpturetrailbaytown.artcall.org*

CLUTE: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 26, 30 Planetarium Show This show features a 30-foot dome equipped with a Spitz Star Ball projector that reproduces the night sky, along with a variety of other high-tech equipment to give visitors a close-up look at comets, exploding stars, and black holes. *Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.org* ♿

CORPUS CHRISTI: May 4-14 Buc Days There's something for buccaneers of every age at Buc Days, including a rodeo, barbecue competition, concerts, a petting zoo and other attractions, and carnival rides. *American Bank Center, 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd. 361-826-4744; bucdays.com*

FREEPORT: May 6 Cinco de Mayo Celebration Celebrate Cinco de Mayo in historic downtown Freeport with food trucks and live entertainment. *Freeport Historical Museum, 311 E. Park Ave. 979-233-0066; freeport.tx.us/page/historical_museum* ♿

FREEPORT: May 13 Spring Market Day Local vendors showcase homemade goods and farm-fresh items. *Freeport Historical Museum, 311 E. Park Ave. 979-233-0066; freeport.tx.us/page/historical_museum* ♿

FULTON: May 19-20 Babes on the Bay This all-women's fishing tournament was created to help educate women about the sport of saltwater fishing with conservation in mind. The event includes cash pots, the Babes Shopping Mall, a food court, drinks, live music, and team shirts judging. It kicks off at Fulton Park Fairgrounds. *Fulton Harbor. 361-205-0182; babesonthebay.com*

GALVESTON: May 6-7 Fiddler on the Roof Based on the original staging by Jerome Robbins, *Fiddler on the Roof* introduces a new generation to the heartwarming story. Hear musical hits such as "Tradition," "Sunrise, Sunset," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," and "If I Were a Rich Man." *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 409-765-1894; thegrand.com* ♿

GALVESTON: May 6-7, 13-14 Historic Homes Tour Organized by the Galveston Historical Foundation, this annual event gives the public a chance to tour the insides of private residences not normally open to the public. *Various locations. 409-765-7834; galvestonhistory.org*

GALVESTON: May 20 Steve Tyrell in Concert Grammy Award-winning vocalist Steve Tyrell is a soulful crooner with a deep love of the American pop and standards tradition. Hear such hits as "The Way You Look Tonight," "Crush on You," and "The Sunny Side of the Street." *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 409-765-1894; thegrand.com* ♿

HOUSTON: Through Aug. 31 Steve Tobin Intertwined: Exploring Nature's Networks Houston Botanic Garden presents sculptures by American artist Steve Tobin, known for his works in glass, bronze, ceramic, and steel, including *Trinity Root*, a memorial cast from a tree that protected a New York City cathedral on 9/11. The exhibition features pieces from several series, all of which capture the unseen power of the natural world. *Houston Botanic Garden, 1 Botanic Lane. 713-715-9675; hbg.org* ♿

HOUSTON: Through July 9 *Art of the Cameroon Grassfields, a Living Heritage in Houston* This exhibition, celebrating the enduring artistic traditions of Cameroon and its global diaspora, features headdresses, masks, prestige hats, royal stools and figural sculptures, palace architectural elements from the Grassfields kingdoms, and two recent works by Douala-based artist Hervé Youmbi. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

HOUSTON: March 24–Aug. 13 *The Curatorial Imagination of Walter Hopps* This exhibition explores the influential curatorial vision of Walter Hopps, the Menil Collection's founding director, as well as his distinctive approach to exhibition making and appreciation for a variety of 20th-century art movements. The show features drawings, paintings, photography, and sculpture, ranging from the 1930s to the early 2000s. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

HOUSTON: April 21–Sept. 3 *Hyperreal: Gray Foy* Between the 1940s and 1970s, American artist Gray Foy (1922–2012) created a body of extraordinarily meticulous drawings, most often rendered in graphite on paper, and this exhibition spans the entirety of Foy's career. It also celebrates two recent gifts that have made the Menil Collection the foremost repository of Foy's work. *Menil Drawing Institute, 1412 W. Main St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

HOUSTON: May 2 *Calidore Quartet with Matthew Lipman* Calidore Quartet closes the season with a program featuring string quintets by Mendelssohn and Mozart, aided by Lincoln Center star violist Matthew Lipman. The quartet also performs Bedric Smetana's work "From My Life." *Rice University, Alice Pratt Brown Hall, Stude Concert Hall, 6100 Main St. 713-348-5400; chambermusichouston.org* 📍

LAKE JACKSON: March 4, April 1, May 6 *Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tour* Visit the historic archeological site of Maj. Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the site was destroyed by the same hurricane that devastated Galveston in 1900. Learn about the sugar-making process of the 1840s and how convict labor replaced slave labor during the 1870s. *Abner Jackson Plantation Site, Farm-to-Market Road 2004 near State Highway 332, behind Target. 979-297-1570; ljhistory.org* 📍

LAKE JACKSON: March 11, April 8, May 13 *Alden B. Dow Office Museum Tour* Witness the restored midcentury architectural beauty of Alden B. Dow's 1943 downtown



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office. Through a self-guided tour, learn all about the city's beginnings and the indelible mark that Dow left as the principal architect of Lake Jackson. *Alden B. Dow Office Museum, 101 S. Parking Place. 979-297-1570; ljhistory.org* 📍

LAKE JACKSON: March 18, April 15, May 20 Bird Banding Watch volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station provides an excellent opportunity to identify the birds of the Brazosport area and see them up close. *Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 SH 332 West. 979-480-0999; gcbo.org* 📍

LAKE JACKSON: May 19 Gina Chavez in Concert Multiple Austin Music Award winner Gina Chavez explores the true meaning of "Americana" as she takes audiences on an energetic journey through Latin America and beyond. *The Clarion, 500 College Drive. 979-230-3156; brazosport.edu/clarion*

NEEDVILLE: May 6 Brazos Bend Expo Nonprofit organizations, representatives from Texas State Parks around the region, local sports teams, archeology groups, and other entities are on hand to provide information about their causes. Food trucks are



on-site throughout the day. *Brazos Bend State Park, 21901 FM 762. 979-553-5101; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/brazos-bend*

ORANGE: May 1 Tootsie This laugh-out-loud love letter to the theater tells the story of Michael Dorsey, a talented but difficult actor who struggles to find work until one showstopping act of desperation lands him the role of a lifetime. *Lutcher Theater, 707 Main Ave. 409-886-5535; lutcher.org* 📍

PORT ARTHUR: May 6-July 29 Jerry Connally Photography Exhibit Photographs from local photographer Jerry Connally are on display in the Dunn Gallery. Connally is a self-taught photographer who captures stunning Texas naturescapes. *Museum of the Gulf Coast, 700 Procter St. 409-999-6284; museumofthegulfcoast.org/events* 📍

PORT ARTHUR: May 13 Family Fun Day: For the Birds! Family Fun Day coincides with International Migratory Bird Day. The museum provides children's activities and educational experiences about birds, along with free admission to the museum. *Museum of the Gulf Coast, 700 Procter St. 409-999-6284; museumofthegulfcoast.org* 📍

QUINTANA: April 8-May 7 Spring Fling Spring is peak migration time so the Gulf

Coast Bird Observatory hosts Spring Fling at the Quintana Neotropic Bird Sanctuary. For four weeks, volunteers and staff are available each day to help identify the migrants as well as resident birds and keep a daily list going. *Quintana Bird Sanctuary, 814 N. Lamar St. 979-480-0999; gcbo.org* 📍

ROCKPORT: May 13 Downtown Farmers Market Every second Saturday morning of the month, find vendors selling locally grown produce, jams, jellies, and pickled items. There is often fresh baked bread, local honey, eggs, and freshly made goat soap. *Downtown, 105 Austin St. 361-230-0414; facebook.com/rockportdowntownfarmersmarket* 📍

ROCKPORT: May 13 Makers Market Every second Saturday of the month, this outdoor market showcases the work of local artists and crafters and features home décor, jewelry, and other handmade items. *Rockport Festival Grounds, 1500 E. Laurel St. rockportfulton.com* 📍

ROCKPORT: May 6-7 Nautical Flea Market On the first full weekend of May, the Rockport Yacht Club hosts the Nautical Flea Market, with market booths displaying nautical-themed treasures such as books, nautical art, fishing gear, boats, and décor. *Rockport Yacht Club, 722 Navigation Circle. 361-729-1244; rockportyachtclub.org* 📍

ROCKPORT: March 27 Wine Festival This event is sponsored by the Maritime Museum with proceeds going toward furthering the museum's efforts. The festival includes wine tastings, beer, food, and live music. *Texas Maritime Museum, 1202 Navigation Circle. 361-729-1271; texasmaritimemuseum.org* 📍

ROCKPORT-FULTON: May 19-21 Market Days Every third weekend of the month, enjoy live music played throughout the weekend, peruse the goods of over 100 vendors and resellers, and taste dishes from over a dozen food trucks and vendors. There is shaded seating, and pets are allowed. *Rockport Festival Grounds, 100 Seabreeze Drive. 361-463-0125; acmtexas.com/rockport-fulton-market-days* 📍

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: May 12-13 Shallow Sport Fishing Tournament Fish one of the biggest and best boat owners' fishing tournaments on the Gulf Coast. *South Padre Island Convention Center, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-233-9489; shallow sporttournament.com*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: May 13 5K Kemp's Krawl Runners, walkers, and everyone in between are invited to traverse the beach to raise money, with all proceeds

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going directly to the conservation and care of the Texas coast's precious sea turtles. Starting at the Holiday Inn Resort, this event offers three race categories: timed 5K, non-timed 5K, and a virtual option. *Holiday Inn Resort, 100 Padre Blvd. 956-761-4511; seaturtleinc.org*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: May 20 Jailbreak Beach Escape The Jailbreak Beach Escape has become a South Padre Island tradition. Each May, thousands of runners conquer the 5K course, covering 20 challenging obstacles on the sun-drenched beaches of South Padre before heading to Clayton's Beach Bar for a Texas-size beach party. *Clayton's Beach Bar and Grill, 6900 Padre Blvd. 956-761-5900; runthejailbreak.com*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: May 28 Memorial Day Fireworks Celebrate Memorial Day weekend on South Padre Island with a fireworks display over the bay. For the best viewing spots, check out the restaurants and bars in the Entertainment District. *South Padre Island, 211 W. Whiting St. 956-761-6433; sopadre.com/event-calendar*

SPRING: May 20 Michael Cavanaugh: The Music of Billy Joel and Elton John Michael Cavanaugh was hand-picked by Billy Joel to star in the Broadway musical *Movin' Out*. He received both Tony and Grammy nominations in the lead role. This show includes the greatest hits from rock piano legends Elton John and Billy Joel, including "Piano Man," "Rocket Man," "Movin' Out," "I'm Still Standing," and "My Life." *The Centrum, 6823 Cypresswood Drive. 281-440-4850; cypresscreekface.org/michael-cavanaugh* ♿

SUGAR LAND: March 11, April 8, May 13 Heritage Hike This monthly historic walking tour takes visitors back to the time when Sugar Land was a company town, with virtually all enterprises managed by the Imperial Sugar Company or its affiliate, Sugarland Industries. Tours start at the museum. *Sugar Land Heritage Museum and Visitor Center, 198 Kempner St. 281-275-2030; slheritage.org*

SUGAR LAND: May 29 Memorial Day Ceremony Each Memorial Day, Sugar Land invites the community and visitors to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the country. *Sugar Land Memorial Park, 15300 University Blvd. 281-275-2825; sugarlandtx.gov* ♿

VICTORIA: April 20-June 11 Ernesto Leon: Selected Works Experience the art of Ernesto Leon. His photography, paintings, and sculptures reflect his views on cultural resistance and environmental concerns. *The Nave Museum, 306 W. Commercial St. 361-575-8228; navemuseum.com*

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AUSTIN: Through July 23 Day Jobs The first major exhibition to examine the overlooked impact of day jobs on the visual arts, *Day Jobs* is dedicated to demystifying artistic production and upending the myth of the artist sequestered in the studio, waiting for inspiration to strike. The exhibition includes approximately 75 works in a broad range of media by emerging and established artists. *Blanton Museum of Art, 200 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. 512-471-5482; blantonmuseum.org* 📍

AUSTIN: March 14– May 9 Tuesday Twilights The Wildflower Center stays open late Tuesday nights. Make it a date night, a picnic with friends, or a time for some solo solace in nature. Each evening features live music from local musicians, a rolling lineup of Austin's favorite food trucks, and take-and-walk adult beverages available for purchase. *Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 4801 La Crosse Ave. 512-232-0100; wildflower.org* 📍

AUSTIN: May 13 CelebrASIA The Asian American Resource Center hosts its annual signature event, CelebrASIA, in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. A celebration of Asian Pacific American culture, the festival includes performance groups, musicians, food vendors, and hands-on activities. *Asian American Resource Center, 8401 Cameron Road. 512-974-1700; austintexas.gov/department/asian-american-resource-center* 📍

AUSTIN: May 19–20 Steve Martin and Martin Short: You Won't Believe What They Look Like Today! Two of the funniest and acclaimed talents of the past century take the stage with their subversive, joyous, and self-deprecating humor. The comic masters and stars of *Only Murders in the Building* make each other laugh as much as the audience. *Bass Concert Hall, 2350 Robert Dedman Drive. 512-471-4444; texasperformingarts.org* 📍

BANDERA: March 4–May 27 Cowboys on Main On Saturdays, find cowboy fun in downtown Bandera with activities that can include chuckwagon storytelling, hopping on a saddle-broke longhorn, or a tour of Bandera in a horse-drawn wagon. Gun-fighter reenactment shows take place twice a day. *500 Main St. 210-218-7935; banderabusiness.com* 📍

BANDERA: March 16, April 20, May 18 Third Thursday Cowboy Camp with Lew Peterbaugh Bring your guitar to play along, or simply come to listen. Pickers who play cowboy, Texas, or Western swing music are welcome to sit in. *Bandera Bev-*

erage Barn, 1407 SH 16 North. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com 📍

BANDERA: March 26, April 23, May 28 Frontier Times Fourth Sunday Jamboree The Frontier Times Museum presents this jamboree on the fourth Sunday of each month. The event includes live music, storytelling, and fun for all ages. *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; frontiertimesmuseum.org* 📍

BANDERA: May 26–28 Memorial Day Weekend Stampede Rodeo and Parade Bandera Pro Rodeo presents three nights of PRCA-sanctioned rodeos with bull riding, team roping, bareback riding, and other competitions. The annual Memorial Day Parade down Main Street gets underway at 11 a.m. *Mansfield Park and Main Street, 2886 SH 16 North. 830-796-3045; banderaprodeodeo.org* 📍

BANDERA: May 27 Chuckwagon Dinner and Show Fill up on a barbecue dinner with all the fixings. The event includes live country music and dancing, Western entertainment, and other festivities. *Flying L Ranch and Resort, 675 Flying L Drive. 830-796-7745; flyingl.com* 📍

BEND: May 13 A Day in the Life of a Cedar Chopper Cedar choppers lived in tents and lean-to's in their hardscrabble Hill Country life. See how they lived and worked, and get your hands on the tools they used to harvest the tallest cedars (ashe junipers) in Texas to make a living. Learn how the Scholten Brothers Cedar Tap Railroad came from the town of Lometa to the cedar chopper camp in Bend and its importance in the cedar choppers' work. Be sure to stop by the Dutch oven cooking presentation for some backcountry cooking and goodies. *Colorado Bend State Park, 1201 Colorado Park Road. 325-628-3240; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/colorado-bend*

BLANCO: May 20 Blanco State Park Celebration Celebrate the historical, cultural, and natural heritage of the park and surrounding area. The event features multiple informational and activity stations throughout the park and programs and activities such as "The History of Blanco State Park and the Civilian Conservation Corps" and "Animals in Blanco State Park," plus a wildlife viewing station, fishing, and kayaking. *Blanco State Park, 101 Park Road 23. 830-833-4333; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/blanco*

BLANCO: May 20 Market Day Shop from about 70 vendors offering homemade

crafts, apparel, home décor, plants, baked goods, art, embroidery and crocheted items, and jewelry. Food vendors are on site, and live music fills the air. *Old Blanco Courthouse, 300 Main St. 830-833-2211; historicblanco.org/market-day* 📍

BOERNE: May 13, 27 Bluegrass Jam at the AgriCultural Every second and fourth Saturday of the month, bring your instrument and play along or just come to listen to the Bluegrass Jam. *The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. 210-445-1080; theagricultural.org/bluegrass-jams* 📍

BOERNE: May 13, 27 Kuhlmann-King Museum Tour and Programs Every second and fourth Saturday of the month, the Kuhlmann-King house gives the public the opportunity to step back in time to see what a historic Boerne home looked like "way back when." Monthly events and themes vary. *Kuhlmann-King Museum, 402 E. Blanco Road. 210-275-8301; facebook.com/kuhlmannkinghouse*

BOERNE: May 13–14 Market Days On the second weekend of each month, hundreds of festive booths display everything from collectibles and remembrances of the past to modern innovations that bring a smile of wonder to those who stroll past. *Main Plaza, 100 N. Main St. 210-844-8193; boernemarketdays.com/boerne.html* 📍

BOERNE: May 12–13 Art Waddle The 11th annual Boerne Art Waddle is located along the Cibolo Creek Trail, creating a relaxed, fun setting to complement the attributes of a major fine art event. *Hill Country Mile, Main Street. 210-844-8193; eventsoffmain.com/art-waddle*

BOERNE: May 12–13 Handmade Market At the Boerne Handmade Market, the largest market of its kind in South Texas, visitors can browse the offerings of more than 75 handmade-only vendors selling merchandise that includes jewelry, apparel, leather goods, toys, home décor, art, and handmade candles; plus there's food and drink options. *The Cana Ballroom, 202 W. Kronkosky St. 210-663-9046; boernehandmademarket.com* 📍

BURNET: May 6 Fun for All Spend a fun-filled and all-inclusive day with a variety of programs modified for accessibility needs. Adaptive events include water recreation, fishing, educational programs, and perhaps archery. *Inks Lake State Park, 3630 Park Road 4 West. 512-793-2223; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/inks-lake*



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FREDERICKSBURG: May 6 Founders Day Celebration Fredericksburg honors the month of its founding and the birth month of its founder, John O. Meusebach. The celebration includes a wreath-laying ceremony at the Vereins Kirche and free admission to the Pioneer Museum, which has living history demonstrations taking place all day. *Pioneer Museum, 325 W. Main St. 830-990-8441; pioneermuseum.org* 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: May 13 Texas Flower Country Women's 5K and 10K Run/Walk Run or walk through the flower fields and vineyards of Wildseed Farms. Then, enjoy the beautiful setting and champagne, craft beer, food, massages, live music, and the boutiques of Wildseed Farms. Your entry also includes a race T-shirt and custom finisher medal. *Wildseed Farms, 100 Legacy Drive. 210-204-7387; runintexas.com/flower* 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: May 13 Willow City VFD Benefit Barbecue Visit a country store where baked and canned goods are sold, shop for hand-sewn items and crafts, bid in silent and live auctions, enjoy prize giveaways, and feast on barbecue food and beverages. *Willow City VFD, 2553 RR 1323. willowcityfd.com* 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: May 19-21 Trade Days Shop more than 350 vendors in seven barns and acres of antiques, collectibles, tools, crafts, shabby chic, primitives, ranch furniture, hunting accessories, candles, unique clothing, jewelry, food, and other items. *Fredericksburg Trade Days, 355 Sunday Farms Lane. 210-846-4094; fbgradedays.com* 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: May 21 The Moanin' Frogs in Concert Fredericksburg Music Club presents the Moanin' Frogs, an ensemble featuring six saxophones from soprano to bass. Bending genres and uplifting spirits, the Moanin' Frogs offer an electrifying approach to chamber music. *Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, 1800 N. Llano St. fredericksburgmusicclub.com* 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: May 26-28 Crawfish Festival At this festival on Memorial Day Weekend, indulge in great Cajun food, live music, shopping, and a kids' carnival. This event is sponsored by the Fredericksburg Jaycees. *Marktplatz, 100 block of West Main Street. fbgcrawfishfestival.com* 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: May 29 Memorial Day Observance Hosted by the National Museum of the Pacific War, this event welcomes visitors to remember those who gave their lives for the freedoms enjoyed today. The program includes guest speakers, music, a wreath-laying ceremony, and

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other commemorative festivities. *National Museum of the Pacific War*, 340 E. Main St. 830-997-8600; pacificwarmuseum.org 📍

HUNT: May 27-Sept. 2 Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall Opening Night For 95 years, Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall has been an entertainment spot along the banks of the Guadalupe River each summer, with seasonal rodeos, live music, and dancing on Saturday nights. The season kicks off on May 27 with a rodeo followed by dancing and live music by Mike Donnell. *Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall*, 2310 SH 39. 830-238-4441; cridersrandd.com

INGRAM: April 21-23, 27-30; May 5-7 The Gods of Comedy In this comedy by Ken Ludwig, Daphne and Ralph are young classics professors who have just made a discovery that's sure to turn them into academic superstars. But something goes disastrously wrong. The Ivy League will never be the same as a pair of screwball deities encounters the carnal complexity of college coeds, campus capers, and conspicuous consumption. *Hill Country Arts Foundation*, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com 📍

JOHNSON CITY: May 27-28 Market Days Held the fourth weekend of the month, this open-air market features vendors and artisans selling handmade or locally produced products in the heart of Texas wine country. *Downtown, City Park, US 290 West between Nugent Street and Avenue G*. 830-868-7684; johnsoncitytexas.info

KERRVILLE: April 13-May 13 Art Exhibits Tuesday through Saturday, visit the Kerr Arts and Cultural Center for three separate art exhibits: *Schreiner University Seniors Show* featuring the seniors from Schreiner University's graphic arts projects; *Hill Country Quilt Guild*, an exhibit by local quilters; and *Guadalupe Watercolor Group*, a judged watercolor exhibit. An artists reception takes place April 22. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center*, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kackkerrville.com 📍

KERRVILLE: May 7 Kerr County Market Days and Hill Country Swap Meet Market Days continues to feature artists and crafters bringing their own original handcrafted items. Hill Country Swap Meet is a community garage sale/flea market. *Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center*, 3785 SH 27. 830-459-6198; kerrmarketdays.org 📍

KERRVILLE: May 18-July 1 Southwest Gourd and Fiber Fine Art Show Open Tuesday through Saturday, this exhibit showcases gourd and fiber art from all over the country. Meet the artists at the artists reception on May 27. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center*, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kackkerrville.com 📍

KERRVILLE: May 25-June 11 Folk Festival The annual festival features 18 days and nights of music from songwriters of national and international acclaim. One of the longest continuously running music festivals in the U.S., the festival has activities for all ages with a focus on nurturing and developing artistic expression, especially the art of songwriting, in a loving family-friendly environment. *Quiet Valley Ranch*, 3876 Medina Highway. 830-257-3600; kerrvillefolkfestival.org

KERRVILLE: May 26-28 Texas Masters of Fine Art and Craft Celebrating its 20th year, this exhibition offers works by some of the finest professional artists and craftspeople from Texas. *Y.O. Ranch Hotel and Conference Center*, 2033 Sidney Baker St. 469-223-4162; texasmasters.com 📍

NEW BRAUNFELS: March 3-May 26 Friday Afternoon Club at Gruene Hall This Gruene Hall tradition, now in its 25th year, is where hipsters, oldsters, suits, locals, and drifters mix it up to start their weekend. The quintessential Friday happy hour offers great beer prices, prize giveaways, and the best in Texas tunes broadcast live by KNBT 92.1 FM Radio New Braunfels. There's even a very special guest interview each week. *Gruene Hall*, 1281 Gruene Road. 830-606-1281; gruenehall.com 📍

NEW BRAUNFELS: May 18 Come and Taste It: Meet Texas' Best Winemakers On the third Thursday of each month, come to The Grapevine and taste some of Texas' best wines and craft beer straight from the winemakers and brewers. This monthly event features complimentary tastings and live music in the heart of Gruene Historic District. *The Grapevine*, 1612 Hunter Road. 830-606-0093; grapevineingruene.com 📍

NEW BRAUNFELS: March 18-19; April 15-16; May 20-21 Old Gruene Market Days Nearly 100 vendors offer uniquely crafted items and packaged Texas foods at this monthly market. *Gruene Historic District*, 1724 Hunter Road. 830-832-1721; gruenemarketdays.com 📍

NEW BRAUNFELS: May 21 Americana Music Jam This annual music jam, co-sponsored by KNBT2.1 FM Radio New Braunfels, is a celebration of Americana music featuring exceptional artists of the

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genre. Each year's event benefits a local charity. *Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road. 830-629-5077; gruenehall.com* 📍

OZONA: May 5 Crockett County History Day Learn more about the early days on the frontier in and around Ozona during Crockett County History Day. The informative event features camels, soldiers, pioneers, flint-knappers, and livestock including donkeys from the Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue. *Ozona Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, 505 15th St. 325-392-3737; ozona.com/events-calendar* 📍

TAYLOR: May 7 Blackland Prairie Day Live talent, food, arts and crafts, vendors, and children's activities can be found at this event in historic downtown Taylor. *100 N. Main St. 512-352-3463; ci.taylor.tx.us*

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AMARILLO: May 4-7, 11-14 Priscilla, Queen of the Desert Based on the smash-hit movie, this music takes audiences on the heartwarming, uplifting adventure of three friends, Tick, Bernadette, and Adam, a glamorous Sydney-based performing trio who agree to take their drag show to the middle of the Australian outback. *Amarillo*

Little Theatre Allen Shankles Mainstage, 2019 Civic Circle. 806-355-9991; amarillo.littletheatre.org/current-season 📍

AMARILLO: May 9-10 Fiddler on the Roof Tony-winning director Bartlett Sher and the team behind *South Pacific* and *The King and I* bring a fresh and authentic vision to this beloved theatrical masterpiece from Tony winner Joseph Stein and Pulitzer Prize winners Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick. *Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St. 806-378-4297; amarillociviccenter.com* 📍

AMARILLO: May 21 Muttfest Voted one of the city's top three festivals, Muttfest is the longest-running fundraiser for the Amarillo SPCA. Festivities include a reduced-cost shot clinic, music, food, vendors, and a silent auction. *Starlight Ranch Event Center, 1415 Sunrise Drive. 806-290-2883; amarillospcashelter.com* 📍

AMARILLO: May 30-Aug. 1 Starlight Theater Free Summer Concert Series The concert series offers music, food trucks, vendors, and family-friendly fun Tuesday evenings at Sam Houston Park from the end of May to August. *Sam Houston Park, 4101 Line Ave. 806-378-3036; amarillo.parks.org/home-parksrec* 📍



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BROWNWOOD: May 13 Lake Brownwood Bash Enjoy a day of learning and fun at Lake Brownwood. Come explore the park and learn about its history, nature, wildlife, and recreational activities, including archery and catch-and-release fishing. *Lake Brownwood State Park, 200 State Highway Park Road 15. 325-784-5223; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-brownwood*

GRAHAM: May 6 Hidden Hills Ultra Located near the banks of Possum Kingdom Lake is a 4,000-acre private ranch that serves as the backdrop for the Hidden Hills Ultra. Settled by one of the original families to arrive in the area, this unique ranch hosts lake views, mountains, cedar and oak forests, and rocky terrain. The loop course follows a route made up of rock, dirt, and rolling terrain. Distances are 5K, 10K, 13.1 miles, 26.2 miles, and 50 miles. *Greagg Ranch. 210-749-1118; ultraexpeditions.com/hidden-hills-ultra*

JACKSBORO: May 28 Eats and Treats Farmers Market Vendors set up along the courthouse lawn to sell homemade soaps, vegetables, canned goods, clothing, homemade dog treats, frozen beef and pork, knickknacks, and desserts. The market is



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held every fourth Saturday of the month from March through October. *Jack County Courthouse, 100 N. Main St. 940-567-2602; jacksborochamber.com* 📍

LEVELLAND: May 5-6 Clovis Horse Sales Quality horses for all types of riders are up for sale. Each sale has events featuring various types of horses. Events can include team ropings, cow horse futurities, and ranch horse competitions. *Mallet Event Center, 2320 US 385 South. 575-309-6322; clovishorsesales.com* 📍

LUBBOCK: May 17 Tootsie This laugh-out-loud love letter to the theater tells the story of Michael Dorsey, a talented but difficult actor who struggles to find work until one showstopping act of desperation lands him the role of a lifetime. *The Buddy Holly Hall of Performing Arts and Sciences, 1300 Mac Davis Lane. 806-792-8339; buddyhollyhall.com* 📍

 **QUANAH: May 27 Copper Breaks Day** Copper Breaks Day has been a community event at the park for years but has been on hiatus for some time. Now, to celebrate Texas State Parks' centennial, the park is hosting a reimagining of that historic event. Enjoy family fun, educational programming, and booths from local organizations. *Copper Breaks State Park, 777 Park Road 62. 940-839-4331; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/copper-breaks*

 **QUITAQUE: May 6 Experience Caprock** This event highlights some of the experiences and resources of Caprock Canyons State Park, especially for first-time park users. Join experts in activities such as beginner hikes, beginner fishing clinics, and presentations on how to visit a park safely and responsibly. The event ends with a star party. *Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway, 850 Caprock Canyon Road. 806-455-1492; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/caprock-canyons*

SAN ANGELO: Through Aug. 1 Salmon Sculpture Competition in Memory of Pam Salmon Hosted by the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, the seventh biennial competition features a dozen sculptures created by sculptors from across the country and chosen by juror Emily Wilkinson, director for public art at Texas Tech University System. *Sunken Garden Park, 704 S. David (at South Abe Street and West Avenue D). 325-653-3333; samfa.org* 📍

SAN ANGELO: April 21-June 25 Invitational Ceramic Exhibition See contemporary ceramics by invited artists Brian Molanphy, Bonnie Lynch, and Linda Lynch.


San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org 📍

SAN ANGELO: April 21-June 25 Permanent Collection Exhibit San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts presents a rich exhibit showing a wide array of works from the museum's permanent collection. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org* 📍

SAN ANGELO: May 20 Armed Forces Day This daylong celebration honors the nation's military with military history displays and artillery salutes. *Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St. 325-481-2646; fortconcho.com* 📍

WICHITA FALLS: Through May 14 Sculpture Garden Exhibit Each year, 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. This year's juror is Dewane Hughes, associate professor of sculpture at the University of Texas at Tyler. *Kemp Center for the Arts, 1300 Lamar St. 940-767-2787; artscouncilwf.org*

PINEY WOODS

 **DAINGERFIELD: May 13 New Experiences, New Memories, A New You** At this new event at Daingerfield State Park, visitors can learn about a variety of Texas Parks and Wildlife resources and get ideas on how to enjoy nature and the outdoors. Activities include fishing with a ranger, kayaking and canoeing, and a program about the animals you might see in the park. *Daingerfield State Park, 455 Park Road 17. 903-645-2921; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/daingerfield*

GLADEWATER: Jan. 1-Dec. 31 Sesquicentennial Celebration Visit the historic streets of Gladewater during 2023. Each month, a special event takes place in different locations across the town, including a "Night at the Museum" and lakeside festivities. *Various locations, 116 E. Commerce Ave. 903-845-5501; gladewater150.com* 📍

GRAPELAND: May 25-28 Memorial Day Gospel Bluegrass Festival Musicians and singers from around the state converge in Grapeland for the 26th annual festival, with music starting after noon and going well into the night. *Salmon Lake Park Texas, 247 Salmon Lake Road. 936-687-2594; salmonlakepark.com*

HUNTSVILLE: May 13 Wine Down Shop Small Spend an evening sipping, snacking,

shopping, and strolling around historic downtown. There are wine tastings from 10 Texas wineries and snacks from local food vendors. *Downtown. huntsvilledba.com* 📍

JEFFERSON: May 6 Pilgrimage Express Train Hop aboard the locomotive and enjoy the special train narration commemorating the Jessie Allen Wise Garden Club's Jefferson Pilgrimage, an annual historic homes tour. The ride offers views of the wildlife and wetlands along the Big Cypress Bayou and a stop at the alligator pit (weather permitting). *Historic Jefferson Railway, 400 E. Austin St. 903-742-2041; jeffersonrailway.com* 📍

JEFFERSON: May 4-7 The Diamond Bessie Murder Trial Witness this adaptation of the last stages of a nationally famous trial that actually took place in Jefferson in the late 1800s. After more than a half century of production, this play has become a tradition in itself during the annual Historical Pilgrimage. *Jefferson Playhouse, corner of Market and Henderson streets. 903-665-0737; diamondbessieplay.com* 📍

JEFFERSON: May 4-7 Historical Pilgrimage: Home Tours of Jefferson Four of Jefferson's finest historical homes and featured gardens open their doors for tours. Docents dressed in period attire provide information about the homes. *Various locations. 903-665-7064; jeffersonpilgrimage.com*

JEFFERSON: May 5-6 Battle of Big Cypress Bayou Reenactment Experience full-scale reenactments of a Civil War battle on the Big Cypress Bayou, complete with infantry, cavalry, and artillery. Over three days, there are three different battle reenactments and a downtown skirmish on Saturday morning. *Downtown and Cypress River Ranch. 903-733-1035; battleforjefferson.com*

JEFFERSON: May 5-7 Pilgrimage Weekend: 19th-Century Social Events Immerse yourself in the 19th century—period attire is optional but always fun. Events include the illumination ceremony at old Oakwood Cemetery (where hundreds of Civil War veterans are buried and candles illuminate the headstones), a ladies' tea, the Grand Ball, and the Presentation of Colors. *Various locations. 903-733-1035; battleforjefferson.com* 📍

JEFFERSON: May 15-16 Train Days Everyone is welcome aboard this two-day event that features four in-town destinations: the Historic Jefferson Train Show, R.D. Moses Railroad display, a Jefferson Historic Railway excursion, and the "Atalanta" railway car tour. *Various locations. 903-665-3733; visitjeffersontexas.com* 📍



LUMBERTON: May 5 Full Moon

Night Trek Join this ranger-led hike that explores the sights and sounds of the night, illuminated by the Flower Full Moon of May, and how the ecosystems have changed over the last 100 years. Explore nocturnal creatures with black lights and listen to their languages with amplifying devices. *Village Creek State Park, 8854 Park Road 74. 409-755-7322; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/village-creek*

PALESTINE: April 1-May 26 Piney Woods

Express Diesel Unplug for a tradition that merges comfort and adventure for the whole family. Relaxed seating, thoughtful décor, and responsive attendants add to the ambiance of the scenic journey afforded travelers a century ago. The trip includes food and adult beverage service and historical narration on a rail journey that whisks you back into another century. *Texas State Railroad Palestine Depot, 789 Park Road 70. 855-632-7729; texasstaterailroad.net*

PALESTINE: May 26-29 Piney Woods Ex-

press Steam This four-hour round-trip train adventure departing from Palestine, with an hour layover at the Rusk depot, takes passengers on a journey through the impressive Piney Woods and 135 years of history. Unplug for a tradition that merges comfort and adventure for the whole family. Relaxed seating, thoughtful décor and friendly, responsive attendants add to the ambiance of the scenic journey afforded travelers a century ago. *Texas State Railroad Palestine Depot, 789 Park Road 70. 855-632-7729; texasstaterailroad.net*

TYLER: May 4 Tootsie The laugh-out-loud love letter to the theater tells the story of Michael Dorsey, a talented but difficult actor who struggles to find work until one showstopping act of desperation lands him the role of a lifetime. Featuring the Tony Award-winning book by Robert Horn and score by David Yazbek. *UT Tyler Cowan Center, 3900 University Blvd., FAC 1120. 903-566-7424; cowancenter.org*

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

ARLINGTON: May 11 Symphony Arlington

Concert Pianist Albert Cano Smit performs Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 1 in F Minor, Khachaturian's "Three Pieces from Gayane," Respighi's "The Pines of Rome," and Strauss' "Rosenkavalier Waltzes." *Arlington Music Hall, 224 N. Center St. 817-385-0484; symphonyarlington.org*

BASTROP: May 19-21, 26-28, June 2-4

The Music Man There's trouble in River City when a fast-talking salesman gets his heart stolen by the town librarian. The



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classic musical is directed by Lisa Holcomb. *Bastrop Opera House, 711 Spring St. 512-200-3826; bastropoperahouse.org* 📍

BELLVILLE: May 6 First Saturday Market

Stroll through the market on the square and check out the nearby farmers and artisan market with more than 85 booths featuring crafters, woodworkers, retailers, rolling boutiques, produce, honey, and baked goods galore while you enjoy music all day, several food trucks, a photo booth, and activities. *Downtown Square, 1 Main St. 979-865-3407; discoverbellville.com* 📍

BELLVILLE: May 6 Fresh Farmers and Artisan Market

More than 35 vendors bring fresh produce, grass-fed beef, honey, eggs, herbs, plants, and flowers to be sold in the shade of Jim Bishop Pavilion. Shop artisans selling fine linens, soaps, jewelry, dog treats, and beard oils and presenting live demonstrations. Enjoy wine tastings, an old-fashioned lemonade stand, cold brew coffee, jams, jellies, and baked goods. The market is held on the first Saturday of the month. *Jim Bishop Pavilion at Chesley Park, 100 E. Palm St. 979-865-3407; discoverbellville.com* 📍

BRENHAM: May 5-6 Maifest Bring the entire family and enjoy the 133rd Maifest. Ex-

perience the authentic tastes and sounds of Texas' German heritage with a colorful parade, spectacular evening performances, live entertainment, kids' activities, a carnival, and delicious food and drink. *Downtown Brenham. 979-337-7580; brenhammaifest.com* 📍

BRENHAM: May 13 T. Graham Brown in Concert

The soulful country and gospel entertainer, now in his fifth decade as a performer, has recorded 13 studio albums and charted more than 20 singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart. Three of those singles became No. 1 hits: "Hell and High Water," "Don't Go to Strangers," and "Darlene." *The Barnhill Center, 111 W. Main St. 979-337-7240; thebarnhillcenter.com* 📍

BRENHAM: May 27 Gunhild Carling: Sweden's Queen of Swing in Concert

Swedish musical sensation Gunhild Carling performs great swing jazz standards from the speakeasy and big-band eras, and some of her music sounds like traditional New Orleans jazz. She masterfully takes you back to another era with vintage songs like "Sweet Georgia Brown," "All of Me," "It Had to Be You," and an endless repertoire of old favorites. *The Barnhill Center, 111 W. Main St. 979-337-7240; thebarnhillcenter.com/events* 📍

CLEBURNE: May 7 Cinco de Mayo Celebration Enjoy vendors, food trucks, and Mexican street food. There is mariachi music, ballet *folklórico*, a dancing horse show, live music, a kids' area, and Mexican wrestlers. Bring your lawn chairs and coolers. *Cleburne Conference Center Parking Lot, 1501 W. Henderson St. 817-645-2455; visitcleburne.com*

CORSICANA: May 5 Food Truck Friday

Live music, games, and, of course, food trucks fill the parking lot behind Brick Streets Brewery in the evening. Come join the fun on the first Friday of every month (except April) from March through July. *Brick Streets Brewery, 224 E. Fifth St. 903-654-4850; visitcorsicana.com*

CORSICANA: May 6 Derby Days A fundraiser for the Palace Theatre, Derby Days features entertainment, food, drinks, dress, and of course, derby racing. *The Palace Theatre, 112 W. Sixth Ave. 903-874-7792; corsicanapalace.com* 📍

CORSICANA: May 18 Yesterday and Today: The Beatles Experience Anchored by brothers Billy, Matthew, and Ryan McGuigan, the talented tribute band performs as themselves and leaves the song choices completely in the hands of the audience. This is done through request cards that audience members fill out prior to the show. *The Palace Theatre, 112 W. Sixth Ave. 903-874-7792; corsicanapalace.com* 📍

DALLAS: Through June 18 In the Shadow of Dictatorship: Creating the Museum of Spanish Abstract Art During an era when Spanish artists found success abroad yet struggled for recognition at home, artist, critic, and collector Fernando Zbel established the Museo de Arte Abstracto Español in Cuenca, Spain, on July 1, 1966, the first institution of its kind within Spain. Highlights from its remarkable collection explore the rich panorama of abstract Spanish art during the middle of the 20th century and under the Francoist regime. *Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd. 214-768-2516; meadowsmuseumdallas.org* 📍

DALLAS: April 29-May 27 Charlotte's Web Get caught in Charlotte's web to save Wilbur, the "radiant" and "humble" pig, and make friends once again with all his lovable barnyard neighbors. One of the first books ever written for children exploring issues of mortality, *Charlotte's Web* is an emotional tribute to friendship with universal themes, depicting courage, compassion, and the ever-changing cycle of life. *Rosewood Center, 5938 Skillman St. 214-978-0110; dct.org*

DALLAS: May 5-6 Southwestern District of the Barbershop Harmony Society

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Spring Convention Approximately 300 participants vie to earn top honors in the senior and novice quartet championships, as well as the chance to compete at the international competition in July. Competitors travel from a five-state area—Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico, and Louisiana—to compete. *Hyatt Regency DFW International Airport, 2334 N. International Parkway. 682-521-4681; swd.org* 📍



DENISON: May 20 Lure'ing You In New anglers can learn about fishing, and more experienced anglers can test their skills. Programming includes topics like how to fillet a fish, how to fry fish on the campfire, and how to cast a line. There's also a photo booth and weight station for fish. *Eisenhower State Park, 50 Park Road 20. 903-465-1956; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/eisenhower*

ELGIN: March 9, April 13, May 11 Sip, Shop, and Stroll Sip wine and shop as you stroll through the stores in historic downtown Elgin. Find diverse merchandise, eclectic décor, artwork by local artists, live music, the Elgin Farmers Market, food, and fun, friendly people. *Downtown, 114 Central Ave. 512-229-3227; elgintexas.gov*

ELGIN: April 7-May 26 Music in the Park Every Friday in April and May, the Friends of Elgin Parks hosts this live-music series featuring a different band in historic downtown Elgin's Veterans Memorial Park. Bring friends and family, beverages, snacks, and a blanket or lawn chair. Elgin Parks and Recreation also provides games for children. *Downtown, 114 Central Ave. 512-229-3227; elgintexas.gov* 📍

ELGIN: May 6 Explore Elgin Arts and Culture Come for a day of activities for the whole family. Studios open their doors to the public and downtown businesses host artist demonstrations, live music, and tours in historic downtown Elgin. An artist and makers market offers paintings, sculptures, woodworking items, jewelry, blacksmithing, fiber arts, photography, outsider art, self-care, and food. *Downtown, 114 Central Ave. 512-229-3227; elgintexas.gov*



FAIRFIELD: May 13 Centennial Kid Fish Derby Celebrate 100 years of Texas State Parks at this fish derby that provides an outdoor educational opportunity at Fairfield Lake. *Fairfield Lake State Park, 123 State Park Road 64. 903-389-4514; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/fairfield-lake*

FORT WORTH: May 20 Tacos y Cerveza Trail Run Run the expansive Trinity Trails. The flat and fast course traverses bridges overlooking the river and parks with groves

of oak trees and a double-track trail made of both pavement and dirt. Each registrant receives one beer and one street taco with a valid bib. *The Woodshed Smokehouse, 3201 Riverfront Drive. 210-749-1118; ultraexpeditions.com/tacos-y-cerveza-trail-run*

FRISCO: May 13 Starfest On the second Saturday of the month, Texas Astronomical Society holds a star party. Society members educate about the night sky while guests observe planets, stars, and other celestial wonders. *Frisco Commons Park, 8000 McKinney Road. 214-800-6000; texasastro.org* 📍

FRISCO: May 11 Academy of Country Music Awards See the best of country music take the stage at the 58th Academy of Country Music Awards ceremony, heading to Ford Center at The Star in Frisco. *Ford Center at The Star, 1 Cowboys Way. 972-497-4800; thestarinfrisco.com* 📍

FRISCO: May 17-21 Cirque du Soleil: Corteo The enchanting arena production from Cirque du Soleil comes back in North America and heads to Frisco to charm audiences for the very first time here. *Columbia Center, 2601 Avenue of the Stars. cirquedusoleil.com/corteo* 📍

FRISCO: May 24-28 Senior PGA Championship Beginning in 2023 with the 83rd KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, PGA Frisco is slated to host six major championships over the next 12 years—including two PGA championships. *Fields Ranch East at PGA Frisco, 3725 PGA Parkway. 469-305-4535; visitfrisco.com*

GARLAND: May 6 Cinco de Mayo Garland's fiesta features live music from *norteño*, cumbia, country, Tejano, and rock bands, ballet *folklórico*, Mexican street food, student performances, and cold beer. *Winters Park Amphitheater, 1419 Spring Creek Drive. 888-879-0264; facebook.com/cincodemayogarlandtx*

GIDDINGS: May 18-20 Charcoal Challenge Barbecue Cookoff Teams from all over Central Texas compete in a variety of categories. Food includes brisket, sausage, wings, and lots in between. The Lee County Fair takes place with live music, shopping, and fun activities for children including the Mighty Thomas Carnival. *Firemen's Park/ Lee County Fairgrounds, 2495 US 290 West. 979-542-3455; leecountyfairtx.com/charcoalchallenge* 📍



GIDDINGS: May 18-20 Lee County Fair Enjoy shopping, live music, local art, food contests, a carnival, and an antique carousel for kids. The fun begins Thursday evening and continues Friday with Senior Citizens' Day. Saturday includes an Armed Forces Day ceremony and parade. At the Charcoal Challenge Barbecue Cookoff, teams from all over Central Texas compete with a variety of foods, drinks, and barbecue. *Firemens Park/Lee County Fairgrounds, 2495 US 290 West. 979-542-3455; giddingstx.com/page-1676245*

GRAND PRAIRIE: April 13-July 4 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*

GRAND PRAIRIE: May 19-21 Asian Heritage Fest The month of May is recognized as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and Asia Times Square is celebrating with a weekend festival. *Asia Times Square, 2625 W. Pioneer Parkway. 972-975-5100; asiaticimesquare.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: May 28 Tejano Fest Enjoy live music featuring Tejano artists

from around the state, all-ages entertainment, food, and carnival rides. *Traders Village, 2602 Mayfield Road. 972-647-2331; tradersvillage.com/grand-prairie*

LA GRANGE: May 5-7 Drinking Habits Fayette County Community Theatre presents the farce *Drinking Habits*. Two nuns at the Sisters of Perpetual Sewing have been secretly making wine to keep the convent's doors open. Wine and secrets are inevitably spilled as everyone tries to save the convent and reconnect with lost loves. *Sanford Schmid Amphitheater, 250 W. Fair Grounds Road. 979-702-9368; faycotheatre.com* 🍷

LA GRANGE: May 13 Jack Barksdale in Concert Current Bugle Boy Talent Trust recipient Jack Barksdale returns to the Bugle Boy stage. Barksdale is a 15-year-old folk/Americana singer-songwriter from Texas. *The Bugle Boy, 1051 N. Jefferson St. 979-968-9944; thebugleboy.org* 🍷

LA GRANGE: May 19 South Austin Moonlighters in Concert Members of the prestigious Texas Touring Roster, the South Austin Moonlighters return to the Bugle Boy's converted World War II Army barracks listening room. *The Bugle Boy, 1051 N. Jefferson St. 979-968-9944; thebugleboy.org* 🍷

LA GRANGE: May 20 Pat Byrne in Concert Ireland's Pat Byrne returns to the converted World War II Army barracks listening room. Byrne was the original winner of *The Voice Ireland* before moving to Austin. *The Bugle Boy, 1051 N. Jefferson St. 979-968-9944; thebugleboy.org* 🍷

LEWISVILLE: May 28 Fiesta Charra See entertaining activities that take place at a traditional *charreada*, which is Mexico's version of a rodeo. *Bill Weaver Arena, 101 Parkway Drive. 972-219-3401; facebook.com/vividvitaevents*

MCKINNEY: May 12-14 Third Monday Trade Days Shop from more than 400 vendors who offer unique gifts, home décor, trendy clothing and accessories, garage sale items, antiques and collectibles, and specialty items along with many food concessions at this open-air market. *Third Monday Trade Days Grounds, 4550 W. University Drive. 214-548-5810; tmmtd.com* 🍷

MESQUITE: March 16, April 15, May 13 Mesquite Rocks Join the Mesquite Arts Center for this monthly free family-friendly event with performances by tribute bands that cover the greatest hits of popular musicians and folk music. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org* 🍷

MESQUITE: May 4 Artists Reception Enjoy an artists reception for international art collective Take Me to the River and local performance artist/site-specific installation artist Erica Felicella. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org* 🍷

MESQUITE: May 4 Courtyard Concert Series Mesquite Arts Center Courtyard Concert Series features music by local bands. *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org* 🍷

MESQUITE: May 6-7 Gun Show Mesquite Rodeo presents this gun show with over 450 tables of guns, knives, ammo, and shooting supplies. The public is invited to buy, sell, or trade. *Mesquite Convention Center and Exhibit Hall, 1700 Rodeo Drive. 972-204-4925; premiergunshows.com/shows/mesquite-gun-show* 🍷

MESQUITE: May 13, 20, 27 Off the Rails Concert Mesquite Arts Center presents this weekly family-friendly event featuring a different musical act and genre each week. *Front Street Station, 100 W. Front St. 972-216-8132; mesquiteartscenter.org* 🍷

MESQUITE: May 13 Preservation Month Porch Party Celebrate National Historic Preservation Month with Historic Mesquite Inc. during a fun evening on the grounds of

the historic park. *Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney St. 972-216-6468; historicmesquite.org* 📍

MESQUITE: May 20 Mesquite Symphony Orchestra Concert The orchestra presents *Space*, a concert featuring Holst's "The Planets," Bates' "Mothership," and Williams' *Star Wars* suite. *Mesquite Symphony Orchestra, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-8132; mesquitesymphony.org* 📍

PLANO: May 6 AsiaFest It's the 19th year of Plano's AsiaFest, a showcase of the rich cultures of the continent that includes numerous cultural demonstrations, performances, and vendors and provides a fun and engaging time for the entire family. *Haggard Park, 901 E. 15th St. 972-941-7275; asianamericanheritage.org*

PLANO: May 6 Salt the Rim Taste and dance your way through Plano's third annual margarita-tasting celebration. Attendees must be age 21 or older. *McCall Plaza, 998 E. 15th St. 972-941-5600; visitplano.com/event/salt-the-rim-2023*

PLANO: May 19-21 Texas Mineral and Fossil Show Enjoy shopping from mineral, gem, and fossil dealers and exhibitors, who display all varieties of rocks, minerals, fossils, polished stones, gemstone jewelry, and other natural treasures. *Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. 972-941-5840; planoeventcenter.org* 📍

SALADO: May 5-6 Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering The Salado Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering brings together poets, musicians, and performers who are doing their part to preserve the culture and heritage of the American West and share their talent as part of the working cowboy environment. *Heritage Country Church Auditorium, 9929 Lark Trail. 254-702-0979; saladocowboypoetry.org* 📍

TEMPLE: May 5 First Friday: Cinco de Mayo On the first Friday of every month, historic downtown Temple transforms into a giant party. Join along for live music and performances, great drinks, delicious food, and after-hours shopping. *Main Street. 254-298-5378; downtowntemple.com* 📍

TEMPLE: May 6 Family Day: Train Day Explore the exciting world of trains and the history of the Transcontinental Railroad at this family event. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templeparks.com*

THE COLONY: May 6 Up, Up, and Away: Festival of Flight Celebrating all forms of flight, the Up, Up, and Away: Festival of Flight is presented by The Tribute Lakeside Golf and Resort community and the city of

The Colony. The festival features kite flying and demonstrations, music, birding demonstrations, paper airplane making, food, and fun. Bring the entire family to this all-ages celebration. *Prestwick STEM Academy, 3101 Stonefield. 972-625-1106; thecolonytx.gov*

TROY: May 7-Aug. 6 Farmers Market and Arts and Crafts This outdoor market offers local foods, handmade crafts, art, small business products, and services in a park-like setting. *Troy Community Center, 201 E. Main St. 254-421-2329; cityoftroy.us* 📍

WAXAHACHIE: April 8-May 29 Scarborough Renaissance Festival Enjoy 16th century-style fun with full combat jousting, birds of prey exhibitions, the Mermaid Lagoon, 20 stages with nonstop Renaissance entertainment, and shops featuring exquisite crafts and artisan demonstrations. Experience knighting ceremonies, combat competitions, the Grande Parade, wine and beer tasting events, and themed weekends. *Scarborough Renaissance Festival, 2511 FM 66. 972-938-3247; srfestival.com* 📍

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

LAREDO: May 18 Ha*Ash in Concert Sisters Hanna Nicole and Ashley Grace

Pérez, aka Latin pop duo Ha*Ash, perform songs from their latest album *HAASHTAG*, which debuted at No. 1 on iTunes Mexico and includes hits like "Lo Que Un Hombre Debería Saber." *Sames Auto Arena, 6700 Arena Blvd. 956-791-9192; samesautoarena.com*

SAN ANTONIO: April 15-June 4 Schoolhouse Rock Live Meet Tom, a nervous schoolteacher who is anxious about his first day of teaching. He tries to relax by watching TV and discovers that his favorite show comes to life on the set. Together with the Schoolhouse Rock gang, Tom realizes how fun learning can be. Enjoy classic songs such as "Just a Bill," "Interjections," and "Conjunction Junction" at this retro revue. *Magik Theatre, 420 S. Alamo St. 210-227-2751; magiktheatre.org* 📍

SAN ANTONIO: May 28-29 Texas Toy Soldier Show See military miniatures displayed in battle dioramas in plastic and metal. Old and new figures, accessories, books, prints, and antiques are available for purchase. Discuss history and take pictures with historians. If you like military history, this is the show for you. *The Menger Hotel, 204 Alamo Plaza. 210-757-3463; davycrockettsabin.com*

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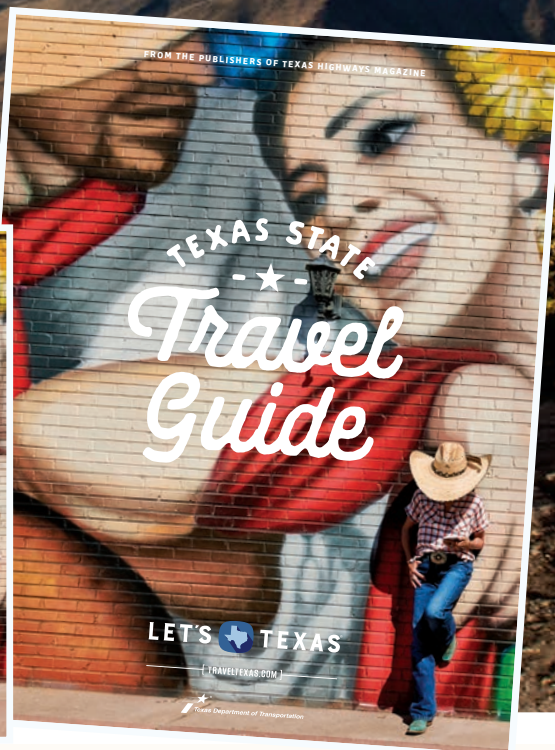
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