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Galveston Island Revue Weekend June 6-8

Galveston

n the summer of 1920, Galveston held its inaugural Pageant of Pulchritude, marking the Gulf Coast city's kickoff to tourism season. The pageant was a beauty contest, where participants from around the world donned their best swimsuits and paraded along the beach in hopes of winning best of show. By 1928, the event had turned into the "bathing girl revue," and Galveston's population allegedly tripled during the event weekend. The bathing girl revues are said to have inspired today's modern Miss Universe pageant, despite their run ending in 1932 due to the economic challenges of the Great Depression.

"There's a long history of Galveston promoting events to draw tourism to the island," says Will Wright, the chief creative officer of the Galveston Historical Foundation. "The bathing girl revues were associated with boardwalks and pleasure piers, and Galveston had these things, and it worked well."

In 2009, a business called Islanders by Choice, owned by Wright, Adrienne and Mike Culpepper, and others, resurrected the pageant as the Galveston Island Revue Weekend. Today, the event is hosted by the historical foundation and continues to welcome the summer season with a weekend that features a family-friendly revue. Contestants from around the United States wear their best vintage or vintage-inspired swimsuits and compete for prizes and sashes, while eventgoers revel in retro fun. Wright says everyone is encouraged to dress in their best 1920s garb, so expect to see flappers and dapper gents from a bygone era.

Aside from the bathing girl revue, which takes place at Saengerfest Park, other festivities include a burlesque show in the 1920 City National Bank Building (2219 Market St.) on Friday and Saturday nights, vendors selling items that fit within the retro theme, a classic car show, a Sunday brunch, the Revue Party on Friday night, and gin-based cocktail courses led by a local bartender. There is jazz music all weekend provided by Dandy Wellington and His Band, a New York act that brings the Jazz Age back to life.

"There are lots of ways to interact with the weekend," Wright says. "Just pick what you want to do, as things are happening throughout town." galvestonhistory.org/ events/galveston-island-beach-revue

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6th

SAN ANTONIO: *Fiesta Noche del Rio* The oldest outdoor dance performance of its kind in the country is a musical variety show of authentic Mexican, Spanish, and Texas songs and dances performed by local professionals. The audience is seated on tiered grass seats across the river from the stage, located in La Villita. **210-226-4651; fiestanochesa.com**

12th-15th

ABILENE: Children's Art + Literacy Festival Celebrating its 13th year, this unique picture book festival is spread out over 17 venues and four days. It features book signings, workshops, an instrument petting zoo, exhibitions, and readings. **325-677-1161; abilenecalf.com**

14th-19th

GALVESTON: Juneteenth

Celebration Galveston Island, where Juneteenth originated, hosts several events, including festivals, picnics, parades, concerts, and pageants, plus the reenactment of the reading of General Order No. 3 that freed the last slaves in the South. visitgalveston.com

14th

HILLSBORO: Bond's Alley The alley is home to this annual art fair, where artists and artisans fill Bond's Alley and downtown sidewalks and give visitors an opportunity to shop for crafts and food. 254-582-3272; hillsborotxarts.org

20th-21st

VAN HORN: Frontier Days and Van Horn Jubilee Since 1899, Van Horn has celebrated Frontier Days and the Jubilee with festivities that include tournaments, food, and live music. School reunions and historical tours are scheduled along with traditional events. **432-283-2682; vanhorntexas.org**

26th-29th

LULING: Watermelon Thump For over 70 years, Luling has honored the hardworking local watermelon farmers with a festival celebrating all things watermelon. Take your turn in the World Champion Seed Spitting Contest and enjoy live music, carnival fun, a parade, pageants, food booths, a car show, and a market. **830-875-3878; newsite.watermelon thump.com**



3rd-4th

WAXAHACHIE: Crape Myrtle Festival and Parade Designated the Crape Myrtle Capital of Texas, Waxahachie hosts this festival, with visitors enjoying a concert followed by a fireworks show with choreographed patriotic music and a downtown parade on the Fourth of July. **469-309-4040**; waxahachiecvb.com

7th-13th

LAMPASAS: Spring Ho Founded in 1972, the annual fest has grown into a weeklong event with festivities that include live music, shopping by the creek, entertainment for kids and families, a fireworks show, and a parade. 512-556-5301; springho.com

12th

GRAPEVINE: Ice Cream Social Cool off with a sweet summer treat at the 1920s-era ice cream social. Enjoy homemade ice cream, lemonade, and classic root beer floats—all made the old-fashioned way. Relax with Victorian lawn games, traditional music, and a charming evening at Nash Farm. 817-410-3100; grapevine texasusa.com/event

19th

FRIONA: Cheeseburger

Festival The 19th annual event in the Cheeseburger Capital of Texas includes a cookoff, with festivalgoers able to try out a variety of burgers, and the winner for best burger is awarded \$1,000. There's also a car show, vendors, and live music. 806-250-2761; cityoffriona .com/cheeseburgerfestival

23rd-27th

ALPINE: Viva Big Bend The popular music festival's 14th year offers 65-plus shows at more than a dozen venues in Alpine, Marfa, Fort Davis, Marathon, and Terlingua. Artists perform a wide range of music genres. **512-472-6630**; vivabigbend.com

24th-26th

CLUTE: Great Texas Mosquito Festival At this fun-filled family event, festivalgoers can expect vendor booths with a variety of foods, arts and crafts, and other items; a carnival; live entertainment each evening; and, to greet visitors, Willie-Man-Chew, the 26-foot-tall mosquito mascot. 979-265-8392; mosquitofestival.com For more fun things to do this summer, visit texashighways.com.



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TOMBALL: Tomball Night This family festival ends with a lighted parade and fireworks. Previous years' festivities have included live entertainment, kids activities, food, drinks, shopping, giveaways, vendors, and door prizes. 281-351-7222; tomballchamber.org

8th-9th

SONORA: Sutton County Days and Sonora Outlaw Rodeo Head to Sutton County Park and Pavilion for an exciting rodeo accompanied by nightly dances featuring performances by Kevin Fowler and Los Pescadores del Rio Conchos. There's also a parade, food, and vendors. **325-387-2880;** sonoratexas.org

16th

SAN ANGELO: Fess Parker Day Fess Parker was a San Angelo native who went on to have a successful movie and television career portraying both Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone. This festival at Fort Concho National Historic Landmark celebrates his legacy. 325-234-0316; fortconcho.com

23rd

JEFFERSON: UFOcon This annual convention, marking its fourth year, explores UFO sightings, alien encounters, and UFO crash sites in the Lone Star State. 903-665-3733; facebook.com .events.2025-texas-ufocon

30th

JUNCTION: Kow Kick and Kow Kick Barbecue Cookoff Kow Kick is an arts and crafts fair along the banks of the South Llano River, while the Kow Kick Barbecue Cookoff is a sanctioned state championship with competitors facing off in brisket, pork spareribs, chicken, and beans categories. There is a kids' cookoff and live music all day. **325-446-3190; junction** texas.com/bbq-cook-off

30th

PARIS: Hatch Chile Fest

Vendors line up at the farmers market to roast and sell hatch chiles fresh from New Mexico. Other merch includes locally grown produce, pastries, breads, jewelry, and coffee. There are also mariachi bands and games. **903-784-9234;** visitparistexas.com/hatchchili-fest

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DEL RIO: June 6 First Friday Art Walk

Local galleries stay open late to showcase their artworks while serving refreshments. *Various locations, 120 E. Garfield St. 830-775-0888; drchamber.com*

EL PASO: Through Dec. 31 *Tom Lea and Contemporaries* Tom Lea was one of the most prolific Southwestern artists of the 20th century. This exhibit features landscapes, portraits, and mural studies that highlight the correspondence between him and other artists to tell the story of how a tightly knit creative community made El Paso a center for rich cultural exchange. *El Paso Museum of Art, 1 Arts Festival Plaza. 915-533-0048; tomlea.com*

FORT STOCKTON: Through July 24 Summer Off the Patio This series of concerts is held every other Thursday between May 15 and July 24. Enjoy an assortment of food and drinks and singing along as bands perform. Annie Riggs Museum, 301 S. Main St. 432-336-2167; annieriggsmuseum.org MARFA: June 5-8 Agave Festival This annual festival celebrates the agave and its influence on culture through food, film, music, science, and spirits. Enjoy tastings hosted by agave spirit producers, one-ofa-kind dining experiences, and performances by contemporary and regional musicians. Various locations. agavemarfa.com

ODESSA: June 6 First Friday ODTX On the first Friday of every month, downtown Odessa transforms into a vibrant hub of art, music, and culture. This event features local artists, live performances, unique vendor markets, culinary delights, and interactive crafts and activities for all ages. *Downtown, 415 N. Grant Ave. 432–337–1492; firstfridayodtx.com*

VAN HORN: June 20-21 Frontier Days and Van Horn Jubilee Since 1899, Van Horn has celebrated Frontier Days and the Jubilee with festivities that include tournaments, food, and live music. School reunions and historical tours are scheduled along with traditional events. Van Horn Convention Center, 1801 W. Broadway St. 432-283-2682; vanhorntexas.org

GULF COAST

CLUTE: June 3-28 Planetarium Show This show (check website for dates of shows throughout each month) 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 feel of comets, exploding stars, and black holes. Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.org

CORPUS CHRISTI: May 31-June 7 Mural Fest The festival celebrates the city's history and culture while enhancing its Marina Arts District with large-scale murals. Participating muralists showcase different aspects of the city. At the MuralWalk, visitors can take self-guided tours of the murals and collect "artographs" from the artists. There are also block parties on Chaparral, Lomax, Peoples, and Starr streets and celebrations at La Retama and Artesian parks. These gatherings offer over 100 pop-up vendors, food trucks, and live music. *400 Mann St. 361-882-2363; downtown corpuschristi.org/events/mural-fest*

CORPUS CHRISTI: June 20-29 Pure

Imagination This brand-new revue features songs from across Music Theatre International's Broadway Junior collection. From *Seussical* and *Shrek the Musical* to Disney favorites like *Beauty and the Beast* and *Frozen*, the show offers a fun introduction to musical revues for young performers who are new to musical theater. *Harbor Playhouse*, 1802 N. Chaparral St. 361-882-5500; harborplayhouse.com/2025shows

FREEPORT: May 24-Aug. 13 Sharks

Exhibit Visitors can stand inside enormous shark jaws, see life-size models of different sharks, and learn about the history of Freeport's fishing industry. Freeport Historical Museum, 311 E. Park Ave. 979-233-0066; freeportmuseum.com

FREEPORT: June 21 Fort Velasco Day This living history event commemorates the 191st anniversary of the Battle of Fort Velasco by bringing reenactors from across the state to the site to give visitors a glimpse of what life and conflict was like at the mouth of the Brazos River in 1830s Texas. Freeport Historical Museum, 311 E. Park Ave. 979-233-0066; facebook.com/ freeportmuseum

GALVESTON: June 6-8 Galveston Island Revue Weekend The city's official kickoff to summer sees contestants from across the country model retro-chic swimwear in an event, once dubbed the "Pageant of Pulchritude," that harkens back to the good ol' days of Galveston's summertime history. The weekend features a classic car show, vendors, special events, and live music. Downtown. visitgalveston.com or galvestonhistory.org

GALVESTON: June 7 Riders in the Sky in Concert Grammy Award-winning Riders In the Sky have been keepers of the flame passed on by Roy Rogers and Gene Autry. While remaining true to the integrity of the Western music genre, they themselves became modern-day icons by branding it with their own legendary wacky humor and way-out Western wit. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 409-765-1894; thegrand.com S

GALVESTON: June 8 World Ocean Day Festival On World Ocean Day, people around the blue planet celebrate and honor the ocean. Festivities include interactive exhibits, art contests, and live

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GALVESTON: June 14, July 12, Aug. 9 ArtWalk Once a month, ArtWalk celebrates local artists by transforming the historical Strand district into a lively hub for art enthusiasts. Visit galleries, boutiques, and pop-up exhibits to see a mix of unique art pieces and discover hidden gems, meet talented creators, and support Galveston's thriving arts community. *Galveston Arts Center, 2127 The Strand.* 409-763-2403; galvestonartscenter.org/artwalk

GALVESTON: June 14-19 Juneteenth Celebration Galveston Island, where Juneteenth originated, hosts several days of events, including festivals, picnics, parades, concerts, and pageants, plus the reenactment of the reading of General Order No. 3 that freed the last slaves in the South. Various locations. visitgalveston.com

GALVESTON: June 29 *The Addams Family: a Musical Comedy* Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a young man from a respectable family. Everything changes for the Addams family on a fateful night when they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 409-765-1894; thegrand.com

HOUSTON: Through June 1 In The Heights For its final show of the season, Theatre Under The Stars presents Lin Manuel Miranda's first musical. Enter the vibrant New York City neighborhood Washington Heights, a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open, and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music. Theatre Under The Stars, 800 Bagby St. 713-558-8887; tuts.org

HOUSTON: Through June 8 Sunday Polo Experience a world-class polo match, a player parade, live music, expert announcing, a traditional champagne divot stomp at halftime, a special trophy presentation, and an Argentine/Brazilian-inspired menu and a premium bar menu in the concession area. *Houston Polo Club, 8552 Memorial Drive.* 713-681-8571; houstonpoloclub.com

HOUSTON: Through July 13 Joe Overstreet: Taking Flight This is the first major museum exhibition in 30 years devoted to the work of the pioneering abstract painter. Renowned for his innovative approach to nonrepresentational painting, the American artist consistently sought to intertwine abstraction and social politics. The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org/joeoverstreet HOUSTON: Through Aug. 10 What drawing can be: four responses See sitespecific installations by Jillian Conrad, Teresita Fernández, Tony Lewis, and Constantin Luser, who each has an individual gallery space to explore the experimental potential of the medium. Menil Drawing Institute, 1412 W. Main St. 713-525-9400; menil.org/whatdrawingcanbe

HOUSTON: Through Sept. 1 Wall Drawing: Ronny Quevedo Curated by Kelly Montana, assistant curator at the Menil Drawing Institute, this is the sixth installment in the Menil Collection's Wall Drawing Series, which began in 2018 as part of the institute's commitment to seeking new approaches to the form and language of drawing. Menil Drawing Institute, 1412 W. Main St.713-525-9400; menil.org

HOUSTON: Through Sept. 13, 2026 Habitat To mark its fourth birthday, the Houston Botanic Garden presents this exhibit, which incorporates installations created by local artists and explores the central idea of "protecting habitats protects life" through the lens of the Gulf Coast environment. With thematic sections on topics such as fungi, dead wood, nests, and insects, *Habitat* explores the critical role that many organisms play in creating and sustaining habitats. *Houston Botanic Garden, 1 Botanic Lane.* 713-715-9675; hbg.org

HOUSTON: May 23-Nov. 2 The Space Between Looking and Loving: Francesca Fuchs and the de Menil House Featuring new work by Francesca Fuchs and selections from the Menil's collection and archives, the display explores the affective power and relational histories of objects in domestic settings, especially those of the de Menil house in Houston. The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org

HOUSTON: June 7 Texas Monthly Taco Festival South This festival is a two-city (Grand Prairie, May 31, and Houston, June 7) celebration of the best tacos in Texas, based on the magazine's "50 Best Tacos in Texas" feature. Discovery Green, 1500 McKinney St. texasmonthly.com/2025texas-monthly-taco-fest

HOUSTON: June 27 Rainbow on the Green Discovery Green's annual family-friendly Pride celebration returns to the park for an evening of performances and other entertainment. Discovery Green, 1500 McKinney St. 713-400-7336; discoverygreen.com

LAKE JACKSON: June 21, July 19, Aug. 16 Bird Banding Watch volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station is an excellent opportunity to see birds up close and to learn all about the birds of the Brazosport area. *Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 SH 332 West. 979-480-0999; gcbo.org*

LAKE JACKSON: June 28 Rubber Duck

Regatta Get out on Oyster Creek for some kayak and canoe fun. Teams compete to be one of the first 20 boats to retrieve eight rubber ducks that are corralled along the creek and bring them back to the starting point to win a prize. *Dunbar Park, 803 FM* 2004. 979-297-4533; visitbrazosport.com

LEAGUE CITY: June 14 White Linen Night

Come dressed in white attire and stroll the streets of the historical district while enjoying live music, artists at work, and local food and drinks. *Downtown*, 512 Second St. 281-554-1021; leaguecitytx.gov/4327/ league-city-white-linen-night **b**

PORT ARANSAS: June 13-14 Ladies Powder Puff Fishing Tournament This is the largest all-female fishing tournament on the Texas coast. There are guided and nonguided divisions and a best dressed team contest. *Fisherman's Wharf, 900 Tarpon St. 361-749-5448; ladiespowderpuff.com* **RICHMOND: June 6, Aug. 1 Richmond's Farmers Market** The market flourishes under the canopy of old oaks and features live music and food trucks. As one of the premier farmers markets in Fort Bend County, it offers local produce and artisan goods as well as some prepared foods. *City Hall Plaza, 402 Morton St. 832-449-2793; richmondtxfarmersmarket.com*

ROCKPORT: Through June 1 Sarah Hull Exhibition The Tampa, Florida, artist presents her oil paintings. *Rockport Center for the Arts, 204 S. Austin St. 361-729-5519; rockportartcenter.com*

ROCKPORT: Through June 8 Ryoichi Suzuki Exhibition See marble work by the artist from North Logan, Utah. *Rockport Center for the Arts, 204 S. Austin St. 361-729-5519; rockportartcenter.com*

ROCKPORT: Through June 15 David Everett Exhibition The Rockport-based artist shows his wood sculptures at this exhibition. *Rockport Center for the Arts,* 204 S. Austin St. 361-729-5519; rockport artcenter.com

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Through Dec. 31 Dolphin Watch Tours All aboard the Murphy's Law for a 1.5-hour dolphin watch and eco tour along the lower Laguna Madre. The 67-foot, double-decker boat is specially designed to allow passengers to have an optimum viewing experience while on the water. *Isla Tours*, *33256 State Park Road 100. 956-761-4752; islatours.com*

VICTORIA: May 31-June 7 Bach Festival Artistic director Alejandro Hernandez-Valdez leads this festival that celebrates the works of J.S. Bach and composers spanning the ages. Orchestral, choral, and chamber works are performed by local and national musicians in venues in and around Victoria. Various locations. 361-570-5788; victoriabachfestival.org

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AUSTIN: Through July 20 In Creative Harmony: Three Artistic Partnerships No artist creates in isolation. Shared visual languages, techniques, and concerns shape artistic innovation. The exhibition explores the ways in which artists inspire each other by highlighting the relationships between three pairs of artists. Blanton Museum of Art, 200 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. 512-471-5482; blantonmuseum.org



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AUSTIN: Through Aug. 18 Freedom to Write, Freedom to Read: The Story of

PEN The Harry Ransom Center presents an exhibition exploring the history of PEN, the renowned international association dedicated to protecting free expression. The exhibition draws upon the Center's PEN Records collection in order to trace the history of the organization from its founding as a dinner club in 1921, through the darkest days of war and repression, to supporting contemporary writers and readers today. *Harry Ransom Center, 300 W. 21st St. 512-471-8944; hrc.utexas.edu*

AUSTIN: May 29-June 1 ATX Television

Festival As the first festival devoted to television's history and future, the ATX Television Festival functions like a traditional film festival with special screenings of new series, current hits, and cult favorites. The festival also offers access to the industry's leading professionals with cast and creator Q&As and panels focusing on innovation in both production and content delivery. *Downtown. atxfestival.com*

AUSTIN: June 15 19th Fest Celebrate Juneteenth with a day full of food, culture, and community. The festival features kid-friendly activities, live music, and retail vendors. *Waterloo Park, 500 E. 12th St. 19thfest.com*

AUSTIN: June 15 Ninja Kidz Live: Infinite Possibilities It's time to enter the multiverse, as the Ninja Kidz are leaping out of your screens and into Austin. The fate of the universe hangs in the balance as impostors threaten to infiltrate the stage. Join the Ninja Kidz for live action adventure filled with audience participation, physical challenges, games, and epic battles. Bass Concert Hall, 2350 Robert Dedman Drive. 512-471-2787; texasperformingarts.org

AUSTIN: June 21-22, July 12-13, Aug. 16-17 City-Wide Vintage Sale Since 1977, Austin's largest indoor vintage event has offered shoppers a chance to browse vintage goods, antiques, and collectibles sold by 80 to 100 vendors from Texas and beyond. Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road. 512-441-2828; citywide vintagesale.com

AUSTIN: June 25-29 Austin Asian American Film Festival Feature filmmakers' unique voices are celebrated in a forum where viewers come together to experience the wide array of Asian American Pa-



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AUSTIN: June 28-Aug. 9 Fences and

Fields Artist Rebecca Pugh takes inspiration from her surroundings in Texas including landscapes along rural highways in this solo exhibition. In her recent paintings, the artist abstracts ranch fences, cattle, horses, and regional wildflowers into geometric shapes of color. Julia C. Butridge Gallery, Dougherty Arts Center, 1110 Barton Springs Road. 512–974-4007; austintexas.gov/ department/julia-c-butridge-gallery

AUSTIN: June 29 Austin African Ameri-

can Book Festival The annual festival promotes literature, reading, and writing within the African American community by focusing on authors and cultural leaders who have been influenced by African American literature. The event includes a keynote address, local author showcases, and author interviews and discussions. *George Washington Carver Museum,* 1165 Angelina St. aaabookfest.org

AUSTIN: June 29 Les Ballets Trockadero

This beloved troupe of male dancers, affectionately known as the Trocks, began by appearing in late-late shows in off-off Broadway lofts. In the nearly 50 years since then, the company has grown to achieve great appeal among more mainstream audiences who flock to theaters throughout the world to see the prima ballerinas perform. Long Center, 701 W. Riverside Drive. 512-457-5116; thelongcenter.org

BANDERA: June 1-29 Morning Ride with

Cowboy Breakfast Join Bandera Historical Rides for a Sunday morning cowboy breakfast and horseback ride. *Major Hope Corral,* 749 Old Medina Highway. 830–328–2203; banderahistoricalrides.com or facebook .com/banderahistoricalrides

BANDERA: June 3 Cowboy Opry On the first Tuesday of the month, come see Grand Ole Opry-style entertainment at the Silver Sage senior center, with refreshments and door prizes given out at the event. *Silver Sage, 803 Buck Creek. 830-796-4969; silversage.org or facebook.com/silver .sage.1466*

BANDERA: June 3-Aug. 30 Wagon Rides, Campfires, and S'mores Tuesdays through Saturdays, visitors can sit by the campfire and roast marshmallows while enjoying entertainment by a cowboy under the Texas stars. Also, enjoy wagon rides to feed the deer, visit the horses at Ghost Town, or watch the running of the horses. Flying L Ranch and Resort, 675 Flying L Drive. 830-796-7745; flyingl.com **b**

BANDERA: June 6 FatBoyz Cruise-In Car Show On the first Friday of the month, this car show features custom autos, rods, classics, muscle cars, trucks, motorcycles, and special-interest and vintage vehicles of all kinds. FatBoyz Sandwich Shop, 610 SH 16 South. 830-796-3767; bandera cowboycapital.com or facebook.com/ profile.php?id=100045935536003

BANDERA: June 6-Aug. 29 Riding on Faith Friday Night Summer Series Rodeo This open rodeo on Friday nights in the summer features bull riding, mini-bulls, barrel racing, and roping. Mansfield Park Arena, 2886 SH 16 North. 830-777-7129; ridingonfaithrodeo.com or facebook.com/ ridingonfaithrodeoseries

BANDERA: June 7, 12, 19, 26 Bandera Cattle Company Gunfighters On Saturdays, see the Bandera Cattle Company Gunfighters reenact 1800s gunfights twice a day at Rattlesnake Ridge, located behind the Bandera Visitors Center. *Rattlesnake Ridge, 126 SH 16 South. 830–343–7141;* facebook.com/banderagunfighters

BANDERA: June 7, 12, 19, 26 Cowboys on Main Enjoy free cowboy fun on Main Street in downtown Bandera. Activities can include a chuckwagon storyteller, horsedrawn wagon tours of the town, and live Western music. 500 Main St. 210-632-4535; banderabusiness.com

BANDERA: June 7 Market Day On the first Saturday of the month, arts and crafts vendors set up pop-up shops featuring original works along Main Street, while farmers sell produce, canned goods, and baked items. 500 Main St. 210-218-7935; banderabusiness.com

BANDERA: June 21-July 26 Smithsonian Museum on Main Bandera is one of seven Texas cities chosen to host the Smithsonian traveling exhibit *Crossroads: Changes in Rural America.* The purpose of the exhibit is to take a closer look at the evolution of rural America in the last century. Come see all the exciting exhibits on display throughout the county. *Bandera Middle School, 1005 Cherry St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: June 22 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 or facebook.com/ftmbandera

BLANCO: June 6-8 Lavender Festival

For 20 years, this event has been one of the Hill Country's premier festivals, with attendees enjoying live music at Bindseil Park and a lavender market on the grounds of the historical Blanco County Courthouse. Food vendors and artisans sell lavender-themed merchandise and local and regional beer and wine. The first commercial lavender farm in the state, Hill Country Lavender, is open for tours of its lavender fields. Various locations. 830-833-5101; blancolavenderfest.com

BOERNE: June 3, 17; July 1, 15 Abendkonzert Come hear traditional German music and stories of Boerne's historic past. *Main Plaza, 100 N. Main St. 830-248-1635; ci.boerne.tx.us/1104/concerts-in-the-park*

BOERNE: June 7-Aug. 30 A Day at the Farm and Farmers Market Find what you need at this market open every Saturday, whether you want to hike the trails, shop in the open air, get gardening inspiration, take classes on growing food, volunteer at the Cibolo Center for Conservation, or get new recipe ideas. *Historic Herff Farm, 33 Herff Road. 830-249-4616; cibolo.org*

BOERNE: June 14, 28 Bluegrass Jam at

The AgriCultural Every second and fourth Saturday, bring your instrument and play along, or just come to listen. *The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. 210-445-1080; theagricultural.org*

BOERNE: June 14-15, July 12-13, Aug. 9-10 Market Days Browse the vendor booths at this monthly market, where you can find a variety of bargains and an assortment of jewelry, plants, art, handcrafts, collectibles, and antiques. *Main Plaza, 100 N. Main St. 210-844-8193; eventsoffmain* .com/market-days

BOERNE: June 14, July 12, Aug. 9 Moondance Concert Moondance is a longstanding beloved event at the Cibolo. Grab your lawn chairs and coolers, and come enjoy live music from local bands under the oak trees. This summer offers new local bands and food trucks. *Cibolo Center* for Conservation, 140 City Park Road. 830-249-4616; cibolo.org/moondance

BOERNE: June 28 Tour de Boerne Ready for a Texas-size challenge? Saddle up for a ride across beautiful terrain that is known for its steep hills, epic views, and friendly faces. The Tour de Boerne is the fastest-



growing charity bike ride in the Lone Star State. Don Strange Events, 103 Welfare Road. tourdeboerne.com

CEDAR PARK: June 1 Alejandro Fernández in Concert The Mexican music icon performs on his new tour, De Rey a Rey, a tribute to the music of his late father, the legendary Vicente Fernández. The tour is a celebration of the Fernández legacy, family, Mexico, and the classic songs that are the soundtrack of Latino life. *H-E-B Center at Cedar Park, 2100 Avenue of the Stars. 512-*600-5000; visitcedarparktexas.com

FREDERICKSBURG: June 6 First Friday Art Walk Participating fine art galleries remain open until 8 p.m. on the first Friday of every month so that visitors and visiting artists can enjoy new shows, demonstrations, and artist receptions. Look for the galleries flying the Art Walk flag. *Main Street. visitfredericksburgtx.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: June 6 First Weekend at Pioneer Museum On the Friday before the first Saturday of the month, the Pioneer Museum and the Vereins Kirche Museum invite guests to explore a temporary exhibit in the museum store, see demonstrations (spinner, handworker, and blacksmithing), learn from living history interpreters, and enjoy a hands-on activity plus a scavenger hunt. *Pioneer Museum*, 325 W. Main St. pioneermuseum.org/firstweekend-at-the-museum **§**

FREDERICKSBURG: June 7 Car Fest Now in its 20th year, this event attracts car enthusiasts, families, and weekend shoppers from across the area. *Marktplatz, 100 block of West Main Street. fredericksburg carfest.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: June 7 Outpost:

FREDERICKSBURG: June 14 Craft Beer Festival Enjoy offerings from Texas craft breweries, meet brewmasters, relax in the Marktplatz biergarten, attend Brew and Taste cooking sessions, visit food concessionaires and the home brewers DIY area, participate in the Stein Hoist competition, and listen to live music. *Marktplatz, 100 block of West Main Street. fbgcraft beerfestival.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: June 14 Outpost:

Weapons of War The war in the Pacific was fought with so much more than the MI Garand and the Arisaka rifle. Visit this free outpost to see a vast selection of weapons from the collection, from tommy guns to flamethrowers, including some demonstrations throughout the day. National Museum of the Pacific War, 508 E. Austin St. 830-997-8600; pacificwarmuseum.org

FREDERICKSBURG: June 20-22, July 18-20, Aug. 15-17 Trade Days Shop over 350 vendors in seven barns and acres of antiques, collectibles, tools, crafts, shabby chic, primitives, ranch furniture, hunting accessories, candles, unique clothing, jewelry, and food. 355 Sunday Farms Lane. 210-846-4094; fbgtradedays.com

FREDERICKSBURG: June 21 Outpost: Gear Up A Marine's gear was his lifeline in the Pacific War, and everything he carried

Step Inside,

and experience the last visual remnants of the Presidio de San Antonio de Béjar

SPANISH Governor's Palace

San Antonio, Texas A National Historic Landmark Constructed in 1749, the palace represents over 260 years of Spanish settlement in Texas. It features 18th century living and working quarters, Spanish colonial artifacts, and an original Habsburg keystone, signifying Spanish settlement under King Ferdinand VI.

SpanishGovernorsPalace.org 105 Plaza de Armas, San Antonio, Texas 78205 210-207-7527 was useful in some way to him. This free outpost shows a close look at the equipment of an American Marine fighting in the Pacific. National Museum of the Pacific War, 508 E. Austin St. 830-997-8600; pacificwarmuseum.org

FREDERICKSBURG: June 28 Outpost: We Are Prepared! The Boy Scouts of Ameri-

ca in WWII When America joined World War II in 1941, the Boy Scouts of America immediately volunteered to help however they could. Learn about Scouts serving as air raid wardens, as coastal patrols, and in many other roles. *National Museum of the Pacific War, 340 E. Main St. 830-997-8600; pacificwarmuseum.org*

GEORGETOWN: June 6 First Friday Music

on the Square On the first Friday of the month through November, the Georgetown Square comes alive with live music and after-hours shopping. *Georgetown Square*, 103 W. Seventh St. 512-930-3545; dgagtx .org/first-friday-guest.html

GEORGETOWN: June 14 Second Saturday Market Days Every day, Georgetown's historical downtown offers premier shopping and dining. But on Second Saturday Market Days, there is even more, including artisan crafts, food trucks, cottage food, and retail. Georgetown Square, 103 W. Seventh St. 512-930-3545; dgagtx.org

HAMILTON: June 7 Chuck Wimer Band in Concert Inspired by Charley Pride and Garth Brooks, the American country music artist is known for blending conventional country music with Americana and alt-country influences. *Circle T Arena Crossfire Cantina, 4007 SH 36 West.* 254-386-3559; circletarena.net/events

HAMILTON: June 7-8, Aug. 16-17 Prime Team Roping Prime Team Roping presents professional roping events that provide thrilling rodeo action for the entire family. *Circle T Arena, 4007 SH 36 West. 254-386-3559; circletarena.net/events*

HAMILTON: June 7-8, July 26-27 Texas Senior Pro Roping Association Athletes 40 years old and older compete in these events produced by the Texas Senior Pro Roping Association and held on a regularly

scheduled basis from March through October in arenas across the state. *Circle T Arena, 4007 SH 36 West. 254-386-3559; circletarena.net/events* HAMILTON: June 21, Aug. 16-17 Central Texas Barrel Racing Association See the professional barrel racers compete against each other and the clock at these events produced by the Central Texas Barrel Racing Association. Circle T Arena, 4007 SH 36 West. 254-386-3559; circletarena.net/events

HAMILTON: June 27-29, July 18-20, Aug. 29-31 World Series Team Roping Watch the best in the industry at World Series Team Roping. *Circle T Arena*, 4007 SH 36 West. 254-386-3559; circletarena.net/ events

HUNT: May 24-Aug. 30 Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall After the rodeo, there's dancing and live music every Saturday night from Memorial Day to Labor Day. *Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall, 2310 SH 39.* 830-238-4441; cridersrandd.com

INGRAM: Through June 27 Easy on the Eye Exhibit The Hill Country Arts Foundation presents its annual members show. Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com

INGRAM: June 6-8, 13-15, 20-22 *The Play That Goes Wrong* This Olivier Award-winning comedy is a 1920s whodunit that



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 own lines). *Hill Country Arts Foundation*, 120 *Point Theatre Road.* 830–367–5121; hcaf.com

JUNCTION: June 7 Cowboys and Cajuns Spend an evening enjoying a street dance, crawfish boil, and live music. Bring lawn chairs. HCFA Fairgrounds, 230 Fairgrounds Road. 325-446-3190; junctiontexas.com/ cowboys-cajuns

KERRVILLE: Through June 7 Roundup Exhibition and Sale The 42nd annual exhibition features more than 150 works for sale from local, regional, and national artists. *Museum of Western Art, 1550 Bandera Highway. 830-896-2553; museumof westernart.com*

KERRVILLE: Through June 14 Kerr Arts and Cultural Center Art Exhibits Three separate art exhibits go on display featuring artwork from the Kerr County Historical Commission, artists Judy Surles and Marsha Mefferd, and then the Images Membership Show. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com*

KERRVILLE: May 22-June 8 Kerrville

Folk Festival Enjoy 18 days and nights of music featuring songwriters of national and international acclaim. This is one of the longest continuously running music festivals in the United States and offers 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: June 6-7 Shakespeare in the Park: *The Tempest* Themes of magic, betrayal, revenge, and family dynamics are intertwined in one of the Bard's most famous plays, featuring the wizard Prospero and his servants Caliban and Ariel. Pack a picnic, bring some lawn chairs, and enjoy Shakespeare under the stars. *Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Drive.* 830-896-9393; caillouxperformingarts.com

KERRVILLE: June 7 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. *Hill Country Youth Event*

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Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-459-6198; kerrmarketdays.org **b**

KERRVILLE: June 17-21, 24-28; July 1-5, 8-12 KACC Art Exhibits Kerr Arts and Cultural Center presents two exhibits: abstract paintings by Randall McCabe and works by the San Antonio Glass Artist Guild. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com*

KERRVILLE: June 27-29 Finding Nemo Jr. The P2K Youth Theater Summer Musical Camp presents a production of the smashhit musical created from one of Disney/ Pixar's most famous and beloved films. Playhouse 2000 VK Garage Theater, 305 Washington St. 830-896-9393; cailloux performingarts.com

KERRVILLE: June 28 Texas Clash Cage Fight Athletes engage in amateur mixed martial arts and kickboxing competitions. Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. tapology.com

LLANO: June 6-7 Open Pro Rodeo On the first full weekend of June, the Llano Open Pro Rodeo thrills the crowd with bronc bustin', bull riding, barrel racing, and team roping. John L. Kuykendall Events Center and Arena, 2200 RR 152. 325-247-5354; llanochamber.org

LLANO: June 28-Sept. 28 Canvas and Quilts: the Art of Ira and Kathy Kennedy

The Kennedys' art bursts with vibrant color. Ira's innovative dot paintings tell stories of the connection between people and nature. Kathy's kaleidoscopic quilts use fabric panels of Ira's art along with her own designs inspired by the natural world. The juxtaposition of two distinct art forms creates a unique dialogue. *Llano Fine Art Guild, 503 Bessemer Ave. 325-247-4839; llanofineartsguild.com*

MARBLE FALLS: June 6-Aug. 9 Summer Concert Series The series offers a vibrant lineup of live Friday night performances set against the picturesque backdrop of the Hill Country. This annual event brings together locals and visitors to enjoy a variety of genres, creating a lively and festive atmosphere in the heart of town. Johnson Park, 230 Ave. J. 830-693-4449; visitmarblefalls .org/summer-concert-series

PFLUGERVILLE: June 6 Music in the Park

This annual outdoor concert series showcases a variety of live bands on select Friday nights in the spring. Bring lawn chairs, furry friends, blankets, and picnic baskets for an evening of music by Departure ATX. *Pfluger Park, 515 City Park Road. 512-990-6100; pflugervilletx.gov/554/ music-in-the-park* PFLUGERVILLE: June 20-Sept. 19 Rock

the Block On the third Friday of each summer month, head to downtown Pflugerville to enjoy this outdoor music series. Bring friends and family for an evening of live music, food vendors, and a lively community atmosphere. *Downtown, 100 E. Main St. 512–990–6100; pflugervilletx.gov/956/* rock-the-block

ROUND ROCK: June 6-28 Anton Chekhov Is a Tasty Snack Penfold Theatre Company presents the world premiere production of Anton Chekhov Is a Tasty Snack, a comedy about small-town theater and the ridiculous people who make it. Penfold Theatre, 2120 N. Mays St., Suite 290. 512-850-4849; penfoldtheatre.org

SAN MARCOS: June 5-Aug. 14 Summer in the Park Pack a lawn chair or a blanket and refreshments and head to Plaza Park to see different bands playing music from various genres every Thursday night from June through the second week of August. *Plaza Park, 206 N. CM Allen Parkway.* 512-739-7240; summerintheparksm.org

SAN MARCOS: June 13 Texas Water Safari Considered the world's toughest canoe race, the Texas Water Safari is a 260-milelong canoe and kayak race from Spring Lake in San Marcos to the city of Seadrift on the Texas coastline. Come cheer the teams on at San Marcos riverside parks. *San Marcos River Park, 211 San Marcos Springs Drive. 512-393-5930; texaswatersafari.org*

SAN MARCOS: June 14 Art Squared Arts Market This arts and fine crafts market brings the top local artists together in one place. Find art of all kinds, live music, a free arts and crafts booth for kids, and live art demonstrations. *Hays County Historic Courthouse*, 111 E. San Antonio St. 512-679-5059; artsquaredmarket.com

STONEWALL: June 19–21 Peach JAMboree and Rodeo This event features a CPRA rodeo and nightly dances, a parade, the Peach Queen coronation, goat roping, washer and 42 domino tournaments, food trucks, beer, and wine. Also, fresh peaches, peach cobbler, and peach ice cream are sold on the grounds. *Chamber of Commerce grounds*, 1250 Peach St. stonewall texas.com/peach-jamboree

WIMBERLEY: June 7-28 Henson Square June Music Series Spend summer afternoons enjoying live music at Henson Square. Shows are every Saturday in June and feature local musicians Jamison Eddleman, Reece Wade, Jesse Stratton, and Ryan Frenchak. Henson Square, 107 Henson Road. 512-648-6857; visitwimberleytx.org

WIMBERLEY: June 21 Make Music Day

The event is a celebration of music on the summer solstice. People of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to experience the joy of making music, whether through live performances, interactive experiences, or spontaneous jam sessions taking place at different venues around town. *Various locations. 512–648–6857; makemusicday.org*

PANHANDLE PLAINS

ABILENE: Through July 5 Early Downtown Abilene: 1880s-1910s The introduction of modern transportation, a local power company, two telephone companies, and an additional rail line propelled Abilene into the modern age. The exhibition highlights this growth through objects from the Grace's permanent collection of garments and textiles, business ephemera, historic photos, and various other artifacts. The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org

ABILENE: Through July 5 Full Steam Ahead: The Texas and Pacific Railway This exhibition highlights the history of the Texas and Pacific Railway in Abilene through several artifacts from the museum's permanent collection. See the impact of the railroad on the growth of the city and the people who built the tracks and buildings, worked for the railway, and utilized the train's services. *The Grace Museum*, *102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegrace museum.org*

ABILENE: Through Sept. 20 *Nancy Newberry: Extraños Magníficos* This exhibition displays works by a photographer who draws inspiration from classic spaghetti western movies, merging documentary portrayals with dreamlike creations that investigate notions of nationalism and community. *The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St.* 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org **b**

ABILENE: June 7-Sept. 20 The Great Turning: We Gather, We Grow, We Tend Artist Hollis Hammonds and poet Sasha West collaborate to explore the transformative potential of art within a fragile ecosystem. This exhibition invites viewers to engage in a reflective and empowering space where boundaries between past and future, loss and renewal are reimagined. The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org **b**



ABILENE: June 12-15 Children's Art +

Literacy Festival Join the fun at the 13th annual event, a unique picture book festival spread out over 17 venues and four days and celebrating Matt Phelan, the summer exhibiting artist at the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature. The event includes book signings, workshops, an instrument petting zoo, exhibitions, and readings. *Abilene Cultural Affairs Council, T&P Depot, 1101 N. First St. 325-677-1161; abilenecalf.com*

ABILENE: June 28-Sept. 20 Virginia Fleck: Reclaimed Revelations In an age defined by rapid consumption, Virginia Fleck's work investigates the relationship between materiality and perception. She creates intricately crafted sensory objects and environments from post-consumer materials imbued with notions of luck, chance, and magical thinking. The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org

ALBANY: June 20-28 Fort Griffin Fandangle Presented beneath the summer stars the last two weekends of June, the Fort Griffin Fandangle includes singing, dancing, pantomime, and pageantry. It re-creates the look and feel of life during the frontier days of the Old West. Over 250 Albany performers dress the part. Presented on the acre-size Prairie Theater, the show brings covered wagons, buggies, and the railroad. Threatening wildfires, giant rattlesnakes, a rowdy frontier town, and the discovery of oil appear before your eyes. Prairie Theater, 1490 FM 1084. 325-762-3838. fortgriffinfandangle.org

AMARILLO: June 3, 10, 17, 24 June Jazz The annual Jim Laughlin Amarillo College June Jazz Series showcases free evening concerts on the Washington Street campus on the Experimental Theatre porch. Amarillo College Washington Street Campus, 2201 Washington St. www.actx.edu/music/ june-jazz

AMARILLO: June 3-Aug. 12 Starlight Theater Summer Concert Series Enjoy free live music at Sam Houston Park every Tuesday. The series is presented by Amarillo Parks and Recreation. Sam Houston Park, 4101 Line Ave. heritagesociety.org/ sam-houston-park

AMARILLO: June 4-July 30 High Noon on the Square Each Wednesday in June and July, the lawn of the Potter County Court-



house features live music and an option to purchase lunch on site. *Potter County Courthouse Lawn, Sixth and Taylor streets.* 806-372-6744; centercity.org

AMARILLO: June 5-7 Coors Cowboy Club Ranch Rodeo This ranch rodeo pits the area's ranch workers against each other in a friendly but serious competition. The Coors Cowboy Club Cattle Drive kicks off the weekend. Amarillo National Center, 3301 S. 10th Ave. coorsranchrodeo.com

AMARILLO: June 5-14 Texas Route 66

Festival Dive into 10 days of classic car shows, exclusive bus tours, special Route 66-themed movie screenings, a cattle drive and parade, live music, and many other offerings along the iconic Texas stretch. The grand finale on June 14 takes place in Amarillo's Route 66 Historic District. *Various locations.* 800-692-1338; visitamarillo.com/events/route-66

AMARILLO: June 6-8 Texas 66 Fast Draw

Championships This fast-draw shooting competition features a cattle drive and multiple shootouts along the route. *Tri-State Fair Rex Baxter Building, 3301 SE 10th Ave. xfdapro.com/event/texas-66-fastdraw-championships-2*

AMARILLO: June 7 Coors Cowboy Club Cattle Drive and Parade Watch 60 Texas Longhorns make their way through downtown Amarillo on Saturday morning. The parade also features motorized vehicles and staged Old West shootouts. *Downtown*, 1000 S. Polk St. 800-692-1338; visitamarillo.com

AMARILLO: June 8 Lowrider Cruise on Old Route 66 Classic cars and lowriders take a cruise down Old Route 66 (Amarillo Boulevard) during this free event, as part of the Texas Route 66 Festival. Amarillo Boulevard. 800-692-1338; visitamarillo.com/ events/route-66

AMARILLO: June 11 TX 66 East Bus Tour

See landmarks and quirky attractions including Britten Leaning Water Tower. The journey includes stops at iconic spots like the Jericho ghost town and Devil's Rope Museum and includes a lunch at the historical Conoco Tower Station and U Drop Inn. There's also a happy hour and live music at Cactus Rose Taphouse. *Center City building, 1000 S. Polk St. 800-692-1338; visitamarillo.com/events/route-66*

AMARILLO: June 12 TX 66 West Bus Tour This bus tour offers a mix of history, cul-

ture, and iconic Route 66 experiences along the West Texas portion of the highway. Stops include Magnolia Station, the Milburn-Price Culture Museum, Dots Mini

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Historic Downtown, Shopping, Wine & Dine, Nature, Cultural Arts Museum and the Bent Door Cafe. The tour ends at Mama Jo's Pie and Sweets followed by live music on the courthouse lawn. Center City building, 1000 S. Polk St. 800-692-1338; visitamarillo.com/events/route-66

AMARILLO: June 14 Fitness @ KT Black Route 66 5K Walk/Run Lace up your sneakers and get ready to hit the pavement at the 5K run/walk taking place on the iconic Route 66 Mother Road. Historic Route 66 District, Southwest Sixth Avenue. 800-692-1338; visitamarillo.com/events/route-66

AMARILLO: June 14 TX 66 Festival Finale Attendees can expect a wide range of attractions, including vendor booths, food options, live music, Elvis impersonators, Miss Texas Route 66 Pinup Pageant, kids activities, corn dog eating contests, a car show, and a bike show. Historic Route 66 District, Southwest Sixth Avenue. 800-692-1338: visitamarillo.com/events/route-66

AMARILLO: June 15-21 Versatility Ranch Horse World Championship Show The American Quarter Horse Association hosts this showcase for top ranch horses that vie for world titles and prizes in competitions such as cutting, reining, cow work, trail, and ranch riding. Amarillo National Center,

3301 S. 10th Ave. 806-376-4811; aqha.com/ disciplines/showing/shows/vrh-world

AMARILLO: June 27-29 Summer Dash **Barrel Race** This premier barrel racing event is hosted by CBT Barrel Racing and features top competitors and big prizes. Amarillo National Center, 3301 S. 10th Ave. 806-376-4811; cbtbarrelracing.com

CANYON: June 6-27 June Jams Enjoy a free concert while relaxing in the downtown district. Neblett Park, 508 16th St. 806-656-1874; canyonmainstreet.org

CANYON: June 6-Aug. 9 Texas Outdoor Musical The official play of Texas is packed with lively songs and dance numbers, good ol' Texas humor, and nightly fireworks. Set against the authentic tapestry of history in Palo Duro Canyon State Park, the show brings to life with fictional characters the stories, struggles, and triumphs of the settlers of the Texas Panhandle. Pioneer Amphitheatre, 11450 State Park Road 5. 806-655-2181; texas-show.com

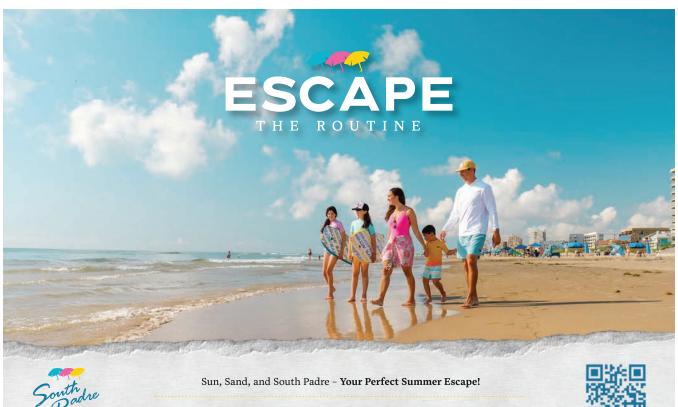
CLARENDON: June 8 Run the Gap: Historic Route 66 Challenge Hit the road for this 5K and 10K fun run. More than a race, it's a journey through time on the iconic

Jericho Gap on Historic Route 66 Texas. This race is part of the weeklong festival celebrating Texas' stretch of Route 66. Jericho Gap, 5989 SH 70. findarace.com/us/ events/run-the-gap

COLEMAN: June 12-14 PRCA Rodeo In 1936, the idea of an annual Coleman Rodeo arose when nine businessmen wanted to do something special to celebrate Texas' 100th anniversary. Today, the rodeo features a street parade, vendors, shopping, mutton busting, and rodeo events. Coleman Rodeo Grounds, 13152 SH 206. 325-625-2163; colemanrodeo.com 🔥

GRAHAM: June 7 Food Truck Championship of Texas Food trucks of all varieties take over "America's Largest Downtown Square" to compete for the coveted grand champion prize and a total payout of \$16,000. A concert on the downtown square featuring Josh Weathers finishes out the day. Downtown, 608 Elm St. 940-549-0401; foodtruckchampionshipoftexas.com

GRAHAM: June 7 Possum Pedal Bike Ride With routes ranging from 6 to 76 miles, this ride takes you through southwestern Young County, including Graham, Olney, and historic Fort Belknap, with rolling hills, smooth





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roads, and some of the most beautiful scenery in Texas. *Downtown, 608 Elm St.* 940-549-3355; possumpedal.com

GRAHAM: June 14, 28; July 12, 26; Aug. 9 Summer Concert Series This free concert series, held on America's largest downtown square, features music from a variety of genres. This year's lineup of artists includes Adam Hood, the Strike, Robert Ellis, and Hudson Westbrook. Graham Downtown Square, 608 Elm St. 940-549-3355; visitgrahamtexas.com

JACKSBORO: June 28 TNT Fest Enjoy this fun-filled day featuring tournaments, tunes, food, and the best fireworks show around. This annual event is always held on the last Saturday in June. Jacksboro Lake, 1114 SH 59. 940-567-6321; cityofjacksboro .com/332/jacksboro-tnt-fest

LUBBOCK: June 7 The Concert: A Tribute to ABBA Get ready for a night of ABBA's greatest hits with the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra and the world-renowned tribute group from Sweden, The Concert. Sing along to iconic songs like "Mamma Mia," "Gimme, Gimme, Gimme (A Man After Midnight)," and "Dancing Queen." *The Buddy Holly Hall of Performing Arts and Sciences, 1300 Mac Davis Lane. 806-792-8339; buddyhollyhall.org*

LUBBOCK: June 7 Summer Stampede Western Art and Gear Show Highlighting the diversity of Western artistry, this exhibition features works by artists and craftspeople who create authentic Western pieces—from exquisite paintings, photographs, and sculptures to meticulously crafted cowboy gear. *National Ranching Heritage Center, 3121 Fourth St. 806-742-*0498; summerstampede.com

LUBBOCK: June 13-15 *The Addams Family* Wednesday Addams has grown up and fallen in love with a young man from a respectable family. A man her parents have never met. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents. *The Buddy Holly Hall, 1300 Mac Davis Lane. 806-792-8339; americantheatreguild.com/lubbock/shows/ addams-family*

LUBBOCK: June 26-28 Cotton Fest When early summer rolls around, a celebration of all things music and cotton makes its way to the High Plains of Texas. Journey to Lubbock for three days of camping, cornhole, barbecue cookoffs, and some of the biggest names in Texas country music at William Clark Green's Cotton Fest. *Cook's Garage*, 11002 US 87 D. 806-893-2491; cottonfestlbk.com

MINERAL WELLS: June 13-14 Flying Pig

Festival For years, many people have proclaimed the Baker Hotel would make its reappearance "when pigs fly." Pigs are certainly flying in Mineral Wells and the "Flying Pig" has become synonymous with the rebirth, revitalization, and big dreams coming true across the city. The Flying Pig Festival includes a concert, retail vendors, a food court, kids' area, car and bike show, pork cookoff, 5K and fun run, and the Kiss-A-Pig Contest. *Downtown, 107 N. Oak Ave. 940-445-7794; flyingpigfestival.com*

SAN ANGELO: Through July 13 Ceramic Invitational Exhibition and Symposium

The San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts organizes an annual series of ceramic events with exhibitions, a symposium, and workshops led by prominent artists. The San Angelo North American Ceramic Competition, hosted every two years, is open to artists residing in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Clay or ceramic artworks, both functional and sculptural, are eligible for submission. The exhibition features the work of established and emerging ceramic artists. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org

SAN ANGELO: June 19-Aug. 3 American Plains Artists Summer Show Fort Concho presents this exhibit of Western art from six American Plains artists, who were chosen by guests of last year's art show. Paintings depict vistas, historical topics, still life, and characters of the Old West. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St. 325-234-0316; fortconcho.com

SWEETWATER: June 14 Rock the Block Downtown Sweetwater comes alive with shopping, live music, and food trucks. Downtown, Oak Street. 325-933-6167; sweetwatertexas.org/events

WYLIE: June 7 Big Cat Birthday Bash Celebrate the big cats at the rescue with free cake and ice cream. There is a dunk tank, games, raffles, food, and drinks, and the big cats enjoy ice cream and chicken treats. In-Sync Exotics Wildlife Rescue and Educational Center, 3430 Skyview Drive. 972-442-6888; insyncexotics.org

PINEY WOODS

GLADEWATER: June 4-7 Round-Up

Rodeo Since 1937, Gladewater has hosted one of the best known, nationally sanctioned PRCA rodeos in the country. Enjoy four days of Old West-style rodeo acts and bull riding. *Rodeo Grounds, 2502 W. Upshur Ave. 903-845-5126; gladewater rodeo.com* JACKSONVILLE: June 14 Tomato Festival

Jacksonville becomes "Tomatoville" for a day. The festival, marking its 41st anniversary this year, features tomato eating contests, the world's largest bowl of salsa, bloody mary contests, fishing and dodgeball tournaments, a street dance, and many other tomato-centric events. Downtown, Commerce Street. 903-586-2217; jacksonvilletexas.com/tomato-fest

JEFFERSON: June 5-7 Big Cypress Corvette Weekend Every first weekend of June, Corvettes from around the state line up along the historical brick streets of Jefferson and cruise the roads around the Piney Woods. The Show and Shine is on Saturday, followed by the giving out of awards in categories like Best of Show and Participants' Choice. Downtown. facebook .com/bigcypresscorvetteweekend

KILGORE: June 26-July 27 Texas Shakespeare Festival East Texas' only professional theater company performs each summer in rep two Shakespeare plays, a non-Shakespearean classic, a musical, and a production for children. The main stage productions are produced in rotating repertory Thursday through Sunday, with an

afternoon matinee and an evening performance each day. This summer's plays include Twelfth Night and Macbeth. Van Cliburn Auditorium, 1200 S. Henderson Blvd. 903-218-6896; texasshakespeare.com

LONGVIEW: June 13-15 Great Texas Balloon Race and Festival Balloon teams from across the country compete in hot air balloon races. In addition to the competition, there are vendors, food merchants, drinks, live music, specialty-shaped balloons, a balloon glow, and a drone show. Longview Convention Complex, 1123 Jaycee Drive. 903-753-3281; gtbr.net 🔥

NACOGDOCHES: June 14 Texas Blueberry Festival One of the most delicious festivals in the Lone Star State, the Texas Blueberry Festival marks its 35th year with a daylong celebration of the blueberry harvest. As the only state-sanctioned blueberry festival in Texas, this annual event attracts more than 19,000 people to downtown Nacogdoches. 200 E. Main St. 936-560-5533; visitnacogdoches.org/blueberry

PALESTINE: June 7 The Speakeasy Special Journey back 100 years to an era of prosperity, indulgence, and carefree living. Depart from the Palestine Depot in your

finest 1920s attire, and enjoy an evening filled with live music, dancing, and drinks. Texas State Railroad, 789 Park Road 70. 855-632-7729; texasstaterailroad.net/ events/speakeasy-special

PALESTINE: June 28 Dogwood Jamboree This Branson-style country music show is filled with family entertainment, laughter, and classic country music. The concerts take place four times a year in April, June, September, and December. *Palestine High* School Auditorium, 1600 SH Loop 256. 903-729-7080; visitpalestine.com 🔥

PALESTINE: June 28 Pints in the Pines

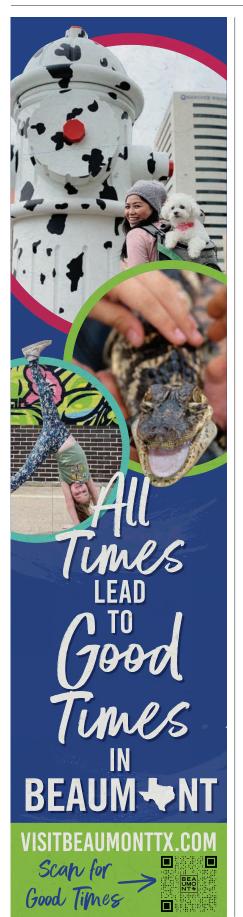
What could be better than enjoying the beautiful East Texas Piney Woods from a vintage train while sipping local ales? This is an adults-only excursion departing from Palestine and traveling to the Rusk Rail Depot. Sample local or regional beers and appetizers. Upon arrival in Rusk, enjoy a catered dinner with dessert outside as the sun sets. Texas State Railroad, 789 Park Road 70. 855-632-7729; texasstate railroad.net/events/pints-in-the-pines

WINNSBORO: June 20-29 Barefoot In the Park Considered one of Neil Simon's most beloved comedies, the play follows



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Corie and Paul Bratter, newlyweds who are over the moon to begin their life together in their new apartment in Manhattan. The young couple must learn how to accept and embrace their differences as they learn that marriage is no easy walk in the park. *Winnsboro Center for the Arts,* 200 Market St. 903-342-0686; winnsboro centerforthearts.com

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

BASTROP: Through June 26 *A Legacy of Legend and Law* Explore the fascinating history of the legendary law enforcement agency, the Texas Rangers. This exhibit presents a timeline of their storied past, showcasing key events and figures that have shaped their legacy. *Bastrop Museum and Visitor Center, 904 Main St. 512–303– 9505; bastropcountyhistoricalsociety.com*

BASTROP: June 13-29 *Sister Act* When disco diva Deloris Van Cartier witnesses a murder, she is put in protective custody in the one place the cops are sure she won't be found: a convent. Disguised as a nun, she uses her unique disco moves and singing talent to inspire the choir and breathe new life into the church and community. *Bastrop Opera House, 711 Spring St. 512-200-3826; bastropoperahouse.org*

BASTROP: June 28 Big Bang Celebration Come out for a night of family fun and patriotic celebrating that includes parades, music, games, and fireworks. Fisherman's Park, 1200 Willow St. 512-332-8800; visitbastrop.com

BELTON: June 7-8 A Sami Show Wander through displays of home and garden décor, floral arrangements, jewelry, handcrafted woodworks, art pieces, candles, gourmet delicacies, clothing, stylish accessories, and gifts. *Cadence Bank Center, 301 W. Loop 121. 512-441-7133; samishow.com*

BELTON: June 28-July 5 Fourth of July Celebration Belton's weeklong celebration kicks off with a street party. The highlight of the week is the parade on the Fourth of July, with more than 35,000 people lining the streets and a live, televised broadcast. The rodeo also runs July 3-5. Of course, there's fireworks on July 4. Various locations. 254-939-3551; beltonchamber .com/4thofjulycelebration.html **§**

BOWIE: June 21-28 Jim Bowie Days This celebration, held on the last full week in June each summer, includes a rodeo, a parade, concerts, the annual hamburger feed, and a cornhole tournament. *Bowie Community Center, 413 Pelham St. 940-872-6246; jimbowiedays.org*

BRENHAM: June 5-22 Honky Tonk An-

gels Unity Theatre presents this tale of a spirited Texas housewife, a young woman from the Deep South, and a Los Angeles career woman who decide to seize control of their lives and follow their dreams all the way to Nashville. Combining 30 classic country tunes, *Honky Tonk Angels* is a foot-stomping, fun-filled musical from the creator of *Always, Patsy Cline. Unity Theatre, 300 Church St.* 979-830-8358; unitybrenham.org

BRENHAM: June 6 First Friday Farmer and Artisan Market Shop for fresh, local foods and products at this monthly openair market. Find artisan, cottage food, farm-to-market, small business, and retail vendors. There's also live musical performances. *Downtown. 979-337-7580; downtownbrenham.com*

BRENHAM: June 7 Highwaymen Show: The Great American Outlaws See the only touring show that pays tribute to all four of The Highwaymen: Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash, and Kris Kristofferson. The group tours across North America, performing the biggest hits from the four top country legends. *The Barnhill Center at Historic Simon Theatre, 111 W. Main St. 979-337-7240; thebarnhillcenter.com/events*

BRENHAM: June 7 Summer Sip and Art Walk Sip specialty cocktails while strolling through historic downtown and viewing a variety of beautiful art. *Downtown.* 979-337-7580; downtownbrenham.com

BRENHAM: June 28 The Swing Dolls in Concert Just in time for July Fourth festivities, this show takes you back to the days of USO shows for American troops, victory rolls, and the Andrews Sisters. For over 25 years, this dazzling trio has performed at many patriotic events. Their show includes a special military salute. *The Barnhill Center at Historic Simon Theatre, 111 W. Main St. 979–337-7240; thebarnhillcenter.com/ events*

BURLESON: May 23, 30; June 6, 13, 20, 27 Hot Sounds of Summer Concerts

Enjoy concerts on the lawn of Burleson's one-acre public plaza in Old Town. BYOB and lawn chair, and relax while listening to great music. *Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza*, 141 *W. Renfro St. facebook.com/burlesonparks andrecreation/events*

BURTON: June 14 Cotton Gin Classic Car and Truck Show Cars and trucks built in 1999 and earlier are judged at this seventh annual event. All proceeds benefit the Sons of the American Legion Post 242 and associated veteran charities. *Burton Cotton Gin*, 307 N. Main St. visitbrenhamtexas.com CANTON: May 29-June 1; July 3-6, 31-Aug. 3, 28-31 First Monday Trade Days

What started as a small market on the first Monday of the month has grown into the "World's Largest Outdoor Flea Market," now held Thursday through Sunday once a month on 450 acres. Find home décor, one-of-a-kind furniture, clothing, and an array of delicious food. *Trade Grounds,* 800 First Monday Lane. 903-567-1851; firstmondaycanton.com

CEDAR HILL: June 21 Kids and Family Triathlon Kids ages 6 to 15 can participate in the triathlon or Splash and Dash, while adults can try the Tri Wave, which includes a 200-meter pool swim, a 5-mile bike ride, and a 2K run. There's also the High School Wave, open to teens ages 16 and 17, with the same distances as the Tri Wave. *Virginia Weaver Park, 631 Somerset Drive. 214-793-2397; cedarhillkidstri.com*

CLEBURNE: June 11-14 Johnson County Sheriff's Posse PRCA Rodeo Experience a professional rodeo that features bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, and ladies barrel racing. *Johnson County Sheriff's Posse Grounds, 1315 S. Main St. 817-556-9910; sheriffsposse.com*

CLEBURNE: June 13-July 12 1776 the Mu*sical* Step back in time and witness the creation of a nation with this Tony Awardwinning musical that brings to life the riveting story of America's founders as they debate, negotiate, and ultimately declare independence. *Plaza Theatre Company at Dudley Hall, 305 S. Anglin Road. 817-202-0600; plaza-theatre.com*

CLIFTON: June 6-7 Clifton Rodeo At the 74th annual open rodeo, watch the cow-girls compete for the best barrel racing time, then sit back and watch the cowboys rope, ride, and get bucked on the broncos and bulls. The family can enjoy the carnival, mutton busting with young contes-tants, and the always entertaining 4-H/FFA calf scramble. *113 E. Seventh St. 254-675-3720; visitclifton.org/events*

CORSICANA: June 7 The '77 Experience in Concert The Nashville-based band brings the iconic hits of 1977 to life with a mix of rock and other genres. Enjoy live music alongside vintage commercials, movie trailers, and pop culture moments for a nostalgic night. *The Corsicana Palace Theatre, 112 W. Sixth Ave. 903–874–7792; corsicanapalacetheatre.com*

CORSICANA: June 14 Mimosas at the Market Every second Saturday of the month, sip, shop, and toast to good finds and great company at this event that begins in the morning and offers a delightful blend of shopping and sipping into the afternoon. *Downtown, Beaton Street.* 903-654-4850; visitcorsicana.com

CORSICANA: June 19 Juneteenth Corsicana's Juneteenth celebration honors history, culture, and community with live entertainment, great food, and family-oriented activities. Join the festivities and be part of a day of reflection, celebration, and unity. *Various locations. 903-654-4850; visitcorsicana.com*

CORSICANA: June 25-28 *Visiting Mr. Green* Warehouse Living Arts Center presents this heartfelt drama about an unexpected friendship between a young professional and an elderly widower. *Warehouse Living Arts Center, 119 W. Sixth Ave.* 903-872-5421; thewlac.com

DENISON: June 6-July 25 Music on Main Head to downtown Denison this summer to catch the annual Music on Main concert series. Except on July 4, a concert takes place every Friday night for the months of June and July with a variety of genres, artists, and vendors. *Forest Park, 300 W. Crawford St. 903-464-4452; facebook* .com/downtowndenisontx

ENNIS: June 7-14 Rights Trailers Western Conference Finals Drag racers meet up for the Division 4 competition, giving fans a thrilling week of high-speed fun. *Texas Motorplex*, 7500 US 287. 972-878-2641; *texasmotorplex.com/event-schedule*

ENNIS: June 28 Freedom Fest This annual celebration features various family-friendly activities. The event typically begins with the Red, White, and Bike Parade in down-town Ennis, where participants decorate their bicycles, scooters, or wagons in patriotic themes and parade through the tree-lined streets. Afterwards, there are free children's activities, live music, and fire-works. Veteran's Memorial Park, 2301 Ennis Parkway. 972-878-4748; visitennistexas .com/freedomfest

FAIRFIELD: June 18 Tea With Miss Texas Meet the newest Miss Texas, Annette Addo-Yobo, while enjoying tea and snacks. *The Moody Bradley House, 318 Moody St.* 903-389-5792; fairfieldtexaschamber.com

FORT WORTH: Through Sept. 7 Alex Da Corte: The Whale The first museum exhibition to survey the interdisciplinary artist's long relationship with painting focuses on the past decade of the Venezuelan American's career and features more than 40 paintings, several drawings, and a video about painting as a performative act. The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215; themodern.org



FRISCO: June 20-22 IX Cup Champion-

ship Weekend The Women's National Football Conference presents the IX Cup Championship Weekend, which includes an All-Pro showdown, a flag football tournament, and the main event—the IX Cup Championship game, taking place on June 21. The Star, One Cowboys Way. 218-256-7919; wnfcfootball.com

GAINESVILLE: May 30, June 27, July 25 Summer Sounds Concert Series The concert series is held the last Friday of May, June, and July. This event has been around for over 15 years and offers attendees a fun outdoor concert experience. Farmers Market, 201 N. Chestnut St. 940-665-2831; gainesvillecofc.com

GARLAND: June 14 Juneteenth Bring the whole family out to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people with a celebration of freedom and unification through dance and live music. There is also a children's activity area. *Downtown, 520 W. State St. 972-205-2749; visitgarlandtx* .com/juneteenth

GARLAND: June 20-22 *Aladdin Jr.* Join Aladdin and his three friends in this enchanting live theater musical as they navi-

gate the streets of Agrabah. When Aladdin stumbles upon a magic lamp and a powerful genie, he's granted three wishes. Hoping to win Princess Jasmine's heart, he embarks on an adventure filled with danger, excitement, and self-discovery, testing his courage, loyalty, and integrity along the way. *Plaza Theatre, 521 W. State St. 972-658-3915; breitlingperformingarts.com*

GIDDINGS: June 21 Juneteenth Parade and Block Party Celebrate Juneteenth with a parade through town and then a block party in downtown with music, vendors, and food. *Downtown Plaza, 200 Block of West Houston Street. 979-542-3455; giddingstx.com*

GONZALES: June 1-Aug. 31 Main Street Discoveries: A Walking Tour Explore some of the most historic spots in Gonzales at a relaxed pace. The route starts at the Chamber of Commerce, takes you through key sites around the square, and includes a quick 20-minute stop at the Gonzales County Jail Museum, just a block away. Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture/Visitor Center, 304 Saint Louis St. 830-672-6532; tourgonzales.com/events



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you Bonnie and Clyde or the law? The Gonzales Heist is a thrilling cops versus robbers game where you choose your side and fight for victory. Will you be the cunning outlaw, outsmarting the law and making off with the loot? Or will you be the righteous law enforcement officer, upholding justice and bringing the criminals to their knees? Alcalde Hotel, 614 Saint Paul St. 830-672-6532; eventeny.com/ events/gonzalesheist-18388

GONZALES: June 7-28 Come and Take It

Makers Market Held every Saturday in June in the spirit of the town's historical independence, this artisan market offers a vibrant shopping experience with locally crafted products and art. *Independence Square, 500 N. Saint Joseph St. 830–672– 6532; tourgonzales.com/events*

GRANBURY: June 14-15 Lone Star Street Rod The Lone Star Street Rod Association

hosts its 50th annual state run to Granbury's Hewlett Park, with some 450 rods expected. Activities on the grounds all day Saturday and Sunday culminate with raffle drawings and an awards ceremony at noon Sunday. A free tram runs between the park and downtown. *Hewlett Park, 621 E. Pearl St. 817-573-5548; visitgranbury.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: Through July 13 Live Thoroughbred Racing This event is a good time you can bet on. Watch the horses race past you at this beautiful major league sports entertainment attraction. Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Parkway. 972-263-7223; lonestarpark.com

GRAND PRAIRIE: June 8 James Arthur in Concert Best known for hits like "Say You Won't Let Go" and "Impossible," the British singer-songwriter brings his heartfelt ballads and soulful vocals to Texas Trust CU Theatre. 1001 Texas Trust Way. 972-854-5050; texastrustcutheatre.com

GRAND PRAIRIE: June 13-15, 20-22 The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical This musical brings Rick Riordan's bestselling novel to life in an action-packed, electrifying rock musical. Percy Jackson is a teenager who discovers he's no ordinary kid: he's a demigod, the son of Poseidon. Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. uptown theatergp.com or artsgp.org

GRAPEVINE: May 23-Sept. 1 Universe of Light Featuring DC Experience the first-ever DC Lantern Show of its kind in the U.S. Towering DC superheroes and their epic battles come to life in more than 1,000 handcrafted lanterns illuminated by cutting-edge LEDs. Step into 12 immersive scenes where Superman, Wonder Woman, and Batman battle Lex Luthor, Cheetah, Catwoman, and The Joker. *Gaylord Texan Resort, 1501 Gaylord Trail. 817-778-1000; tickets.gaylordtexan.com*

GRAPEVINE: June 1-Aug. 31 All Tracks

Lead to Grapevine From June through August, celebrate Grapevine's dinosaur discoveries by visiting the Grapevine Tower Gallery for prehistoric adventures. Follow dinosaur tracks along historic Main Street for fun fossil finds at the shops and cafés, and enjoy themed cartoons and movies at the Palace Theatre. Don't miss out on Grapevine Vintage Railroad's Dinosaurs on the Tracks train ride or special digs at Nash Farm. Grapevine Tower Gallery, 636 S. Main St. 817-410-3185; grapevinetexasusa .com/dinosaurs

GRAPEVINE: June 6 Lone Star Speakeasy Special Step back into the 1920s aboard

the Lone Star Speakeasy Special, an evening excursion on the Grapevine Vintage Railroad. This event transforms the train into a mobile speakeasy, complete with the sights and sounds from the era. Riders can dress in their finest Gatsby-inspired attire for a sophisticated night of music, fine Texas wine, and vintage ambiance. Tickets include two glasses of Texas wine, individually portioned food selections, and a souvenir wineglass. *Grapevine Vintage Railroad, 707 S. Main St. 817-410-3185; grapevinetexasusa.com/gvrr*

GRAPEVINE: June 7 Dairy Day Bring the family and enjoy learning about dairy processes including milking and butter- and cheese-making. Feel free to roam and explore the farm while you're there. Nash Farm, 626 Ball St. 817-410-3100; grapevine texasusa.com/event/dairy-day/40095 **\$**

HEARNE: June 7 Crossroads Home Town Festival Spend some time outside at this outdoor festival with music, food, and craft vendors. Downtown, Fourth and Magnolia streets. 979-595-8150; facebook.com/ crossroadshometownfestival

HILLSBORO: Through Sept. 27 Summer Concert Series Every Saturday night, families can enjoy a weekly outdoor concert series with varying music genres in the heart of downtown Hillsboro, with views of the courthouse. *Downtown District.* 254-582-3273; hillsborotx.org

HILLSBORO: June 14 Bond's Alley The alley, located between the Old Rock Sa-loon (1876) and the T.B. Bond Drug Building (1881), is home to this annual art fair. Art-

ists and artisans fill Bond's Alley and downtown sidewalks, giving visitors a chance to shop for crafts and food. *Hillsboro Downtown District.* 254-582-3272; *hillsborotxarts.org*

LA GRANGE: June 21 Steve Forbert in Concert The legendary troubadour and writer of "Romeo's Tune" makes his Bugle Boy debut. The Bugle Boy, 1051 N. Jefferson St. 979-968-9944; thebugleboy.org

LEWISVILLE: Through July 2 Sounds of Lewisville The popular concert series, a family favorite since 1991, presents Tuesday night shows featuring a wide range of musical genres. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for their comfort. Well-behaved pets on a leash are allowed. Food and beverages are available for purchase. Wayne Ferguson Plaza, 150 W. Church St. 972-219-3401; facebook.com/ waynefergusonplaza

LEWISVILLE: June 20 A Juneteenth Celebration Concert The event features multiple bands and food trucks. Bring a chair and a blanket and enjoy the show with family and friends. *Wayne Ferguson Plaza*, *Old Town*, *150 W. Church St. 972–219–3401*; *visitlewisville.com*



LOCKHART: June 12-14 Chisholm Trail

Roundup Festival and Rodeo What began over 50 years ago as a hometown celebration inspired by the raucous history of a cattle town along the Chisholm Trail has evolved into the quintessential expression of everything there is to love about Lockhart. This family-friendly event hosts an award-winning rodeo, live entertainment, a carnival, food and craft vendors, and a grand parade. Lockhart City Park, 504 E. City Park Road. 512-398-2818; lockhart chamber.com/chisholm-trail-roundup

LULING: June 21 Artisan Market on Main

Street Enjoy a day strolling through downtown Luling and discover one-of-a-kind treasures crafted by skilled artisans. Shop for wooden yard art, handmade soap, jewelry, salsa, cookies, and freeze-dried candy, among many other goods. *Luling Main Street, 400 E. Davis St. 830-557-3442; lulingmainstreet.com*

LULING: June 26-29 Watermelon Thump For over 70 years, Luling has honored the hardworking local watermelon farmers with a festival celebrating all things watermelon. Take your turn at the World Champion Seed Spitting Contest and enjoy four days of live music, carnival fun, a parade, pageants, food booths, a car show, and a market. *Watermelon Thump Pavilion, 319 E. Davis St. 830-875-3878; newsite.water melonthump.com*

MABANK: June 23-28 Mabank Rodeo and Western Week The rodeo is a weeklong celebration of Mabank's Western heritage with rodeo events every night at Alene and Andrew Gibbs Memorial Rodeo Arena, plus a parade, live entertainment, and vendors all around. *Various locations.* 903-275-4560 **5**

MCKINNEY: Through June 29 Bugs Live Visitors have the opportunity to explore larger-than-life animatronic insects and arachnids, strategically positioned along the nature trails of the Heard. This unique exhibit offers a compelling conservation experience designed to deepen the understanding of these fascinating creatures and their vital roles in the ecosystem. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org/bugs-live*

MCKINNEY: June 7 Guided Trails Experience the ecology, geology, flora, and fauna of the Heard Sanctuary. Led by trained



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> MCKINNEY: June 21 Bug-a-thon This family event promises an evening filled with exploration, discovery, and fun activities for all ages. Kids can become citizen scientists, finding and identifying as many insect species as possible within the sanctuary, and participate in a moth event, where they watch as moths gather around special lights set up to attract them. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org/bugathon*

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MESQUITE: June 7 Rodeo Road Bicycle

Rally With four distances to choose from (12, 24, 50, and 62 miles) and a new start venue, the Rodeo Road Bicycle Rally offers a challenge for every rider. After finishing the ride, enjoy lunch provided by Wha-taburger. The rally brings in 850-plus riders of all ages from across Texas and other states. *West Mesquite High School, 2500 Memorial Blvd. 214-793-2398; runsignup .com/race/tx/mesquite/mesquiterotary rodeoroadrally*

MIDLOTHIAN: June 14, July 26 Summer Beats Concert These family-friendly outdoor concerts feature a variety of music, from country to rock and pop. Bring blankets and chairs for lawn seating. Food and drinks are available for purchase. Coolers are allowed. *Midlothian Community Park*, *3601 S. 14th St. 972-775-7177; midlothian* .tx.us/summerbeats

NAVASOTA: June 21 Sounds of Navasota Juneteenth Celebration The summer concert series features live music performances in downtown. This month's event is also a Juneteenth celebration that includes food vendors and activities for the entire family. *City Hall, 200 E. McAlpine St. 936-825-5970; visitnavasota.com*

OAKWOOD: June 14 Father's Day Slow

Meat Feast Spend an evening celebrating fathers with an Argentine parillada, a meat-based meal that is typically eaten over several hours until each cut of meat becomes ready. Feast on sausages, bread, and assorted chicken, turkey, and beef cuts. The meal concludes with a traditional Argentine dessert. *Regen Ranch*, *8698 CR 239. 800-659-3484; theregenranch.com/calendar/asado06-14-25*

PARIS: June 5-26 903 Sun Sets This free music series in downtown Paris offers live music, vendors, food trucks, and fun activi-

ties. Bring a lawn chair. Downtown, 8 West Plaza. 903-423-2108; 903sunsets.com 🔥

PLANO: June 7 Happy Birthday Plano Party The city of Plano was incorporated on June 2, 1873. Dive in for special birthday treats (while supplies last) and a taste of Texas Pool history. *The Texas Pool, 901 Springbrook Drive. texaspool.org*

PLANO: June 7 Water Lantern Festival The festival brings people together for a celebration of light and community. The evening is filled with tasty dishes from food trucks, fun music, activities, and thousands of lanterns lighting up the night with love, hope, and happiness. Haggard Park, 901 E. 15th St. waterlanternfestival .com/events/plano

PLANO: June 14 Juneteenth Celebration at Haggard Park The Plano community invites visitors to celebrate the holiday at several Juneteenth celebrations at Haggard Park and other places across the city. Haggard Park, 901 E. 15th St. facebook.com/ planoarts or events.visitplano.com

PLANO: June 19 Juneteenth Celebration Celebrate freedom with food, friends, and Texas history. Barbecue grills and picnic areas are available, and the snack bar is open. Coolers with food and nonalcoholic beverages are welcome. *The Texas Pool*, *901 Springbrook Drive. texaspool.org*

PLANO: June 20, Aug. 15 Friday Night Market at the Boardwalk The Boardwalk at Granite Park joins Lively Local Markets for a unique shopping event. Enjoy dinner at one of the on-site restaurants, then stay for a leisurely evening that includes sipping favorite beverages and strolling through the market to discover unique and handmade items from a selection of local artisans and makers. *The Boardwalk at Granite Park, 5800 SH 121. boardwalk* granitepark.com

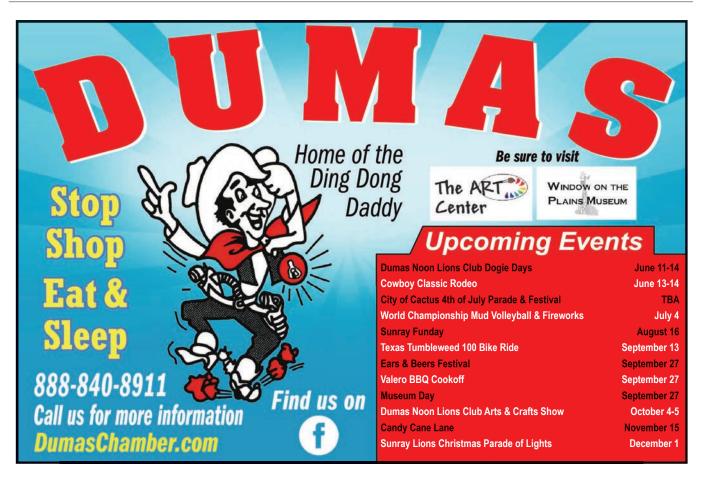
PLANO: June 21 Melon Dash 10K, 5K, and Fun Run The event features certified 10K and 5K courses, convenient parking, and a post-race party. Stick around for the awards ceremony, kids activities, a sponsor village with lots of goodies, ice-cold beer, and watermelon. Oak Point Park Special Events Field, 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway. runproject.org/events/melon-dash-race

PLANO: June 26 TEDx Plano TEDx Plano experiences allow attendees to see how Plano-area individuals and companies are leveraging ideas, technologies, design, and education to help create a better future. Robinson Fine Arts Center, 1800 Alma Drive. events.visitplano.com

PLANO: June 26 World's Largest Swimming Lesson Held every June to bring awareness to the importance of learning how to swim, this fun-filled event offers every participant (6 years old and older) a free lesson, a certificate, and a chance to be a part of the Guinness World Record for the largest swimming lesson. Oak Point Recreation Center, 6000 Jupiter Road. wlsl.org or events.visitplano.com

PLANO: June 28 Shopping Days Vendor Market Explore a variety of unique products from local vendors. Whether you're searching for summer décor, trendy fashion items, handcrafted jewelry, or delicious homemade treats, this event has it all in a vibrant atmosphere with friendly vendors. *Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. events.visitplano.com*

PLANO: June 28 Wipe Out Kids' Cancer (WOKC): Run for the Kids Participate in this run and post-race party that helps kids with cancer in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Red Tail Pavilion, 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway. events.visitplano.com





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SEGUIN: June 1-29 Central Park Summer

Concert Series The downtown concert series offers something for almost every musical taste. Central Park has plenty of grassy open space for kids to run barefoot, or you can lounge in a lawn chair or on a blanket in the grass. Performances include a mix of music with a final patriotic concert that salutes veterans and active military. *Central Park, 201 S. Austin St. 830–401–2441; tx-seguin2.civicplus.com/252/ central-park-summer-concert-series*

SHERMAN: June 5-July 31 Hot Summer Nights Every Thursday night in June and July, artists come to play live music in downtown Sherman. Lucy Kidd-Key Park, 405 N. Rusk St. 903-892-7230; facebook .com/shermanhsn

STEPHENVILLE: Through Oct. 4 Farmer and Artisan Markets The first Saturday of the month through October, stroll through a marketplace filled with fresh, locally grown produce, handcrafted goods, homemade treats, and unique artisan creations. Whether you're shopping for farm-fresh ingredients or one-of-a-kind gifts or just soaking up the lively atmosphere, there's something for everyone. Downtown Stephenville Plaza, West Washington and South Belknap streets. 254-552-1222; facebook.com/mainstreetstephenville

STEPHENVILLE: Through Dec. 6 Cars and Coffee at the Courthouse This is an early Saturday morning get-together for auto enthusiasts without the pressure of an organized car show. Meet 7 to 10 a.m., and it's come and go as you please. *Erath County Courthouse, 100 W. Washington St.* 254-552-1223; facebook.com/groups/ 1713112612291147

STEPHENVILLE: June 5-7 MooLa Festival This family-friendly event honors the dairy industry in Stephenville along with celebrating its rich Western heritage. Over the years, the event has featured dairy activities, tethered balloons and balloon rides, live music and entertainment, a carnival and kids zone, food trucks and vendors, a wine tent, and balloon glows. *Stephenville City Park, 800 S. Graham Ave. 254-552-1225; visitstephenville.com/events/ month/2025-06*

TEAGUE: June 28 Putt Fore a Purpose Golf Tournament Join in for the annual Teague Chamber Golf Tournament. It's a full day of fun with door prizes, swag bags, and lunch. *Tri-County Golf Club at the Vineyards, 125 PR 940. 903-389-5792; fairfieldtexaschamber.com*

TEMPLE: June 6 First Friday: Summer Fun On the first Friday of every month, historic downtown Temple transforms into a giant party. Enjoy street music and live performances, drinks, food, and after-hours shopping. *Downtown, Main Street.* 254-298-5949; downtowntemple.com

TEMPLE: June 7-Sept. 13 *First Fleet: NASA's Space Program 1981-1986* See a photographic journey by John A. Chakeres, who captured NASA's early space shuttle missions. From Columbia's 1981 launch to Challenger's 1986 tragedy, his 56 color photographs showcase the four operational shuttles—Columbia, Challenger, Discovery, and Atlantis—through breathtaking portraits and launch sequences. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templerrhm.org*

TEMPLE: June 7 Wacky Weather Family Day Bring the family to the museum for fun weather experiments. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templerrhm.org*

TEMPLE: June 12-15 Texas State Federation Square and Round Dance Festival Square and round dancers from Texas and nearby states gather for three days of fun square and round dancing. The 63rd annual festival begins with the evening Trail End Dance, continues the next day with the pre-festival dance in the evening, and concludes with another evening dance. Nondancers are welcome to come and watch. *Frank W. Mayborn Civic and Convention Center, 3303 N. Third St. 2903-948-1223; squaredancetx.com*

TERRELL: June 14-15 North Texas Antique Tractor and Engine Show The North Texas Antique Tractor and Engine Club hosts its annual show that attracts hundreds of visitors who display their antique tractors of various models. There's an antique tractor "sled pull" and a tractor parade. *Ben Gill Park, 1039 Ninth St. 972-563-5703; north-texas-antique-tractor-andengine-club.net*

WACO: June 14-15 ATG Expo If you love games, you'll love the ATG Expo, where video games, tabletop battles, card game showdowns, cornhole competitions, vendors, artists, cosplay contests, panels, and special guests collide. Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Ave. 254-750-5810; atgexpo.com

WASHINGTON: June 1 Before Freedom

Came Before freedom came, enslaved women and men would labor on plantations sunrise to sunset. This event invites visitors to reflect on the various tasks of the enslaved on a plantation and learn more about the actual enslaved individuals recorded at Barrington. *Barrington Planta*- tion State Historic Site, 23400 Park Road 12. 936-878-2214; wheretexasbecame texas.org

WASHINGTON: June 14-15, July 19-20, Aug. 16-17 Cooking in the Kitchen and

Quarter Enslaved women and men, such as Mary, Jerry, Willis, Amy, and Charity, were an integral part of the full story of Barrington. Start your experience behind the Jones Home in the bustle of a busy plantation kitchen and take in the sights, sounds, and smells of a hearth-cooked meal being prepared. *Barrington Plantation State Historic Site, 23400 Park Road 12.* 936-878-2214; thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/ barrington-plantation

WAXAHACHIE: June 7-8 Gingerbread

Trail Tour of Homes Explore a selection of historical homes at one of Ellis County Museum's oldest and most beloved annual events. The tour has been a Waxahachie favorite for 55 years. New this year is the Echoes of the Past Paranormal Tour: Discover the city's haunted history with an enchanting evening walk and a paranormal demonstration. *Ellis County Museum, 201 S. College St. 972-937-0681; elliscounty museum.org or waxahachiecvb.com*

WAXAHACHIE: June 7 Pancake Break-

fast Fly-In Enjoy classic airplanes and fighters, flyovers, helicopter rides, the Midlothian Classic Wheels show, live music, and children's activities. *Mid-Way Regional Airport, 131 Airport Drive. 972-923-0080; mid-wayregional.com/events or waxahachiecvb.com*

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

GOLIAD: June 28 Cars and Stripes Main Street Goliad presents this annual car show. This year's event offers an abundant lineup of classic and unique cars, along with an all-American hometown celebration to mark the country's birthday. *Downtown*, 127 N. Courthouse Square. 361-645-3454; mainstreetgoliad.com

MCALLEN: June 19 Taste McAllen South Texas' premier food festival offers guests the opportunity to savor signature dishes from over 24 local chefs, highly rated food trucks, and both independent and chain restaurants unique to the region. McAllen Convention Center, Oval Park, 700 Convention Center Blvd. 956-682-2871; mcallenchamber.com/taste-mcallen

SAN ANTONIO: Through June 1 ¡Lotería:

Game On! Join siblings Sam and Kris on a family-friendly adventure as they stumble upon their dad's pillow fort-turned-magical portal into the realm of "Lotería," where their father is unexpectedly trapped. This bilingual production ensures that both English and Spanish speakers can enjoy the adventure. *Magik Theatre, 420 S. Alamo St. 210-227-2751; magiktheatre.org*

SAN ANTONIO: June 6-Aug. 2 Fiesta

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



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BIG BEND COUNTRY

ALPINE: July 4 Fourth of July Celebration

Alpine celebrates Independence Day with an annual parade, a car show, live music, and fireworks. There's also an Alpine Cowboys baseball game and outdoor theater. This year, civic groups are investigating and reviving past Alpine traditions for the holiday. Brewster County Courthouse, 201 W. Ave. E. 512-560-6312

ALPINE: July 5-26 Outdoor Theater: Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*

Theatre of the Big Bend presents a production of the 2013 version of Richard Rodgers' and Oscar Hammerstein's classic with a new book by Douglas Carter Beane. *Kokernot Outdoor Theatre, 1104 Loop Road.* 432-837-8039; theatrebigbend.org

ALPINE: July 23-27 Viva Big Bend The music festival's 14th year features 65-plus shows at more than 12 venues in Alpine, Marfa, Fort Davis, Marathon, and Terlingua. Artists perform a wide range of music genres. Various locations. 512-472-6630; vivabigbend.com

DEL RIO: July 4 Chalk the Walk Families are invited to get creative and draw their best Fourth of July pictures on the sidewalks of downtown Del Rio. *South Main Street. 830-775-3551; exploredelrio.com*

DEL RIO: July 5-26 Noches Musicales Enjoy a summer concert series, where family and friends can enjoy listening to local music at historical Brown Plaza on Saturday nights. Bring your chairs; food trucks are on-site. *Brown Plaza*, 305 E. *Canal St. 830-775-3551; exploredelrio.com*

EL PASO: Through Dec. 31 *Tom Lea and Contemporaries* Tom Lea was one of the most prolific Southwestern artists of the 20th century. This exhibit features landscapes, portraits, and mural studies that highlight the correspondence between him and other artists to tell the story of how a tightly knit creative community made El Paso a center for rich cultural exchange. *El Paso Museum of Art, 1 Arts Festival Plaza. 915-533-0048; tomlea.com*

FORT DAVIS: July 11-13, Aug. 22-24 Davis Mountains Preserve Open Weekends The Nature Conservancy's Davis Mountains Preserve—home to Mount Livermore and Baldy Peak—is closed to the public the majority of the year. However, the preserve opens for camping, hiking, biking, equestrian rides, picnics, photography, birding, and other outdoor activities on select weekends throughout the year. No reservation required. Davis Mountains Preserve, State Highway 118 North (about 10 miles past McDonald Observatory). 432-426-2390; nature.org/en-us/ get-involved/how-to-help/events

FORT STOCKTON: Through July 24 Summer Off the Patio This series of concerts is held every other Thursday between May 15 and July 24. Enjoy an assortment of food and drinks and singing along as bands perform. *Annie Riggs Museum, 301 S. Main St.* 432-336-2167; annieriggsmuseum.org

ODESSA: July 4 Firecracker Fandango Celebrate the Fourth of July with an evening of live music, local vendors, food trucks, a children's area, and a fireworks display to cap off the night. *Downtown, Grant Avenue.* 432-335-4684; odessa-tx.gov **b**

GULF COAST

CLUTE: July 2-30 Planetarium Show This show (check website for dates of shows throughout each month) 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 feel of comets, exploding stars, and black holes. *Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd.* 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.org

CLUTE: July 11-13, 18-20 Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat This stage production is a family-friendly retelling of the biblical story of Joseph and features a variety of musical styles. Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.org **b**

CLUTE: July 24-26 Great Texas Mosquito Festival At this fun-filled family event, celebrating its 44th year, festivalgoers can expect vendor booths with a variety of foods, arts and crafts, and other items; a carnival; live entertainment each evening; and, to greet visitors, Willie-Man-Chew, the 26-foot-tall mosquito mascot. *Clute Municipal Park, 100 Parkview Drive. 979-265-8392; mosquitofestival.com*

CORPUS CHRISTI: July 18-Aug. 17 *Hairspray* It's 1962 in Baltimore, and lovable, plus-size teen Tracy Turnblad has only one desire—to dance on the popular *Corny Collins Show.* When her dream comes true, Tracy is transformed from social outcast to sudden star. She must use her newfound power to dethrone the reigning Teen Queen, win the affections of heartthrob Link Larkin, and integrate a TV network. *Harbor Playhouse, 1802 N. Chaparral St. 361-882-5500; harborplayhouse.com/ 2025shows*

CORPUS CHRISTI: July 25-26 Bye Bye

Birdie Teen heartthrob Conrad Birdie has been drafted, so he chooses all-American girl Kim McAfee for a very public farewell kiss. The musical, featuring a high-energy score and a comedic script, is performed by young actors taking part in a summer intensive program. *Harbor Playhouse*, *1802 N. Chaparral St. 361-882-5500*; *harborplayhouse.com/2025shows*

FREEPORT: May 24-Aug. 13 Sharks Exhibit Visitors can stand inside enormous

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shark jaws, see life-size models of different sharks, and learn about the history of Freeport's fishing industry. *Freeport Historical Museum, 311 E. Park Ave. 979-233-0066; freeportmuseum.com*

FREEPORT: July 4-6 Fishin' Fiesta Since 1947, anglers have been drawn to this tournament in the hopes of catching the biggest redfish, barracuda, or any other off-shore or inshore fish. Enjoy games, food, live entertainment, dances, arts and crafts, and a fireworks display on Saturday night. *Freeport Municipal Park, 421 N. Brazosport Blvd. 979-233-6061; fishinfiesta.com*

GALVESTON: June 14, July 12, Aug. 9

ArtWalk Once a month, ArtWalk celebrates local artists by transforming the historical Strand district into a lively hub for art enthusiasts. Visit galleries, boutiques, and pop-up exhibits to see a mix of unique art pieces and discover hidden gems, meet talented creators, and support Galveston's thriving arts community. *Galveston Arts Center, 2127 The Strand.* 409-763-2403; galvestonartscenter.org/artwalk

GALVESTON: July 4 Independence Day Parade and Fireworks From a traditional hometown parade to fireworks over the beach, Galveston provides family-friendly activities to celebrate the Fourth of July. *Galveston Seawall. visitgalveston.com*

HOUSTON: Through July 13 Joe Overstreet: Taking Flight This is the first major museum exhibition in 30 years devoted to the work of the pioneering abstract painter. Renowned for his innovative approach to nonrepresentational painting, the American artist consistently sought to intertwine abstraction and social politics. The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org/joeoverstreet **b**

HOUSTON: Through Aug. 10 What drawing can be: four responses See site-

specific installations by Jillian Conrad, Teresita Fernández, Tony Lewis, and Constantin Luser, who each has an individual gallery space to explore the experimental potential of the medium. *Menil Drawing Institute*, 1412 W. Main St. 713-525-9400; menil.org/whatdrawingcanbe

HOUSTON: Through Sept. 1 Wall Drawing: Ronny Quevedo Curated by Kelly Montana, assistant curator at the Menil Drawing Institute, this is the sixth installment in the Wall Drawing Series, which began in 2018 as part of the institute's commitment to seeking new approaches to the form and language of drawing. Menil Drawing Institute, 1412 W. Main St. 713-525-9400; menil.org HOUSTON: Through Sept. 13, 2026 Habi-

tat To mark its fourth birthday, the Houston Botanic Garden presents this exhibit, which incorporates installations created by local artists and explores the central idea of "protecting habitats protects life" through the lens of the Gulf Coast environment. With thematic sections on topics such as fungi, dead wood, nests, and insects, *Habitat* explores the critical role that many organisms play in creating and sustaining habitats. *Houston Botanic Garden, 1 Botanic Lane.* 713-715-9675; hbg.org



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HOUSTON: May 23-Nov. 2 The Space Between Looking and Loving: Francesca Fuchs and the de Menil House Featuring new work by Francesca Fuchs and selections from the Menil's collection and archives, the display explores the affective power and relational histories of objects in domestic settings, especially those of the de Menil house in Houston. The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org

LAKE JACKSON: June 21, July 19, Aug. 16 Bird Banding Watch volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station is an excellent opportunity to see birds up close and to learn all about the birds of the Brazosport area. *Gulf Coast Bird Observatory*, 299 SH 332 West. 979-480-0999; gcbo.org

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

LEAGUE CITY: July 3 Fireworks Extravaganza This family-friendly event includes a fireworks display, live music, inflatables, and food trucks. Bring your lawn chairs or blanket to enjoy an evening with family and friends. Fireworks begin at sundown. *Chester L. Davis Sportsplex, 1251 W. League City Parkway. 281-554-1000; leaguecitytx .gov/3708/fireworks-extravaganza*

PORT ARANSAS: July 4 Fourth of July

Fireworks Kick off your summer family vacation with the annual Independence Day fireworks show at Roberts Point Park. The 25- to 35-minute display starts at nightfall. *Robert's Point Park, 300 JC Barr Blvd.* 361-749-4111; portaransas.org/events

PORT ARANSAS: July 10-13 Deep Sea

Roundup The oldest fishing tournament on the Texas coast is sponsored by Port Aransas Boatmen Inc., an organization with an equally long and illustrious history. The tournament attracts hundreds of families and individual anglers to Port Aransas to fish, compete, and have fun. *Civic Center*, 710 W. Ave. A. deepsearoundup.org

PORT ARTHUR: July 4 Fourth of July at Lamar State College-Port Arthur Watch fireworks along the Port Arthur Seawall. Family events start in the evening, so come out early. Carl A. Parker Multipurpose Center, 1800 Lakeshore Drive. 409-984-6342; lamarpa.edu

ROCKPORT: July 5-6 Rockport Art Festival A staple of the summer season on the coast, the festival features over 120 artists who sell their work to over 10,000 art buyers. Rockport Festival Grounds, 1500 E. Laurel St. 361-729-5519; rockportartcenter.com/artfest2025

ROSENBERG: July 4 Family Fourth Cele-

bration Celebrate Independence Day with live music, kids activities, and food trucks. The night ends with a fireworks show. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and bug spray for an enjoyable evening. *Seabourne Creek Nature Park, 3831 SH 36 South. 832-595-3520; rosenbergtx.gov/217/family-4th-celebration*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Through Dec.

31 Dolphin Watch Tours All aboard the Murphy's Law for a 1.5-hour dolphin watch and eco tour along the lower Laguna Madre. The 67-foot, double-decker boat is specially designed to allow passengers to have an optimum viewing experience while on the water. *Isla Tours*, *33256 State Park Road 100. 956-761-4752; islatours.com*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: July 4 Fourth of July Fireworks Celebrate Independence Day on South Padre Island with a dazzling fireworks display over the bay. Watch as the night sky lights up with vibrant colors, creating the perfect backdrop for a memorable Fourth of July celebration by the water. South Padre Island Entertainment District, 211 W. Whiting St. 956-761-6433; visitsouthpadreisland.com

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: July 11-12 Ron Hoover Fishing Tournament Anglers compete in an exciting bay tournament, with a portion of proceeds going to Make-A-Wish of the Rio Grande Valley. South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-6433; visitsouthpadreisland.com

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: July 30-Aug. 3 Texas International Fishing Tournament

Surrounded by the sparkling waters of the Laguna Madre Bay and the Gulf, Port Isabel and South Padre Island play host to Texas' largest saltwater fishing tournament. Anglers compete in one of three divisions: bay, tarpon, and offshore. *South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau*, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-6433; visitsouthpadreisland.com

VICTORIA: July 25-Aug. 3 Footloose Theatre Victoria presents the coming-of-age musical based on the '80s film. The musical celebrates the exhilaration of youth, the wisdom of listening to one another, and the power of forgiveness. Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts, 214 N. Main St. 361-570-8587; theatrevictoria.org

HILL COUNTRY

AUSTIN: Through July 20 In Creative Harmony: Three Artistic Partnerships

No artist creates in isolation. Shared visual languages, techniques, and concerns shape artistic innovation. The exhibition explores the ways in which artists inspire each other by highlighting the relationships between three pairs of artists. *Blanton Museum of Art, 200 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.* 512-471-5482; blantonmuseum.org

AUSTIN: Through Aug. 18 Freedom to Write, Freedom to Read: The Story of

PEN The Harry Ransom Center presents an exhibition exploring the history of PEN, the renowned international association dedicated to protecting free expression. The exhibition draws upon the Center's PEN Records collection in order to trace the history of the organization from its founding as a dinner club in 1921, through the darkest days of war and repression, to supporting contemporary writers and readers today. *Harry Ransom Center, 300 W. 21st St. 512-471-8944; hrc.utexas.edu*



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City-Wide Vintage Sale Since 1977, Austin's largest indoor vintage event has offered shoppers a chance to browse vintage goods, antiques, and collectibles sold by 80 to 100 vendors. *Palmer Events Center,* 900 Barton Springs Road. 512-441-2828; citywidevintagesale.com

AUSTIN: June 28-Aug. 9 Fences and

Fields Artist Rebecca Pugh takes inspiration from her surroundings in Texas including landscapes along rural highways in this solo exhibition. In her recent paintings, the artist abstracts ranch fences, cattle, horses, and regional wildflowers into geometric shapes of color. Julia C. Butridge Gallery, Dougherty Arts Center, 1110 Barton Springs Road. 512-974-4007; austintexas.gov/ department/julia-c-butridge-gallery

AUSTIN: July 11-Aug. 16 Zilker Summer Musical: Bring It On Pack a picnic and enjoy the musical inspired by the hit film about the cutthroat world of competitive cheerleading. The outdoor theater troupe hosts live performances Thursdays through Sundays. Zilker Hillside Theater, 2206 William Barton Drive. zilker.org AUSTIN: July 31 Weird Al Yankovic in

Concert Weird Al brings his legendary comedy rock show back to the concert stage with the Bigger and Weirder Tour, playing his iconic hits as well as some never-performed-live-before fan favorites. Al's longtime band is joined by four additional players to create a supersized concert experience. Bass Concert Hall, 2350 Robert Dedman Drive. 512-471-2787; texasperformingarts.org

BANDERA: June 3-Aug. 30 Wagon Rides, Campfires, and S'mores Tuesdays through Saturdays, visitors can sit by the campfire and roast marshmallows while enjoying entertainment by a cowboy under the Texas stars. Also, enjoy wagon rides to feed the deer, visit the horses at Ghost Town, or watch the running of the horses. Flying L Ranch and Resort, 675 Flying L Drive. 830-796-7745; flyingl.com

BANDERA: June 6-Aug. 29 Riding on Faith Friday Night Summer Series Rodeo This open rodeo on Friday nights in the summer features bull riding, mini-bulls, barrel racing, and roping. Mansfield Park Arena, 2886 SH 16 North. 830-777-7129; ridingonfaithrodeo.com or facebook.com/ ridingonfaithrodeoseries



BANDERA: June 21-July 26 Smithsonian

Museum on Main Bandera is one of seven Texas cities chosen to host the Smithsonian traveling exhibit *Crossroads: Changes in Rural America.* The purpose of the exhibit is to take a closer look at the evolution of rural America in the last century. Come see all the exciting exhibits on display throughout the county. *Bandera Middle School, 1005 Cherry St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com*

BANDERA: July 1 Cowboy Opry On the first Tuesday of the month, come see Grand Ole Opry-style entertainment at the Silver Sage senior center, with refreshments and door prizes given out at the event. *Silver Sage, 803 Buck Creek. 830-796-4969; silversage.org or facebook.com/silver .sage.1466*

BANDERA: July 4 Barbecue Dinner and Fourth of July Parade Celebrate the holiday enjoying a barbecue dinner with all the fixings, live country music, a parade, and a live auction. American Legion Post 410, 127 Legion Drive, Lakehills. 830-612-1034; banderacowboycapital.com

BANDERA: July 4 Cowboy Capital Fourth of July Celebration and Parade Mark the nation's birthday in the Cowboy Capital of the World. Along with the parade, visitors can enjoy lots of country music and nightlife. 500 Main St. 830-796-3045; banderacowboycapital.com

BANDERA: July 4 FatBoyz Cruise-In Car Show On the first Friday of the month, this car show features custom autos, rods, classics, muscle cars, trucks, motorcycles, and special-interest and vintage vehicles of all kinds. FatBoyz Sandwich Shop, 610 SH 16 South. 830-796-3767; bandera cowboycapital.com or facebook.com/ profile.php?id=100045935536003 **\$**

BANDERA: July 4 Pet Parade Cowboy Capital Pet Assistance League Inc. presents its 27th annual Pet Parade. Dress up your pets and join the fun. There are contests for best creative costume, best in show, and other categories. Bandera City Park, 173 Main St. 210-867-1769; ccpalrescue.org or facebook.com/ccpalrescue

BANDERA: July 5, 12, 19, 26 Bandera Cattle Company Gunfighters On Saturdays, see the Bandera Cattle Company Gunfighters reenact 1800s gunfights twice a day at Rattlesnake Ridge, located behind the Bandera Visitors Center. *Rattlesnake Ridge, 126 SH 16 South. 830-343-7141; facebook.com/ banderagunfighters*

BANDERA: July 5, 12, 19, 26 Cowboys on Main Enjoy free cowboy fun on Main Street in downtown Bandera. Activities can include a chuckwagon storyteller, horsedrawn wagon tours of the town, and live Western music. 500 Main St. 210-632-4535; banderabusiness.com

BANDERA: July 5 Market Day On the first Saturday of the month, arts and crafts vendors set up pop-up shops featuring original works along Main Street, while farmers sell produce, canned goods, and baked items. 500 Main St. 210-218-7935; banderabusiness.com

BANDERA: July 6-27 Morning Ride with Cowboy Breakfast Join Bandera Historical Rides for a Sunday morning cowboy breakfast and horseback ride. *Major Hope Corral,* 749 Old Medina Highway. 830-328-2203; banderahistoricalrides.com or facebook .com/banderahistoricalrides **\$**

BANDERA: July 26 National Day of the American Cowboy The Frontier Times Museum hosts this celebration with festivities that include a gunslinger show from the Bandera Gunfighters, live music, and special Old West guests. The Riding the River Cowboy Fellowship's Bulls, Barrels and Breakaway Contest rodeo evening event takes place at Mansfield Park. Courthouse Lawn, 500 Main St. 210-218-7935; banderabusiness.com

BANDERA: July 27 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 or facebook.com/ftmbandera

BOERNE: June 3, 17; July 1, 15 Abendkonzert Come hear traditional German music and stories of Boerne's historic past. *Main Plaza, 100 N. Main St. 830-248-1635; ci.boerne.tx.us/1104/concerts-in-the-park*

BOERNE: June 7-Aug. 30 A Day at the Farm and Farmers Market Find what you need at this market open every Saturday, whether you want to hike the trails, shop in the open air, get gardening inspiration, take classes on growing food, volunteer at the Cibolo Center for Conservation, or get new recipe ideas. *Historic Herff Farm, 33 Herff Road. 830-249-4616; cibolo.org/locations/ farmersmarket*

BOERNE: June 14-15, July 12-13, Aug. 9-10 Market Days Browse vendor booths at this monthly market, where you can find bargains and an assortment of jewelry, plants, art, handcrafts, collectibles, and antiques. Main Plaza, 100 N. Main St. 210-844-8193; eventsoffmain.com/market-days BOERNE: June 14, July 12, Aug. 9 Moon-

dance Concert Moondance is a longstanding beloved event at the Cibolo. Grab your lawn chairs and coolers, and come enjoy live music from local bands under the oak trees. This summer offers new local bands and food trucks. *Cibolo Center for Conservation*, 140 *City Park Road*. 830-249-4616; *cibolo.org/moondance*

BOERNE: July 4 Flag Run 5K Wear red, white, and blue, and bring a flag to show your pride. Each runner receives a T-shirt and a finisher medal at the end of the race. Food, drinks, music, aid stations, and timing are all included. *Main Plaza*, *100 N. Main St. 830-358-8828; runsignup.com/ race/tx/boerne/flagrun5k*

BOERNE: July 4 Independence Day Fireworks The city of Boerne's annual fireworks show is set to begin at 9:15 p.m., and is scheduled to last 20-25 minutes. Prime viewing is available at the Kendall County Fairgrounds and Champion High School. Boerne City Park, 106 City Park Road. 830-248-1635; boerneparks.com

BOERNE: July 6 Boerne Concert Band: Independence Day Concert The group of volunteer musicians, who play a wide range of music that people of all ages can enjoy, perform a patriotic concert in the park. Main Plaza, 100 N. Main St. 830-248-1635; ci.boerne.tx.us/1104/concertsin-the-park

BOERNE: July 12, 26 Bluegrass Jam at The AgriCultural Every second and fourth Saturday, bring your instrument and play along, or just come to listen. The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. 210-445-1080; theagricultural.org

BOERNE: July 17, Aug. 21 Live at the Library Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy an evening under the trees on the back lawn at the library. Each show features a different artist. *Patrick Heath Public Library Amphitheater, 451 N. Main St. 830-249-3053; ci.boerne.tx.us/2295/library*

BOERNE: July 26 Hot Summer Nights Antique Tractor Pull The Boerne AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center hosts its summer antique tractor event. Come watch the tractors from around Texas as they compete to pull the heaviest weight the farthest distance. The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. 210-445-1080; theagricultural.org/ tractorpull



FREDERICKSBURG: June 20-22, July 18-20, Aug. 15-17 Trade Days Shop over 350 vendors in seven barns and acres of antiques, collectibles, tools, crafts, shabby chic, primitives, ranch furniture, hunting accessories, candles, unique clothing, jewelry, and food. 355 Sunday Farms Lane. 210-846-4094; fbgtradedays.com

FREDERICKSBURG: July 4 First Friday

Art Walk Participating fine art galleries remain open until 8 p.m. on the first Friday of every month so that visitors and visiting artists can enjoy new shows, demonstrations, and artist receptions. Look for the galleries flying the Art Walk flag. *Main Street. visitfredericksburgtx.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: July 4 First Weekend at Pioneer Museum On the Friday before the first Saturday of the month, the Pioneer Museum and the Vereins Kirche Museum invite guests to explore a temporary exhibit in the museum store, see demonstrations (spinner, handworker, and blacksmithing), learn from living history interpreters, and enjoy a hands-on activity plus a scavenger hunt. *Pioneer Museum*, 325 W. Main St. pioneermuseum.org/ first-weekend-at-the-museum

FREDERICKSBURG: July 4 Fourth of July Parade This small town patriotic parade runs down historic Main Street and features over 100 floats. *Main Street. fbgtxparade.org*

FREDERICKSBURG: July 5-6, 19-20.; Aug. 9-10, 23-24 Live Pari-Mutuel Horse

Racing Come out during the summer season for four big weekends of exciting live pari-mutuel horse racing at the Gillespie County Fair Grounds' Class 3 track. *Gillespie County Fair Grounds, 530 Fair Drive.* 830-997-2359; gillespiefair.com

FREDERICKSBURG: July 12 Outpost: In the Service of the Emperor One of the great enigmas of World War II was the fanatic fighting style of the Imperial Japanese forces who disdained surrender, even preferring suicide to the shame of defeat. Come to this free program to learn about the living conditions, equipment, and philosophy of these troops. *National Museum of the Pacific War, 340 E. Main St. 830-997-8600; pacificwarmuseum.org*

FREDERICKSBURG: July 19 Outpost: Artillery Taking out well-defended targets at long range often required that the military bring in the big guns, as well as the artillerymen who fired them. Attend this free program to learn more about field artillery in the Pacific War. National Museum of the Pacific War, 508 E. Austin St. 830-997-8600; pacificwarmuseum.org FREDERICKSBURG: July 25-27 Hill Country Auto Swap Meet and Flea Market Car enthusiasts can find just about anything auto related at this annual event. There's also a flea market and a "car corral" with vintage vehicles for sale in various states of restoration. Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park, 432 Lady Bird Drive. 254-751-7958; earhartproductions.com/hill-countryswap-meet



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FREDERICKSBURG: July 26 Outpost: The Spoils of War: Trophies in the Pacific

Wherever American troops went during World War II, they always hunted for trophies to take home as proof of their adventures. Anything that had belonged to the enemy and wasn't nailed down was fair game for American troops. Learn more about the type of items taken as trophies in this special Outpost. National Museum of the Pacific War, 340 E. Main St. 830-997-8600; pacificwarmuseum.org

GEORGETOWN: July 4 First Friday Music on the Square On the first Friday of the month through November, the Georgetown Square comes alive with live music and after-hours shopping. *Georgetown Square*, *103 W. Seventh St. 512–930–3545; dgagtx .org/first-friday-guest.html*

GEORGETOWN: July 4 Sertoma's Fourth of July The Sertoma Club rings in the Fourth with live entertainment, arts and crafts vendors, a beer and wine vendor, petting zoo, food, classic and antique cars, games, rides for children and adults, and fireworks. San Gabriel Park, 445 E. Morrow St. 512-930-3545; visit.georgetown.org/ business_detail_T27_R858.php **5**

HAMILTON: June 7-8, July 26-27 Texas Senior Pro Roping Association Athletes 40 years old and older compete in these events produced by the Texas Senior Pro Roping Association and held on a regularly scheduled basis from March through October in arenas across the state. *Circle T Arena, 4007 SH 36 West. 254-386-3559; circletarena.net/events*

HAMILTON: June 27-29, July 18-20, Aug. 29-31 World Series Team Roping Watch the best in the industry at World Series Team Roping. Circle T Arena, 4007 SH 36 West. 254-386-3559; circletarena.net/ events

HAMILTON: July 4-5, Aug. 9-10 Rafter E Productions Barrel Race Rafter E Productions presents barrel races with pro riders. *Circle T Arena, 4007 SH 36 West. 254-386-3559; circletarena.net/events*

HAMILTON: July 5-6 National Team Roping Spend Fourth of July weekend watching team roping competitions presented by National Team Roping. Circle T Arena, 4007 SH 36 West. 254-386-3559; circletarena.net/events

HAMILTON: July 11-13 Summer Splash Barrel Racing Central Texas Barrel Racing Association presents this barrel racing event that showcases talented competitors. Circle T Arena, 4007 SH 36 West. 254-386-3559; circletarena.net/events

HAMILTON: July 12-13, Aug. 9-10 Ultimate Calf Roping See thrilling rodeo action presented by Ultimate Calf Roping. *Circle T Arena, 4007 SH 36 West. 254-386-3559; circletarena.net/events*

HAMILTON: July 26-27 40-Plus Team Roping Enjoy watching teams of professional athletes 40 years old or older compete in roping events. *Circle T Arena*, 4007 SH 36 West. 254-386-3559; *circletarena.net/events*

HUNT: May 24-Aug. 30 Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall After the rodeo, there's dancing and live music every Saturday night from Memorial Day to Labor Day. *Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall, 2310 SH 39.* 830-238-4441; cridersrandd.com

INGRAM: July 11-Aug. 29 HCAF Exhibits Hill Country Arts Foundation presents two exhibits: *Counterpoint* by Johnson Creek Press and Visual Narratives by Hill Country Clickers. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com*

INGRAM: July 11-26 *Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville* This musical comedy features the most-loved songs by the singer-songwriter. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road.* 830-367-*5121; hcaf.com*

JUNCTION: July 4 Kimble County Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July **Freedom Celebration** Independence Day events start with a parade in the morning, followed by a fireworks show at dark. *Schreiner Park, 402 Main St. 325-446-3190; junctiontexas.com/july-4th*

KERRVILLE: June 17-21, 24-28; July 1-5, 8-12 KACC Art Exhibits Kerr Arts and Cultural Center presents two exhibits: abstract paintings by Randall McCabe and works by the San Antonio Glass Artist Guild. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com*

KERRVILLE: July 4 Fourth on the River This Independence Day celebration consists of a concert, vendors, and the largest fireworks display in the Texas Hill Country. *Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Drive.* 830-257-7300; kerrvilletx.gov

KERRVILLE: July 4-5 Open Pro Rodeo This rodeo includes bareback and saddle bronc riding, calf roping, team roping, ladies barrel racing, bull riding, calf scramble, and mutton bustin' for the kids. *Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830–997– 1864: facebook.com/lestermeierrodeoco*

KERRVILLE: July 9-Aug. 30 *Wildlife Icons of the American West* Wildlife photographer Rachel Spencer's work celebrates the wonders of the planet's wildlife one frame at a time. *Museum of Western Art, 1550 Bandera Highway. 830-896-2553; museumofwesternart.com*

KERRVILLE: July 12-13 Summer Market Vendors bring their best clothing, jewelry, gifts, accessories, Texas handmade items, gourmet food, photography, Scentsy products, and home décor. *Inn of the Hills Conference Center, 1001 Junction Highway.* 888-225-3427; texasmarketguide.com

KERRVILLE: July 12-13 Texas Gun and Knife Show Vendors sell new and used guns, knives, ammo, coins, jewelry, camping gear, and accessories. *Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-285-*0575; texasgunandknifeshows.com

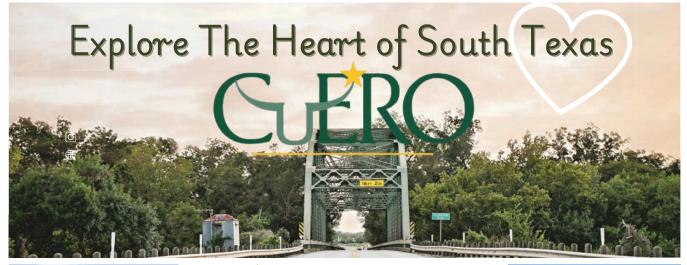
KERRVILLE: July 17-Aug. 16 KACC Art Exhibits Kerr Arts and Cultural Center presents three exhibits: *Nature Journaling* by Rebecca Stapleton and Ele Chew; a photography show by J. Regan Ferguson; and *PhotoQuest*, the Hill Country Camera Club's annual judged exhibit. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com*

KERRVILLE: July 18-20, 25-27; Aug. 1-3 Lend Me a Tenor Playhouse 2000 presents Ken Ludwig's comedy about a hapless wannabe opera singer who finds himself having to take the stage in place of a world-famous tenor. *Playhouse 2000 VK Garage Theater, 305 Washington St. 830-896-9393; caillouxperformingarts.com*

KINGSLAND: July 4 Aquaboom Kingsland's annual Independence Day celebration features a fireworks show over the Llano River, parades, an arts and crafts show, a classic car show, live music, food vendors, a rubber duck race, and other festivities around the community. *Various locations. 325-248-5393; kingslandaquaboom.org*

LAMPASAS: July 7-13 Spring Ho Founded in 1972, the annual Spring Ho was first held the second full weekend in July, but through the years has grown into a weeklong event. Festivities include live music, shops by the creek, entertainment for kids and families, a fireworks show, and a parade. Various locations. 512-556-5301; springho.com

LAMPASAS: July 12 Toughest 10K in Texas, 5K, and 1-Mile Fun Run This year marks the Toughest 10K in Texas' 45th year. Runners from across the country travel to attend this hilly race held during the annual Lampasas Spring Ho Festival



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because of the challenge the course provides. The race also features a 5K and a 1-mile fun run, as people of all ages are encouraged to participate. *Lampasas Middle School, 902 S. Broad St. 512-556-5172; lampasaschamber.org*

LIBERTY HILL: July 3 Independence Day Spectacular Neighbors and friends gather at Liberty Hill Middle School to celebrate freedom in the most patriotic way. Residents engage in friendly competition for the coveted blue ribbon in challenges like the homemade apple pie contest, watermelon seed spitting contest, and the hot dog eating contest. A fireworks show ends the night. *Liberty Hill Middle School, 13125 SH 29. 512-548-5511; experiencelhtx.com/ independence-day-spectacular*

LLANO: June 28-Sept. 28 Canvas and Quilts: the Art of Ira and Kathy Kennedy

The Kennedys' art bursts with vibrant color. Ira's innovative dot paintings tell stories of the connection between people and nature. Kathy's kaleidoscopic quilts use fabric panels of Ira's art along with her own designs inspired by the natural world. The juxtaposition of two distinct art forms creates a unique dialogue. *Llano Fine Art Guild, 503 Bessemer Ave. 325-247-4839; llanofineartsguild.com*

MARBLE FALLS: June 6-Aug. 9 Summer Concert Series The series offers a vibrant lineup of live Friday night performances set against the picturesque backdrop of the Hill Country. This annual event brings together locals and visitors to enjoy a variety of genres, creating a lively and festive atmosphere in the heart of town. Johnson Park, 230 Ave. J. 830-693-4449; visitmarblefalls .org/summer-concert-series

MARBLE FALLS: July 4 Fourth of July Festival Independence Day festivities involve a free swim day at Lakeside Pool, vendors, live music, and fireworks over Lake Marble Falls at dark. Lakeside Park, 305 Buena Vista Drive. 830-798-6250; marblefallstx .gov/805/july-4th-fireworks-celebrationand-parad

MARBLE FALLS: July 19-20 Rodeo The event, always the third weekend in July, includes a youth rodeo, slack rounds, and two performances over the weekend. There is a dance with live music following the Saturday night rodeo. *Charley Taylor Arena, 3053 US 281 South. 512-755-0805; facebook.com/marblefallsrodeo*

MASON: July 11-12 Mason County Round-Up Weekend A weekend of small town charm starts Friday at the rodeo arena. Then on Saturday morning, head to the Mason square for a parade. Stop by the west side of the courthouse square, where there is a festival filled with arts, crafts, food, shopping, and kids' games. The rodeo runs Friday and Saturday night with Saturday night finals for the rodeo followed by a concert and dance at the Slab. *Mason Square and Rodeo Arena, 108 Fort McKavitt St. 325-347-5758*

PFLUGERVILLE: June 20-Sept. 19 Rock the Block On the third Friday of each summer month, head to downtown Pflugerville to enjoy this outdoor music series. Bring friends and family for an evening of live music, food vendors, and a lively community atmosphere. Downtown, 100 E. Main St. 512-990-6100; pflugervilletx.gov/956/ rock-the-block

SAN MARCOS: June 5-Aug. 14 Summer in the Park Pack a lawn chair or a blanket and refreshments and head to Plaza Park to see different bands playing music from various genres every Thursday night from June through the second week of August. *Plaza Park, 206 N. CM Allen Parkway.* 512-739-7240; summerintheparksm.org

PANHANDLE PLAINS

ABILENE: Through July 5 Early Downtown Abilene: 1880s-1910s The introduction of modern transportation, a local power company, two telephone companies, and an additional rail line propelled Abilene into the modern age. The exhibition highlights this growth through objects from the Grace's permanent collection of garments and textiles, business ephemera, historic photos, and various other artifacts. The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org

ABILENE: Through July 5 Full Steam Ahead: The Texas and Pacific Railway This exhibition highlights the history of the Texas and Pacific Railway in Abilene through several artifacts from the museum's permanent collection. See the impact of the railroad on the growth of the city and the people who built the tracks and buildings, worked for the railway, and utilized the train's services. The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org

ABILENE: Through Sept. 20 Nancy Newberry: Extraños Magníficos This exhibition displays works by a photographer who draws inspiration from classic spaghetti western movies, merging documentary portrayals with dreamlike creations that investigate notions of nationalism and community. The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org

ABILENE: June 7-Sept. 20 The Great Turning: We Gather, We Grow, We Tend Artist Hollis Hammonds and poet Sasha West collaborate to explore the transformative potential of art within a fragile ecosystem. This exhibition invites viewers to engage in a reflective and empowering space where boundaries between past and future, loss and renewal are reimagined. *The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St.* 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org **b**.

ABILENE: June 28-Sept. 20 Virginia Fleck: Reclaimed Revelations In an age defined by rapid consumption, Virginia Fleck's work investigates the relationship between materiality and perception. She creates intricately crafted sensory objects and environments from post-consumer materials imbued with notions of luck, chance, and magical thinking. The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org

AMARILLO: June 3-Aug. 12 Starlight Theater Summer Concert Series Enjoy free live music at Sam Houston Park every Tuesday. The series is presented by Amarillo Parks and Recreation. Sam Houston Park, 4101 Line Ave. heritagesociety.org/ sam-houston-park

AMARILLO: June 4-July 30 High Noon on the Square Each Wednesday in June and July, the lawn of the Potter County Courthouse features live music and an option to purchase lunch on site. Potter County Courthouse Lawn, Sixth and Taylor streets. 806-372-6744; centercity.org

AMARILLO: July 4-6 Will Rogers Range Riders Rodeo Will Rogers Range Riders host a variety of events including ropings, mounted shootings, and trail rides. The largest of the events, the Rodeo and Reunion, is held over the Fourth of July weekend. This event is sanctioned as a UPRA Rodeo and as a WRCA event. Arena of Life Rodeo Ministries, 8827 S. Washington St. rodeoticket.com/will-rogers-range-ridersrodeo/rodeo-information

AMARILLO: July 12-13 Koben Puckett

PBR Watch some of the best professional bull riders in the country compete in this PBR-sanctioned event. Proceeds support the Press On Foundation, benefiting those with spinal cord injuries who are pursuing recovery. *Amarillo National Center, 3301 S. 10th Ave. kobenpuckettpbr.com*

AMARILLO: July 25-27 PQHA Bomb City Blowout Show This ranch-focused American Quarter Horse Association show features a ranch riding and trail clinic, judged competitions, and various classes. *Bill Cody Arena, 3302 S. 10th Ave. panhandle qha.com/2025-bomb-city-blowout*

CANYON: June 6-Aug. 9 Texas Outdoor

Musical The official play of Texas is packed with lively songs and dance numbers, good ol' Texas humor, and nightly fireworks. Set against the authentic tapestry of history in Palo Duro Canyon State Park, the show brings to life with fictional characters the stories, struggles, and triumphs of the settlers of the Texas Panhandle. *Pioneer Amphitheatre, 11450 State Park Road 5.* 806-655-2181; texas-show.com

CANYON: July 3-4 Fourth of July Celebration An entire day dedicated to Independence Day includes a parade, the fair on the square, live music, and fireworks to end the day with a bang. *Neblett Park, 508 16th St.* 806-656-1874; canyonchamber.org

FRIONA: July 19 Cheeseburger Festival

The 19th annual festival in the Cheeseburger Capital of Texas features a cookoff, with festivalgoers able to enjoy a variety of burgers and the winner for Best Burger is crowned and awarded \$1,000. The event also features a car show, vendors, and live music. Friona Community Center/Reeve Lake, 601 W. 15th St. cityoffriona.com/ cheeseburgerfestival

GRAHAM: June 14, 28; July 12, 26; Aug. 9 Summer Concert Series This free concert series, held on America's largest downtown square, features music from a variety of genres. This year's lineup of artists includes Adam Hood, the Strike, Robert Ellis, and Hudson Westbrook. Graham Downtown Square, 608 Elm St. 940-549-3355; visitgrahamtexas.com

PLAINVIEW: July 2 Fireworks Show See the annual fireworks show and grab some grub from food trucks in the park. *Running Water Draw Regional Park, 3400 W. Fourth St. 806-296-7431*

SAN ANGELO: Through July 13 Ceramic Invitational Exhibition and Symposium

The San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts organizes an annual series of ceramic events with exhibitions, a symposium, and workshops led by prominent artists. The San Angelo North American Ceramic Competition, hosted every two years, is open to artists residing in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Clay or ceramic artworks, both functional and sculptural, are eligible for submission. The exhibition features the work of established and emerging ceramic artists selected by the museum. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org

SAN ANGELO: June 19-Aug. 3 American Plains Artists Summer Show Fort Concho presents this special exhibit of Western art from six American Plains artists, who were chosen by guests of last year's art show. Paintings depict vistas, historical topics, still life, and characters of the Old West. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St. 325-234-0316; fortconcho.com

SAN ANGELO: July 3 Star Spangled Banner Concert and Fireworks A concert full of local talent is followed by one of the largest fireworks displays in West Texas. The event supports local first responders and military members. *Bill Aylor Sr. Memorial River Stage, 16 E. Ave. A. 325-655-2345; discoversanangelo.com*

SAN ANGELO: July 4 Holiday Salutes at Fort Concho Fort Concho puts on a patriotic display with hourly artillery salutes to mark the nation's 249th birthday. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St. 325-234-0316; fortconcho.com

SAN ANGELO: July 10-Sept. 7 The Art of Ezra Tucker In this first traveling exhibition of artworks by Ezra Tucker, the untold stories of the Black experience in the history of the American West are depicted alongside monumental and dramatic paintings of North American wildlife and examples of allegory, fantasy, illustration, and narrative. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org 🔥

SAN ANGELO: July 26 National Cowboy

Day Enjoy a light breakfast and talk on the American Plains Artists Summer Show, followed by a skit by the Concho Cowboy Company. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St. 325-234-0316; fortconcho.com

SAN ANGELO: July 28 Buffalo Soldier Anniversary Day This event features programs and activities to mark the anniversary of the creation, by an act of Congress, of the all-Black Buffalo Soldier units in the U.S. Army in 1866. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St. 325-234-0316; buffalosoldierswesttexas.com

SWEETWATER: July 4 Sparks in the Park The fireworks show for Nolan County starts at dark and lights up the sky with spectacular bursts of color. Newman Park, 100 Jackhazard Drive. 325-235-5488; facebook.com/swtxchamber

WYLIE: July 5 In-Sync Exotics Watermelon Toss Watch the cats enjoy delicious watermelons. Some of the animals play with them, some soak them in their tubs, and some even eat them. *In-Sync Exotics*

COUNTDOWN TO COTTON FEST

When early summer rolls around, a celebration of all things music and high cotton makes its way to the High Plains of Texas. A weekend-long festival, journey out to Lubbock for three days of camping, cornhole, BBQ cook-offs and some of the biggest names in Texas country music at William Clark Green's Cotton Fest.

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Wildlife Rescue and Educational Center, 3430 Skyview Drive. 972-442-6888; weblink.donorperfect.com/melontoss or insyncexotics.org

PINEY WOODS

CROCKETT: July 4 Freedom Over Crock-

ett The Independence Day celebration begins with a traditional parade starting downtown and ending at the Davy Crockett Memorial Park, where attendees can enjoy food, vendors, crafts, music, and kids activities. The 20-minute fireworks show starts as soon as it gets dark. Davy Crockett Memorial Park, 600 Bradshaw St. 936-544-5156; facebook.com/share/ 1D5vNo7Osa

GLADEWATER: July 3 Freedom Fest

See fireworks over Lake Gladewater and the Austin Bank Boat Parade. There are also food trucks on-site. *Lake Gladewater*, 1604 Lakeshore Drive. 903-845-5501; gladewaterchamber.org

HUGHES SPRINGS: July 4 Hometown

Fourth The local volunteer fire department shoots off a fireworks show for all to see. *Hughes Springs ISD, 809 Russell St.* 903-639-2351; hschamber.org

HUNTSVILLE: July 18-19 Texas Thimble Trail One Stop Shop Hop Vendor Market This two-day extravaganza is a must-visit for quilting and sewing enthusiasts with a wide array of vendors showcasing the latest fabrics, patterns, and sewing supplies, plus live demonstrations and classes. Walker County Fair Grounds, 3925 SH 30. 936-329-1376; texasthimbletrail.com

JEFFERSON: July 4 Jefferson Salutes America Enjoy an old-fashioned celebration of the country's birthday. Activities at Ostott Park include a kids parade, homemade ice cream contest, pie auction, games, and live music. At night, the Grand Finale Fireworks Show starts over the Big Cypress Bayou by the historical LED-lit bridge. Downtown. 903-665-3733; visitjeffersontexas.com

JEFFERSON: July 19 Caddo Fly-Fishing

Expo At this celebration of the sport of fly-fishing, visitors can see fly-tying demonstrations and lessons, get casting instructions, learn kayak fishing tips, and shop for new gear. *Jefferson Convention and Visitors Center, 305 E. Austin St. northernlouisianaflyfishers.org*

KILGORE: June 26-July 27 Texas Shakespeare Festival East Texas' only professional theater company performs each summer in rep two Shakespeare plays, a non-Shakespearean classic, a musical, and a production for children. The main stage productions are produced in rotating repertory Thursday through Sunday, with an afternoon matinee and an evening performance each day. This summer's list of plays include Twelfth Night and Macbeth. Van Cliburn Auditorium, 1200 S. Henderson Blvd. 903-218-6896; texasshakespeare.com

KILGORE: July 4 Fourth of July Extravaganza Enjoy a concert by the Jukebox Heroes that starts in the evening, followed by a fireworks show. Bring chairs and blankets. *Kilgore City Park, East North Street.* 903-988-4117; visitkilgore.com/fourthof-july-extravaganza

LONGVIEW: July 4 Freedom and Fireworks Celebration Enjoy a free concert on the outdoor Zippy J's music stage. There's also a free cruise night and patriotic car show. Bring your classic, custom, or patriotically decorated vehicle to receive prime parking as space allows. Vendors, entertainment, a hot dog eating contest, trivia, cornhole, and fireworks are also happening around town. Longview Convention Complex, 1123 Jaycee Drive. 903–237-1230; longviewtexas.gov/2394/fireworks

NACOGDOCHES: July 4 Freedom Fest The annual Fourth of July celebration features fireworks, food trucks, and vendors. The whole family can enjoy this locally loved event. *Festival Park, 507 S. Pecan St. 936-205-1738; visitnacogdoches.org/events*

PALESTINE: July 18-27 Alice in Wonderland A stage adaptation of Lewis Carroll's classic children's story enchants theater enthusiasts and newcomers alike. Texas Theatre, 213 W. Crawford St. 903-394-2173; onthestage.tickets/palestinecommunity-theatre-inc

PALESTINE: July 19 Wine in the Pines Train Ride Enjoy wine tasting aboard the vintage rails of the Texas State Railroad. The train departs the Palestine Depot and embarks on a four-hour, round-trip ride through the Piney Woods of East Texas to the Rusk Depot, where guests have dinner under the stars. Texas State Railroad, 789 Park Road 70. 855-632-7729; texas staterailroad.net/events/wine-in-the-pines

WINNSBORO: July 4 Fireworks on the Fourth The Winnsboro Chamber of Commerce invites visitors to its annual fireworks display. Celebrate Independence Day at Lake Winnsboro and experience the beauty of the lake while enjoying a fireworks show. *Pleasure Point Park*, *County Road 4860. 903-342-3666; winnsboro.com* WINNSBORO: July 12 Adam and Chris

Carroll in Concert The husband-and-wife duo, both singer-songwriters, met at a music festival in 2012 and have been touring together since their 2013 marriage, initially as co-headliners before developing into a popular act. *Winnsboro Center for the Arts, 200 Market St. 903-342-0686; winnsborocenterforthearts.com*

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

ATHENS: July 4 Thunder Over East Texas Air Show The second annual Thunder Over East Texas Air Show has high-speed aerial performances, including a crowd-favorite demonstration by MiG pilot Randy Ball, the only jet demo pilot—military or civilian granted both a day and night unlimited aerobatic rating in jet fighters by the FAA. Athens Municipal Airport, 1875 Airport Road. 903-676-6298; ccveteransfoundation.org/ thunder-over-east-texas-airshow

BELTON: June 28-July 5 Fourth of July Celebration Belton's weeklong celebration kicks off with a street party. The highlight of the week is the parade on the Fourth of July, with more than 35,000 people lining the streets and a live, televised broadcast. The rodeo also runs July 3-5. Of course, there's fireworks on July 4. Various locations. 254-939-3551; beltonchamber .com/4thofjulycelebration.html

BELTON: July 12-13 A Sami Show Wander through displays of home and garden décor, floral arrangements, jewelry, handcrafted woodworks, art pieces, candles, gourmet delicacies, clothing, stylish accessories, and gifts. *Cadence Bank Center, 301 W. Loop 121. 512-441-7133; samishow.com*

BONHAM: July 4 Lights Over Lake Bonham Fireworks Show An electrifying fireworks display starts at dusk and lasts 20 minutes. The rainout day is July 5. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs. Lake Bonham, 7506 Lake Bonham Drive. 903-583-9830; cityofbonham.org

BONHAM: July 25-26 Quilt Hop Don't miss out on this celebration of quilting arts. Whether you're there to learn, play, shop, or simply admire the craftsmanship, the Quilt Hop offers something for everyone. Bonham Visitor Center, 327 N. Main St. 903-583-9830; cityofbonham.org

BOWIE: July 26 July Jam This event highlights championship fiddlers onstage at the Community Center. There's also a chicken meal and a silent auction. *Bowie Community Center, 413 Pelham St. 940-872-6246; cityofbowietx.com/140/july-jam*

BRENHAM: July 5-26 Hot Nights Cool

Tunes Concerts Bring your lawn chair to the courthouse square in downtown Brenham and enjoy live music with the community. There are also food trucks available and a classic car cruise-in by the Stray Katz Car Club. *Downtown*. 979-337-7580; *downtownbrenham.com*

BRENHAM: July 18 The Great DuBois: Masters of Variety A fast-paced, highenergy circus show for all ages showcases spectacular feats by a unique two-person cast. They were featured in Hugh Jackman's hit movie *The Greatest Showman* and have appeared in many other movies and TV shows. *The Barnhill Center at Historic Simon Theatre, 111 W. Main St. 979-337-7240; thebarnhillcenter.com/events*

BRENHAM: July 24-27 Snow White Goes

West Unity Theatre presents a summer musical featuring kids from the drama camp performance class. It's Snow White with a Stetson. Prepare for a wild ride through the California Gold Rush in this rambunctious, tongue-in-cheek retelling of the classic fairy tale. *Unity Theatre*, 300 Church St. 979-830-8358; unitybrenham.org

BURLESON: July 4 Red, White, and BTX

Enjoy fireworks, food trucks, vendors, and other festivities under the stars at Burleson's state-of-the-art sports complex. *Chisenhall Sports Complex, 500 W. Hidden Creek Parkway. facebook.com/ burlesonparksandrecreation/events*

CAMERON: July 4 Milam County Fourth of July Celebration The celebration kicks off on the square in downtown. Activities include a kids area and a waterslide. Vendors offer a variety of food and beverages, snow cones, and products of all kinds. Music plays all evening, and fireworks start at dark. *Downtown, 102 E. First St.* 254-697-4979; cameron-tx.com

CANTON: May 29-June 1; July 3-6, 31-Aug. 3, 28-31 First Monday Trade Days

What started as a small market on the first Monday of the month has grown into the "World's Largest Outdoor Flea Market," now held Thursday through Sunday once a month on 450 acres. Find home décor, one-of-akind furniture, clothing, and an array of delicious food. *Trade Grounds, 800 First Monday Lane. 903-567-1851; firstmondaycanton.com*

CANTON: July 4 Fourth of July Parade Get ready for a star-spangled celebration in Canton. Join in to see the annual Fourth of July parade and a watermelon eating contest. *Downtown*, 121 E. Dallas St. 903-567-1851; visitcantontx.com **CANTON: July 19 Splash Day** Beat the heat with Canton Main Street's free Splash Day. Cool off with the whole family with waterslides, a shower from the Canton Fire Department, and free snow cones. *City Hall, 201 N. Buffalo St. 903–567–1851; cantonmainstreet.org*

CEDAR HILL: July 13 Open Water Swim Challenge and Aquathlon Participants have multiple racing options, whether you're new to multisport or an experienced triathlete. Multiple distances and combinations are offered so everyone can find their spot. *Cedar Hill State Park*, *1570 FM 1370. 214-793-2397; owschallenge.com*

CHAPPELL HILL: July 4 Independence Day Parade and Festivities Celebrate Independence Day with floats galore and the famous marching kazoo band. *Downtown*. 979-337-9910; chappellhilltx.com

CLEBURNE: June 13-July 12 1776 the Mu*sical* This Tony Award-winning musical brings to life the riveting story of America's founders as they debate, negotiate, and ultimately declare independence. *Plaza Theatre Company at Dudley Hall, 305 S. Anglin Road. 817-202-0600; plaza-theatre.com* CLEBURNE: July 18-Aug. 9 Ken Ludwig's

Moriarty Join the uproarious world of *Ken Ludwig's Moriarty* and prepare for an evening of side-splitting laughter and cunning wit. This comedic gem offers a fresh and hilarious perspective on the classic Sherlock Holmes stories. *Plaza Theatre Company at Dudley Hall, 305 S. Anglin Road.* 817-202-0600; plaza-theatre.com

CORSICANA: July 4 Freedom Fest Spend a day having patriotic fun, with live entertainment, family activities, and a spectacular fireworks show. Enjoy food, music, and festivities as the community comes together to honor Independence Day. *I.O.O.F. Park, North 45th Street. 903-654-4850; visitcorsicana.com*

CORSICANA: July 12 Mimosas at the Market Every second Saturday of the month, sip, shop, and toast to good finds and great company at this event that begins in the morning and offers a delightful blend of shopping and sipping into the afternoon. *Downtown, Beaton Street. 903-654-4850; visitcorsicana.com*

DENISON: June 6-July 25 Music on Main Head to downtown Denison this summer to catch the annual Music on Main concert



series. Except on July 4, a concert takes place every Friday night for the months of June and July with a variety of genres, artists, and vendors. Forest Park, 300 W. Crawford St. 903-464-4452; facebook .com/downtowndenisontx

ENNIS: July 18-19 Creative Quilters Guild of Ellis County Quilt Show Whether you're a seasoned quilter or new to the craft, this event offers inspiration, education, and a chance to connect with fellow quilting enthusiasts. Sokol Hall, 2622 SH 34 East. 972-877-8749; elliscountyquilters.com

FAIRFIELD: July 3 Fourth of July Celebration Join a holiday celebration that features food, fireworks, and vendors. Freestone County Fairgrounds, 839 E. Commerce St. 903-389-5792; fairfield texaschamber.com

FAIRFIELD: July 18-19 Fuzzy Peach Festival val It's peach season in Texas and Fairfield celebrates with the Fuzzy Peach Festival. The two-day event includes live music, a cornhole tournament, and the Little Miss Peach Pageant. Freestone County Courthouse, 118 E. Commerce St. 903-389-5792; fairfieldtexaschamber.com

FORT WORTH: Through Sept. 7 Alex Da Corte: The Whale The first museum exhibition to survey the interdisciplinary artist's long relationship with painting focuses on the past decade of the Venezuelan American's career and features more than 40 paintings, several drawings, and a video that considers painting as a performative act. The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215; themodern.org

GAINESVILLE: May 30, June 27, July 25 Summer Sounds Concert Series The concert series is held the last Friday of May, June, and July. This event has been around for over 15 years and offers attendees a fun outdoor concert experience. Farmers Market, 201 N. Chestnut St. 940-665-2831; gainesvillecofc.com

GARLAND: July 3 Red, White, and You Celebrate Independence Day in downtown Garland with an evening of music, delicious food, games for all ages, and a drone show—all with free admission. The festivities kick off with the presentation of colors and patriotic songs. *Downtown*, 520 W. *State St.* 972-205-2749; visitgarlandtx .com/red-white-and-you

GARLAND: July 25 *Willy Wonka Jr. The Musical* Willy Wonka hides golden tickets in five of his candy bars. Winners of these tickets get a tour of the Wonka factory and a lifetime supply of candy. Four of the five winning children are brats, but the fifth is a likeable young lad named Charlie Bucket, who takes the tour with his grandpa. The children must learn to follow Mr. Wonka's rules or suffer the consequences. *Plaza Theatre*, *521 W. State St. 972–658–3915; breitlingperformingarts.com*

GIDDINGS: July 3 Freedom Fest Gather at Veterans Park for a music festival just like the good ol' days. Bring your blankets and coolers and have a picnic on the grass while listening to some tunes. Nearby is Veterans Honor Park with a memorial to all Lee County veterans as well as a military tank display. Also on-site is the Giddings Water Park, where kids can splash around, and cornhole equipment for you to enjoy with your family or friends. *Veterans Honor Park, 200 Raymond St. 979-542-3455; giddingstx.com/events-list*



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GIDDINGS: July 4 Fireman's Fourth of July Celebration Start with a lazy day at Fireman's Park, as the Giddings Volunteer Fire Department cooks up some barbecue at their fundraiser. Then, bid on items at their annual auction. In the evening, you can trek over to the rodeo arena next door for the Fury on the Fourth Championship Bull Riding event. Afterward, return them to the park for a spectacular fireworks display. *Firemen's Park, 2591 US 290. 979-542-3455; giddingstx.com/events-list*

GIDDINGS: July 4 Fury on the Fourth Championship Bull Riding See championship bull riding as brave cowboys and powerful bulls provide exciting entertainment. Then you can cheer for the youngsters as they engage in mutton bustin'. The event is followed by a dance or you can head next door for a spectacular fireworks display. *Lee County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Arena*, 2495 US 290 West. 979-542-3455; giddingstx.com/events-list

GIDDINGS: July 26 Christmas in July Sip and Shop Arts and Crafts Show Enjoy the

and Snop Arts and Crarts Snow Enjoy the Christmas season early. Browse colorful wares by craft vendors while you sip on a cool beverage as seasonal tunes fill the air. Items include woodworking, handicrafts, décor, bath and body products, candles, jewelry, accessories, clothing, and tasty treats. The Silos on 77, 1031 CR 223. 979-542-3455; giddingstx.com/events-list

GONZALES: June 1-Aug. 31 Main Street Discoveries: A Walking Tour Explore some of the most historic spots in Gonzales at a relaxed pace. The route starts at the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, takes you through key sites around the square, and includes a quick 20-minute stop at the Gonzales County Jail Museum. Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture/Visitor Center, 304 Saint Louis St. 830-672-6532; tourgonzales.com/events

GONZALES: July 4 Star Spangled Spectacular Celebrate the Fourth of July in downtown Gonzales. Previous festivities have included food and merchandise vendors, music, a parade, and fireworks. Independence Square, 500 N. Saint Joseph St. 830-672-2815; gonzales.texas.gov/p/ departments/main-street &

GONZALES: July 12, Aug. 2 Museum Odyssey: Ride Through Gonzales History Spend a Saturday exploring Gonzales' Museum District on the Gonzales Bus Tour. Journey through Gonzales' vibrant past with an expert guide. Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture/Visitor Center, 304 Saint Louis St. 830-672-6532; tourgonzales.com/events

GONZALES: July 29-Aug. 3 National Biker Roundup Motorcycle riders enjoy fellowship with other riders. JB Wells Arena, 2301 CR 197 470-420-2127; nationalbikersroundup.org

GRANBURY: July 4-7 Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration The Granbury square comes alive with vendors offering an impressive array of products and services, including souvenirs, handmade crafts, and food. The Fourth of July parade brings colorful floats, marching bands, and community organizations together to showcase their patriotic spirit. At dark, fireworks light up Lake Granbury. *Granbury Square, 201 E. Pearl St. 817-573-1622; granburychamber* .com/hometown-4th-of-july

GRAND PRAIRIE: Through July 13 Live Thoroughbred Racing A good time you can bet on. Watch the horses race past you at this beautiful major league sports entertainment attraction. *Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Parkway. 972-263-7223; lonestarpark.com* **GRAND PRAIRIE: July 3-4** Lone Stars and

Stripes Celebration Celebrate the Fourth of July at the racetrack. After the last race, stay to enjoy the 20-minute fireworks show, choreographed to music. *Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Parkway. 972-263-7223; lonestarpark.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: July 25-26 Madagascar

Jr. Join Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the Hippo, and those hilarious plotting penguins as they escape from New York's Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected adventure in the wilds of Madagascar. Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. uptowntheatergp .com or artsgp.org

GRAPEVINE: May 23-Sept. 1 Universe of

Light Featuring DC Experience the first-ever DC Lantern Show of its kind in the U.S. Towering DC superheroes and their epic battles come to life in more than 1,000 handcrafted lanterns illuminated by cutting-edge LEDs. Step into 12 immersive scenes where Superman, Wonder Woman, and Batman battle Lex Luthor, Cheetah, Catwoman, and The Joker. *Gaylord Texan Resort, 1501 Gaylord Trail. 817-778-1000; tickets.gaylordtexan.com*

GRAPEVINE: June 1-Aug. 31 All Tracks

Lead to Grapevine From June through August, celebrate Grapevine's dinosaur discoveries by visiting the Grapevine Tower Gallery for prehistoric adventures. Follow dinosaur tracks along historic Main Street for fun fossil finds at the shops and cafés, and enjoy themed cartoons and movies at the Palace Theatre. Don't miss out on Grapevine Vintage Railroad's Dinosaurs on the Tracks train ride or special digs at Nash Farm. *Grapevine Tower Gallery, 636 S. Main St. 817-410-3185;* grapevinetexasusa.com/dinosaurs

GRAPEVINE: July 4 Fourth of July Extravaganza Bring the family to Lake Grapevine for Grapevine's 43rd annual July Fourth Fireworks Extravaganza. A spectacular fireworks display, set to patriotic music, lights up the sky for just under 20 minutes. *Lake Grapevine, 707 S. Main St. 817-410-3185; grapevinetexasusa.com/event*

GRAPEVINE: July 12 Ice Cream Social Cool off with a sweet summer treat at the 1920s-era Ice Cream Social. Enjoy homemade ice cream, refreshing lemonade, and classic root heer floats—all made the

classic root beer floats—all made the old-fashioned way. Relax with Victorian lawn games, traditional music, and a charming evening on the farm. Bring your lawn chairs and quilts and soak in the joys of summer. Nash Farm, 626 Ball St. 817-410-3100; grapevinetexasusa.com/event

GRAPEVINE: July 25 Conway Twitty Trib-

ute Starring David Lee Step into the golden era of country music as award-winning entertainer David Lee brings the legendary Conway Twitty to life with uncanny vocals and electrifying stage presence. Lee transports you back in time with classics like "Hello Darlin'," "Tight Fittin' Jeans," and some of Twitty's beloved gospel songs. *Palace Arts Center, 300 S. Main St. 817-410-3100;* grapevinetexasusa.com/event **5**.

GRAPEVINE: July 25 Disco Wine Train

Dance, sip, and groove aboard Grapevine Vintage Railroad's third annual Disco Wine Train. This high-energy, disco-inspired excursion promises a night of music and fun as you roll through the tracks in retro style. Tickets include individually portioned savory bites and two complimentary glasses of wine served in a souvenir glass. *Grapevine Vintage Railroad, 707 S. Main St. 817-410-3185; grapevinetexasusa.com/gvrr*

GRAPEVINE: July 25-27 The Texas Tenors in Concert As the most successful music group in *America's Got Talent* history, The Texas Tenors have captivated audiences worldwide with over 2,000 concerts, five studio albums, and two PBS specialsearning three Emmy Awards and a spot in the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame. Palace Arts Center, 300 S. Main St. 817-410-3100; grapevinetexasusa.com/event **b**

HILLSBORO: Through Sept. 27 Summer

Concert Series Every Saturday night, families can enjoy a weekly outdoor concert series with varying music genres in the heart of downtown Hillsboro, with views of the courthouse. *Downtown District.* 254-582-3273; hillsborotx.org

LA GRANGE: July 5-6 Ich Bin Ein Ameri-

kaner Continue your Fourth of July festivities with Kreische Brewery and Monument Hill State Historic Sites. Activities include a laser shooting gallery, historical games, patriotic crafts, and beverages and ice cream. *Kreische Brewery and Monument Hill State Historic Sites, 414 State Loop 92. 979–968-5658; visitkreischebrewery.com*

LEWISVILLE: Through July 2 Sounds of Lewisville The popular concert series, a family favorite since 1991, presents Tuesday night shows featuring a range of musical genres. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. Well-behaved pets on a leash are allowed. Food and beverages are available for purchase. *Wayne Ferguson Plaza, 150 W.*



Church St. 972-219-3401; facebook.com/ waynefergusonplaza

MCDADE: July 11-12 Watermelon Festival and Barbecue Cookoff Always the second Saturday in July, the festival kicks off with a street dance. This year's event features a car show, live music, and the new addition of margarita and salsa contests. The morning marks the watermelon weigh-in, plus locals compete for the best melon. 143 Bastrop St. 512-980-4456; mcdadetexas.com

MCKINNEY: July 26 Magical Moth Night

Join in to celebrate National Moth Week. Equipped with gentle light features to attract the little creatures, families can explore the hidden beauty of moths and other nocturnal creatures. Reservations required. Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org/magical-moth-night

MIDLOTHIAN: June 14, July 26 Summer Beats Concert These family-friendly outdoor concerts feature a variety of music, from country to rock and pop. Bring blankets and chairs for lawn seating. Food and drinks are available for purchase. Coolers are allowed. *Midlothian Community Park*, 3601 S. 14th St. 972-775-7177; midlothian .tx.us/summerbeats **b**

NAVASOTA: July 4 Freedom Festival The annual Fourth of July parade along Washington Avenue in downtown Navasota ends with a festival that includes live music, kids activities, local food trucks, and fireworks. *City Hall, 200 E. McAlpine St. 936-825-5970; visitnavasota.com*

PARIS: July 19 Tour de Paris The bike ride began in 1984 with just a few enthusiastic cyclists. Since then, it has become a community favorite that boasts over 1,700 cyclists and volunteers. Routes are tailored to riders of all skill levels, with routes of 14 and 24 miles off road on the Northeast Texas Trail, and then 22-, 35-, 57-, 68-, and 80-mile county routes. Love Civic Center, 2025 S. Collegiate Drive. 903-784-2501; visitparistexas .com/41-annual-tour-de-paris-bicycle-rally

PLANO: June 20, Aug. 15 Friday Night Market at the Boardwalk The Boardwalk at Granite Park joins Lively Local Markets for a unique shopping event. Enjoy dinner at one of the on-site restaurants, then stay for a leisurely evening that includes sipping favorite beverages and strolling through the market to discover unique and handmade



items from a selection of local artisans and makers. *The Boardwalk at Granite Park*, 5800 SH 121. boardwalkgranitepark.com

PLANO: July 4 Independence Day at the Texas Pool Celebrate America's birthday with a pool party. There's food and a treats truck, barbecue grills and picnic areas, and a snack bar. Coolers with food and nonalcoholic beverages are welcome. The Texas Pool, 901 Springbrook Drive. events.visit plano.com/event/independence-daycelebration-2025 or texaspool.org

PLANO: July 4 Plano's All-American Fourth Enjoy fun and games, food and drinks for purchase, and a grand finale fireworks show over Oak Point Park. The fireworks is simulcast live on 97.5 KLAK radio. Oak Point Park Special Events Field, 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway. plano.gov/1042/ all-american-4th or events.visitplano.com

PLANO: July 12-13 Retro Expo Shop for hard-to-find vintage and collectible toys, comic books, records, video games, apparel, props, exclusives, and other items. Be on the lookout for special appearances by popular characters of screen and animation. *Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. retroexpo.com or events.visitplano.com*

PLANO: July 26 Christmas in July Over 100 local vendors sell everything from women's and children's boutique clothing to home, holiday, and garden décor, from gourmet food items to handmade and fashion jewelry, and many other items. *Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. events.visitplano.com/event/christmasin-july-2025 or facebook.com/events/ 128852509 9140540*

SEGUIN: July 5 Freedom Fiesta Celebrate the Fourth with a concert from the Jumpstart variety band, great food, cold beer, and time to connect with the whole community. *Central Park, 201 S. Austin St.* 830-401-2441; visitseguin.com

SHERMAN: June 5-July 31 Hot Summer Nights Every Thursday night in June and July, artists come to play live music in downtown Sherman. Lucy Kidd-Key Park, 405 N. Rusk St. 903-892-7230; facebook .com/shermanhsn

SHERMAN: July 3 Lights on the Lake The 16th annual Independence Day celebration includes live music, vendors, and fireworks. Bring a picnic and lawn chairs to enjoy the fireworks show. Pecan Grove West Park, 3200 Canyon Creek Drive. 903-892-7230; facebook.com/shermanhsn

SHINER: July 18-Aug. 3 *The Voice of the Prairie* The "voice" belongs to Davey Quinn, who, in the early days of the century, tells stories on the radio, recounting his youthful adventures. Playwright John Olive has written a story that recalls the days when radio opened up the world to the listening audience and made overnight sensations of its stars. Shows take place on the third and fourth weekends in July and the first weekend in August. All performances are in the evening except for Sunday matinees. *Shiner Gaslight Theatre, 207 E. Seventh St.* 361-594-2079; shinergaslight.org

STEPHENVILLE: Through Oct. 4 Farmer and Artisan Markets The first Saturday of the month through October, stroll through a marketplace filled with fresh, locally grown produce, handcrafted goods, homemade treats, and unique artisan creations. Whether you're shopping for farm-fresh ingredients or one-of-a-kind gifts, or just soaking up the lively atmosphere, there's something for everyone. *Downtown Stephenville Plaza, West Washington and South Belknap streets. 254-552-1222; facebook.com/mainstreetstephenville*

STEPHENVILLE: Through Dec. 6 Cars and Coffee at the Courthouse This is an early Saturday morning get-together for auto enthusiasts without the pressure of an organized car show. Meet 7 to 10 a.m., and it's come and go as you please. *Erath County Courthouse, 100 W. Washington St.* 254-552-1223; facebook.com/groups/ 1713112612291147

TEMPLE: June 7-Sept. 13 First Fleet: NASA's Space Program 1981-1986 See a photographic journey by John A. Chakeres, who captured NASA's early space shuttle missions. From Columbia's 1981 launch to Challenger's 1986 tragedy, his 56 color photographs showcase the four operational shuttles—Columbia, Challenger, Discovery, and Atlantis—through breathtaking portraits and launch sequences. Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templerrhm.org

TEMPLE: July 4 First Friday: Americana On the first Friday of every month, historic downtown Temple transforms into a giant party. Enjoy street music and live performances, drinks, food, and after-hours shopping. This month's event has a patriotic theme. *Main Street. 254-298-5949; downtowntemple.com*

TEMPLE: July 5 Rails to Rockets Family

Day This NASA-inspired Family Day has your little astronaut ready for space exploration. Come for the fun and stay for the newest special exhibit, *First Fleet: NASA's Space Program 1981-1986. Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templerrhm.org*

WASHINGTON: July 5 Painting and Tidy-

ing Wear some old clothes and help paint the house fence with whitewash, then head over to the barn to help clear the clutter that builds over the busy crop season. Barrington Plantation State Historic Site, 23400 Park Road 12. 936-878-2214; wheretexasbecametexas.org

WAXAHACHIE: July 3-4 Crape Myrtle

Festival and Parade Designated the Crape Myrtle Capital of Texas, Waxahachie celebrates with this festival and parade. Enjoy a concert followed by a fireworks show with choreographed patriotic music (simulcast on the radio). The parade takes place downtown on the Fourth of July. *Waxa*hachie Sports Complex and downtown, 151 Broadhead Road and 100 W. Main St. 469–309–4040; waxahachiecvb.com

WEATHERFORD: July 12 Parker County Peach Festival The 40th annual festival invites visitors to indulge in peachy treats including homemade peach ice cream, peach cobbler, peach pie, peach tea, peach smoothies, ice cream topped with fresh peaches, or just plain ol' juicy peaches. There's entertainment and activities for the entire family such as a food competition; more than 200 arts and crafts, produce, activity, and food vendors; antiques and specialty stores offering specials throughout the day; and multiple stages featuring local talent. Around 2,200 cyclists participate in the annual Peach Pedal Bike Ride as well. *Downtown*, *1 Courthouse Square*. *817-596-3801; peachfestivaltx.com*

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

LA VERNIA: July 4 Fourth of July Celebration This small town event grows each year with a headlining country artist and a parade. *City Park, 222 San Antonio Road.* 830-779-4541; visitlaverniatx.com

SAN ANTONIO: June 6-Aug. 2 Fiesta

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



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Dates for events are subject to change. Please confirm dates in advance by calling the phone number or visiting the website listed. A b denotes accessibility for the disabled. Check venue websites for more information.

BIG BEND COUNTRY

ALPINE: Aug. 8-9 Big Bend Ranch Rodeo Sanctioned by the Working Ranch Cowboys Association, this rodeo features brave performances by real working cowboys, a chuckwagon cookoff, and other activities. S.A.L.E. Rodeo Arena, Paso del Norte Road. 432-294-1640; bigbendranchrodeo.com

DEL RIO: Aug. 1 First Friday Art Walk Local galleries stay open late to showcase their artworks while serving refreshments. *Various locations, 120 E. Garfield St.* 830-775-0888; drchamber.com

EL PASO: Through Dec. 31 *Tom Lea and Contemporaries* This exhibit features landscapes, portraits, and mural studies and highlights the correspondence between one of the most prolific Southwestern artists of the 20th century and other artists to tell the story of how the creative community made El Paso a center for rich cultural exchange. *El Paso Museum of Art, 1 Arts Festival Plaza. 915-533-0048; tomlea.com*

FORT DAVIS: July 11-13, Aug. 22-24 Davis Mountains Preserve Open Weekends

The Nature Conservancy's Davis Mountains Preserve—home to Mount Livermore and Baldy Peak—is closed to the public the majority of the year. However, the preserve opens for camping, hiking, biking, equestrian rides, picnics, photography, birding, and other outdoor activities on select weekends. No reservation required. Davis Mountains Preserve, State Highway 118 North (about 10 miles past McDonald Observatory). 432-426-2390; nature.org/ en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/events

GULF COAST

CLUTE: Aug. 5-30 Planetarium Show

This show (check website for dates) 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 feel of comets, exploding stars, and black holes. *Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.org*

CORPUS CHRISTI: July 18-Aug. 17 *Hairspray* It's 1962 in Baltimore, and lovable, plus-size teen Tracy Turnblad has only one desire—to dance on the popular *Corny Collins Show.* When her dream comes true, Tracy is transformed from social outcast to sudden star. She must use her newfound power to dethrone the reigning Teen Queen, win the affections of Link Larkin, and integrate a TV network. *Harbor Playhouse, 1802 N. Chaparral St. 361–882– 5500; harborplayhouse.com/2025shows*

FREEPORT: May 24-Aug. 13 Sharks Exhibit Visitors can stand inside enormous shark jaws, see life-size models of different sharks, and learn about the history of Freeport's fishing industry. Freeport Historical Museum, 311 E. Park Ave. 979-233-0066; freeportmuseum.com

GALVESTON: June 14, July 12, Aug. 9 ArtWalk The event celebrates local artists by transforming the historical Strand district into a lively hub for art enthusiasts. Visit galleries, boutiques, and pop-up exhibits to see unique pieces and hidden gems, meet talented creators, and support this thriving arts community. Galveston Arts Center, 2127 The Strand. 409-763-2403; galvestonartscenter.org/artwalk

HOUSTON: Through Aug. 10 What draw-

ing can be: four responses See sitespecific installations by Jillian Conrad, Teresita Fernández, Tony Lewis, and Constantin Luser, who each has an individual gallery space to explore the experimental potential of the medium. *Menil Drawing Institute, 1412 W. Main St. 713-525-9400; menil.org/whatdrawingcanbe*

HOUSTON: Through Sept. 1 Wall Draw-

ing: Ronny Quevedo Curated by Kelly Montana, assistant curator at the Menil Drawing Institute, this is the sixth installment in the Menil Collection's Wall Drawing Series, which began in 2018 as part of the institute's commitment to seeking new approaches to the form and language of drawing. *Menil Drawing Institute, 1412 W. Main St.713-525-9400; menil.org*

HOUSTON: Through Sept. 13, 2026 Habitat To mark its fourth birthday, the Houston Botanic Garden presents this exhibit, which incorporates installations created by local artists and explores the central idea of "protecting habitats protects life" through the lens of the Gulf Coast environment. With thematic sections on topics such as fungi, dead wood, nests, and insects, Habitat explores the critical role that many organisms play in creating and sustaining habitats. Houston Botanic Garden, 1 Botanic Lane. 713-715-9675; hbg.org

HOUSTON: May 23-Nov. 2 The Space Between Looking and Loving: Francesca Fuchs and the de Menil House Featuring new work by Francesca Fuchs and selections from the Menil's collection and archives, the display explores the affective power and relational histories of objects in domestic settings, especially those of the de Menil house. The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org

LAKE JACKSON: June 21, July 19, Aug. 16 Bird Banding Watch volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station is an opportunity to see birds up close and to learn all about the birds of the Brazosport area. *Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 SH 332 West.* 979-480-0999; gcbo.org

PORT ARANSAS: Aug. 6-10 Texas Legends Billfish Tournament This tournament pioneered the concept of a videorelease format (once you're registered in the tournament, you may depart from any

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Texas port). Points are awarded for blue marlin, white marlin, and sailfish. The Port Aransas weigh-in and awards allow anglers easy access to the natural offshore structure and deepwater rigs. *Port Aransas Fisherman's Wharf, 900 Tarpon St.* 361-815-1612; txlegends.com

RICHMOND: June 6, Aug. 1 Richmond's Farmers Market The market flourishes under the canopy of old oaks and features live music and food trucks. As one of the premier farmers markets in Fort Bend County, it offers fresh produce from local growers and artisan goods as well as some prepared foods. *City Hall Plaza, 402 Morton St. 832-449-2793; richmondtx farmersmarket.com*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Through Dec. 31 Dolphin Watch Tours All aboard the Murphy's Law for a 1.5-hour dolphin watch and eco tour along the lower Laguna Madre. The 67-foot, double-decker boat is specially designed to allow passengers to have an optimum viewing experience while on the water. Isla Tours, 33256 State Park Road 100. 956-761-4752; islatours.com

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: July 30-Aug. 3 Texas International Fishing Tournament Surrounded by the sparkling waters of the Laguna Madre Bay and the Gulf, Port Isabel and South Padre Island play host to Texas' largest saltwater fishing tournament. Anglers compete in one of three divisions: bay, tarpon, and offshore. South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-6433; visitsouthpadreisland.com

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Aug. 8-10 Ladies Kingfish Tournament The first all-ladies tournament in Texas is divided into two divisions: bay and offshore fishing. South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-6433; visitsouthpadreisland.com

TOMBALL: Aug. 1 Tomball Night This family festival ends with a lighted parade and fireworks. Previous festivities have included live entertainment, kids activities, food, drinks, shopping, giveaways, vendors, and door prizes. *Downtown, 100 Market St.* 281-351-7222; tomballchamber.org

VICTORIA: July 25-Aug. 3 Footloose Theatre Victoria presents the coming-of-age musical based on the '80s film. The musical celebrates the exhilaration of youth, the wisdom of listening to one another, and the power of forgiveness. Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts, 214 N. Main St. 361-570-8587; theatrevictoria.org

VICTORIA: Aug. 15-Oct. 4 The Art of

Myke Venable Texas artist Myke Venable is known for his vibrant, abstract paintings that explore color theory and geometric abstraction, characterized by bold colors, dynamic compositions, and intricate patterns. *The Nave Museum, 306 W. Commercial St. 361-520-4458; navemuseum.org*

HILL COUNTRY

AUSTIN: Through Aug. 18 Freedom to Write, Freedom to Read: The Story of

PEN The Harry Ransom Center presents an exhibition exploring the history of PEN, the renowned international association dedicated to protecting free expression. The exhibition draws upon the Center's PEN Records collection in order to trace the history of the organization from its founding as a dinner club in 1921, through the darkest days of war and repression, to supporting contemporary writers and readers today. *Harry Ransom Center, 300 W. 21st St. 512-471-8944; hrc.utexas.edu*

AUSTIN: June 21-22, July 12-13, Aug. 16-17 City-Wide Vintage Sale Since 1977, Austin's largest indoor vintage event has offered shoppers a chance to browse vintage goods, antiques, and collectibles sold by 80 to 100 vendors from Texas and beyond. Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road. 512-441-2828; citywide vintagesale.com

AUSTIN: June 28-Aug. 9 Fences and

Fields Artist Rebecca Pugh takes inspiration from her surroundings in Texas including landscapes along rural highways in this solo exhibition. In her recent paintings, the artist abstracts ranch fences, cattle, horses, and regional wildflowers into geometric shapes of color. Julia C. Butridge Gallery, Dougherty Arts Center, 1110 Barton Springs Road. 512–974-4007; austintexas.gov/ department/julia-c-butridge-gallery

AUSTIN: July 11-Aug. 16 Zilker Summer Musical: Bring It On Pack a picnic and enjoy the musical inspired by the hit film about the cutthroat world of competitive cheerleading. The outdoor theater troupe hosts live performances Thursdays through Sundays. Zilker Hillside Theater, 2206 William Barton Drive. zilker.org

AUSTIN: Aug. 22-24 PBR Team Series: Gambler Days An action-packed team bull riding competition features the most exciting eight seconds in sports with some of the world's best bull riders and the local Austin Gamblers bull riding team. Moody Center, 2001 Robert Dedman Drive. moodycenter atx.com/event/pbr-teams-series-2024-1

AUSTIN: Aug. 23 Pride Parade and Festi-

val Celebrated during Austin Pride Month, this event features a parade down Congress Avenue during the largest annual LGBTQI advocacy and fundraising event in Central Texas. Expect show-stopping performances and electrifying energy. *Fiesta Gardens,* 2101 Jesse E. Segovia St. austinpride.org

AUSTIN: Aug. 30-Sept. 1 The Front Fest

This end-of-summer festival features performances, films, and creative experiences that put Texas women and LGBTQ+ creatives of all kinds at the front of the lineups. The festival has welcomed over 15,000 guests and showcased 500-plus women and LGBTQ+ artists since 2016, including Dorian Electra, Jessica Williams, Lizzo, Alok V. Menon, Madame Gandhi, Juliana Huxtable, and Katja Blichfeld. Various locations. thefrontfest.com

BANDERA: June 3-Aug. 30 Wagon Rides, Campfires, and S'mores Tuesdays through Saturdays, visitors can sit by the campfire and roast marshmallows while enjoying entertainment by a cowboy under the Texas stars. Also, enjoy wagon rides to feed the deer, visit the horses at Ghost Town, or watch the running of the horses. Flying L Ranch and Resort, 675 Flying L Drive. 830-796-7745; flyingl.com §

BANDERA: June 6-Aug. 29 Riding on Faith Friday Night Summer Series Rodeo This open rodeo on Friday nights in the summer features bull riding, mini-bulls, barrel racing, and roping. Mansfield Park Arena, 2886 SH 16 North. 830-777-7129; ridingonfaithrodeo.com or facebook.com/ ridingonfaithrodeoseries

BANDERA: Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Bandera Cattle Company Gunfighters On Saturdays, see the Bandera Cattle Company Gunfighters reenact 1800s gunfights twice a day at Rattlesnake Ridge, located behind the Bandera Visitors Center. *Rattlesnake Ridge, 126 SH 16 South. 830–343–7141; facebook.com/banderagunfighters*

BANDERA: Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Cowboys on Main Enjoy free cowboy fun on Main Street in downtown Bandera. Activities can include a chuckwagon storyteller, horsedrawn wagon tours of the town, and live Western music. 500 Main St. 210-632-4535; banderabusiness.com

BANDERA: Aug. 2 Market Day On the first Saturday of the month, arts and crafts vendors set up pop-up shops featuring original works along Main Street, while farmers sell produce, canned goods, and baked items. 500 Main St. 210-218-7935; banderabusiness.com BANDERA: Aug. 3-31 Morning Ride with Cowboy Breakfast Join Bandera Historical Rides for a Sunday morning cowboy breakfast and horseback ride. *Major Hope Corral*, 749 Old Medina Highway. 830-328-2203; banderahistoricalrides.com or facebook .com/banderahistoricalrides

BANDERA: Aug. 5 Cowboy Opry On the first Tuesday of the month, see Grand Ole Opry-style entertainment at the Silver Sage senior center, with refreshments and door prizes given out. *Silver Sage, 803 Buck Creek. 830-796-4969; silversage.org or facebook.com/silver.sage.1466*

BANDERA: Aug. 24 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 or facebook.com/ftmbandera

BANDERA: Aug. 29-31 Western Music Festival and Round-Up The 11th Street Cowboy Bar, aka the "Biggest Little Honky Tonk in Texas," hosts this event featuring live Western music all weekend long. 11th Street Cowboy Bar, 307 11th St. 830-796-4849; 11th Streetcowboybar.com

BANDERA: Aug. 30-31 Bandera Roundup Ranch Rodeos Talented cowboys and cowgirls showcase their skills at the Bandera Pro Rodeo's ranch rodeos on Labor Day weekend. The event also has kids mutton bustin'. *Mansfield Park Arena*, 2886 SH 16 North. 830-796-3045; banderaprorodeo.org

BANDERA: Aug. 30-31 Celebrate Bandera Roundup Bandera honors its cowboy and Western heritage with the Longhorn Cattle Drive Parade, arts and crafts, music, gunfight reenactments, a ranch rodeo, and lil' wrangler activities. 500 Main St. 830-796-3280; banderatex.com or facebook.com/bandera countychamberofcommerce

BOERNE: June 7-Aug. 30 A Day at the Farm and Farmers Market Find what you need at this market open every Saturday, whether you want to hike the trails, shop in the open air, get gardening inspiration, take classes on growing food, volunteer at the Cibolo Center for Conservation, or get new recipe ideas. *Historic Herff Farm, 33 Herff Road. 830-249-4616; cibolo.org*

BOERNE: June 14-15, July 12-13, Aug. 9-10 Market Days Browse the vendor booths at this monthly market, where you can find a variety of bargains and an assortment of jewelry, plants, art, handcrafts, collectibles, and antiques. *Main Plaza, 100* N. Main St. 210-844-8193; eventsoffmain .com/market-days **b**

BOERNE: June 14, July 12, Aug. 9 Moondance Concert Moondance is a longstanding beloved event at the Cibolo. Grab your lawn chairs and coolers, and come enjoy live music from local bands under the oak trees. This summer offers new local bands and food trucks. *Cibolo Center for Conservation*, 140 *City Park Road*. 830-249-4616; *cibolo.org/moondance*

BOERNE: July 17, Aug. 21 Live at the Library Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy an evening under the trees on the back lawn at the library. Each show features a different artist. *Patrick Heath Public Library Amphitheater, 451 N. Main St. 830-249-3053; ci.boerne.tx.us/ 2295/library*

BOERNE: Aug. 1 Family Night Hike Take a hike on the trails at sunset and discover the various living organisms that call the Cibolo home. These night hikes give families an opportunity to explore the center and see what lives in the park in the dark. *Cibolo Center for Conservation, 140 City Park Road. 830-249-4616; cibolo.org*

BOERNE: Aug. 9, 23 Bluegrass Jam at The AgriCultural Every second and fourth Saturday, bring your instrument and play along, or just come to listen. The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. 210-445-1080; theagricultural.org

BOERNE: Aug. 15 Adult Night Hike Handson, engaging, and fun for adults of all ages, these hikes are focused on nocturnal wild-life viewing, so hikers can expect longer hikes, unfamiliar trails, and spending time without the use of flashlights. *Cibolo Center for Conservation, 140 City Park Road.* 830-249-4616; cibolo.org

FREDERICKSBURG: June 20-22, July 18-20, Aug. 15-17 Trade Days Shop over 350 vendors in seven barns and acres of antiques, collectibles, tools, crafts, shabby chic, primitives, ranch furniture, hunting accessories, candles, unique clothing, jewelry, and food. *355 Sunday Farms Lane.* 210-846-4094; fbgtradedays.com

FREDERICKSBURG: July 5-6, 19-20.; Aug. 9-10, 23-24 Live Pari-Mutuel Horse Racing Come out during the summer season for four big weekends of exciting live pari-mutuel horse racing at the Gillespie County Fair Grounds' Class 3



track. Gillespie County Fair Grounds, 530 Fair Drive. 830-997-2359; gillespiefair.com

FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 1 First Friday **Art Walk** Participating fine art galleries remain open until 8 p.m. on the first Friday of every month so that visitors and visiting artists can enjoy new shows, demonstrations, and artist receptions. Look for the galleries flying the Art Walk flag. *Main Street. visitfredericksburgtx.com*

FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 1 First Weekend at Pioneer Museum On the Friday before the first Saturday of the month, the Pioneer Museum and the Vereins Kirche Museum invite guests to explore a temporary exhibit in the museum store, see demonstrations (spinner, handworker, and blacksmithing), learn from living history interpreters, and enjoy a hands-on activity plus a scavenger hunt. *Pioneer Museum*, *325 W. Main St. pioneermuseum.org/ first-weekend-at-the-museum*

FREDERICKSBURG: **Aug. 2 Outpost**: **Marine Assault Squad** As the Pacific War raged on, Japanese defenses only became stronger as American troops inched nearer to the Japanese home islands. Learn about how the Marine Corps handled such defenses using everything from tanks to satchel charges, and see live flamethrower demonstrations. *National Museum of the Pacific War, 508 E. Austin St. 830-997-8600; pacificwarmuseum.org*

FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 9 Outpost: The Manhattan Project As World War II ravaged the globe, small groups of scientists across the country spent years developing the weapon that would help end the war: the atomic bomb. Come to this free program to learn more about the bomb itself, as well as the men and women behind it. National Museum of the Pacific War, 340 E. Main St. 830-997-8600; pacificwarmuseum.org

FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 16 Outpost: Skyjumpers: Paratroopers in the Pacific War While divisions such as the 101st and

82nd Airborne are famous for their heroic drops into Europe during World War II, fewer people have heard of the 11th Airborne Division or the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment. Come learn about these daring paratroopers, their gear, weapons, and the unique challenges that the Pacific posed for airborne infantry. National Museum of the Pacific War, 508 E. Austin St. 830-997-8600; pacificwarmuseum.org

FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 21-24 Gillespie County Fair Held over the course of four days, the 137th fair includes a parade, two days of pari-mutuel horse racing, livestock shows, agricultural exhibits, a carnival and midway, household exhibits, arts and crafts, an antique tractor show, a 42 domino tournament, and live music. *Gillespie County Fair Grounds, 530 Fair Drive.* 830-997-2359; gillespiefair.com

FREDERICKSBURG: Aug. 23 Outpost: War Machine During the Pacific War, tanks served as the infantryman's best friend when it came to tackling Japanese defenses. Visit this program to learn more about the M3 Stuart tank, as well as the men who crewed them. *National Museum* of the Pacific War, 508 E. Austin St. 830-997-8600; pacificwarmuseum.org



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GEORGETOWN: Aug. 1 First Friday Music on the Square On the first Friday of the month through November, the Georgetown Square comes alive with live music and after-hours shopping. *Georgetown Square*, *103 W. Seventh St. 512-930-3545; dgagtx .org/first-friday-guest.html*

HAMILTON: June 7-8, Aug. 16-17 Prime Team Roping Prime Team Roping presents professional roping events that provide thrilling rodeo action for the entire family. *Circle T Arena, 4007 SH 36 West. 254-386-3559; circletarena.net/events*

HAMILTON: June 21, Aug. 16-17 Central Texas Barrel Racing Association See pro barrel racers compete against each other and the clock at these events produced by the Central Texas Barrel Racing Association. *Circle T Arena, 4007 SH 36 West. 254-386-3559; circletarena.net/events*

HAMILTON: June 27-29, July 18-20, Aug. 29-31 World Series Team Roping Watch the best in the industry at World Series Team Roping. Circle T Arena, 4007 SH 36 West. 254-386-3559; circletarena.net/ events

HAMILTON: July 4-5, Aug. 9-10 Rafter E Productions Barrel Race Rafter E Productions presents barrel races with pro riders. *Circle T Arena, 4007 SH 36 West. 254-386-3559; circletarena.net/events*

HAMILTON: July 12-13, Aug. 9-10 Ultimate Calf Roping See thrilling rodeo action presented by Ultimate Calf Roping. *Circle T Arena, 4007 SH 36 West. 254-*386-3559; circletarena.net/events

HAMILTON: Aug. 2-3 Heart of Texas Showdown X-treme Team Roping presents this professional team roping competition. Circle T Arena, 4007 SH 36 West. 254-386-3559; circletarena.net/events

HAMILTON: Aug. 22-24 Vegas Tuffest Finals This event showcases rodeo's upand-coming junior contestants in calf and team roping, barrels, breakaway, and goat tying. Circle T Arena, 4007 SH 36 West. 254-386-3559; circletarena.net/events

HUNT: May 24-Aug. 30 Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall After the rodeo, there's dancing and live music every Saturday night from Memorial Day to Labor Day. *Crider's Rodeo and Dancehall, 2310 SH 39.* 830-238-4441; cridersrandd.com

INGRAM: July 11-Aug. 29 HCAF Exhibits Hill Country Arts Foundation presents the exhibits *Counterpoint* by Johnson Creek Press and *Visual Narratives* by Hill Country Clickers. *Hill Country Arts Foundation*, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com

INGRAM: Aug. 8-10, 15-17, 22-24 Ship*wrecked* Hill Country Arts Foundation presents this tale of the high seas that examines how far people are willing to blur the line between fact and fiction in order to leave their mark on the world. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830–367-5121; hcaf.com*

JUNCTION: Aug. 30 Kow Kick and Kow Kick Barbecue Cookoff Kow Kick is an arts and crafts fair. The Kow Kick Barbecue Cookoff is a sanctioned event with competitors facing off in brisket, pork spareribs, chicken, and beans categories. There is a kids' cookoff, too, and live music all day. Schreiner Park, North First Street. 325-446-3190; junctiontexas.com/bbq-cook-off

KERRVILLE: July 9-Aug. 30 Wildlife Icons of the American West Wildlife photographer Rachel Spencer's work celebrates the wonders of the planet's wildlife one frame at a time. Museum of Western Art, 1550 Bandera Highway. 830-896-2553; museumofwesternart.com

KERRVILLE: July 17-Aug. 16 KACC Art Exhibits Kerr Arts and Cultural Center presents three exhibits: *Nature Journaling* by Rebecca Stapleton and Ele Chew; a pho-

tography show by J. Regan Ferguson; and *PhotoQuest*, the Hill Country Camera Club's annual judged exhibit. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com*

KERRVILLE: July 18-20, 25-27; Aug. 1-3 *Lend Me a Tenor* Playhouse 2000 presents Ken Ludwig's comedy about a hapless wannabe opera singer who finds himself having to take the stage in place of a world-famous tenor. *Playhouse 2000 VK Garage Theater, 305 Washington St. 830-896-9393; caillouxperformingarts.com*

KERRVILLE: Aug. 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, 29-31 *Into the Woods* Playhouse 2000 presents the hit musical, which starts with a mash-up of multiple stories from the world of fairy tales. *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-896-9393; cailloux performingarts.com*

KERRVILLE: Aug. 21-Sept. 20 KACC Art

Exhibits Kerr Arts and Cultural Center presents three exhibits: mixed media and oil paintings by Liz Painter; the Kerrville Art Club show and sale; and an exhibit by the Magnificent 7, an all-female artist group in the Hill Country. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830–895–2911; kacckerrville.com*

KERRVILLE: Aug. 29-31 Heart of the Hills Golf Tournament Golfers from around the country and state compete in this annual 72-hole tournament, celebrating its 79th year. *Scott Schreiner Municipal Golf Tournament, 1 Country Club Drive. 281-635-4367; hohkerr.com*

LLANO: June 28-Sept. 28 Canvas and Quilts: the Art of Ira and Kathy Kennedy The Kennedys' art bursts with vibrant color. Ira's innovative dot paintings tell stories of the connection between people and nature. Kathy's kaleidoscopic quilts use fabric panels of Ira's art along with her own designs inspired by the natural world. The juxtaposition of two distinct art forms creates a unique dialogue. Llano Fine Art Guild, 503 Bessemer Ave. 325-247-4839; llanofineartsguild.com

MARBLE FALLS: June 6-Aug. 9 Summer Concert Series The series offers a vibrant lineup of live Friday night performances set against the picturesque backdrop of the Hill Country. This annual event brings together locals and visitors to enjoy a variety of genres, creating a lively and festive atmosphere in the heart of town. Johnson Park, 230 Ave. J. 830-693-4449; visitmarblefalls .org/summer-concert-series

PFLUGERVILLE: June 20-Sept. 19 Rock the Block On the third Friday of each summer month, enjoy this outdoor music series. Bring friends and family for an evening of live music, food vendors, and a lively community atmosphere. *Downtown, 100 E. Main St. 512-990-6100; pflugervilletx* .gov/956/rock-the-block

SAN MARCOS: June 5-Aug. 14 Summer in the Park Pack a lawn chair or a blanket and refreshments and head to Plaza Park to see different bands playing music from various genres every Thursday night from June through the second week of August. *Plaza Park, 206 N. CM Allen Parkway.* 512-739-7240; summerintheparksm.org

SONORA: Aug. 8-9 Sutton County Days and Sonora Outlaw Rodeo The rodeo is accompanied by nightly dances, a parade, food, and vendors. Sutton County Park and Pavilion, 1600 N. Crockett St. 325-387-2880; sonoratexas.org

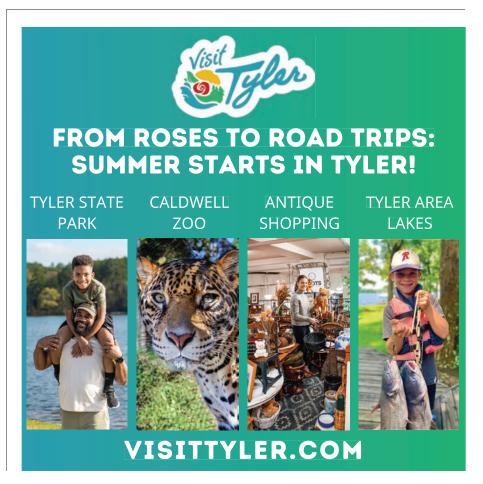
TARPLEY: Aug. 31 Labor Day Barbecue and Parade Tarpley Volunteer Fire Department sponsors this annual Labor Day celebration that includes a parade, barbecue, raffle, and auction. *Tarpley Volunteer Fire Dept., 264 Valentine Lane. 830-562-3403; tarpleyvfd.org*

PANHANDLE PLAINS

ABILENE: Through Sept. 20 Nancy Newberry: Extraños Magníficos This exhibition displays works by a photographer who draws inspiration from classic spaghetti western movies, merging documentary portrayals with dreamlike creations that investigate notions of nationalism and community. *The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325–673-4587; thegracemuseum.org*

ABILENE: June 7-Sept. 20 The Great Turning: We Gather, We Grow, We Tend Artist Hollis Hammonds and poet Sasha West collaborate to explore the transformative potential of art within a fragile ecosystem. Viewers engage in a reflective and empowering space where boundaries between past and future, loss and renewal are reimagined. The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org

ABILENE: June 28-Sept. 20 Virginia Fleck: Reclaimed Revelations In an age defined by rapid consumption, Virginia Fleck's work investigates the relationship between materiality and perception. She creates intricately crafted sensory objects and environments from post-consumer materials imbued with notions of luck,



chance, and magical thinking. *The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org*

AMARILLO: June 3-Aug. 12 Starlight Theater Summer Concert Series Enjoy free live music at Sam Houston Park every Tuesday. The series is presented by Amarillo Parks and Recreation. Sam Houston Park, 4101 Line Ave. heritagesociety.org/ sam-houston-park

AMARILLO: Aug. 2-3 AMA-CON This pop culture convention features comics, gaming, anime, and sci-fi, with panels, cosplay, and vendor exhibits. *Amarillo Civic Center*, 401 S. Buchanan St. libraryamacon.org

CANYON: June 6-Aug. 9 Texas Outdoor Musical The official play of Texas is packed with lively songs and dance numbers, good ol' Texas humor, and nightly fireworks. Set against the authentic tapestry of history in Palo Duro Canyon State Park, the show brings to life with fictional characters the stories, struggles, and triumphs of the settlers of the Texas Panhandle. *Pioneer Amphitheatre, 11450 State Park Road 5.* 806-655-2181; texas-show.com

GRAHAM: June 14, 28; July 12, 26; Aug. 9 Summer Concert Series This free concert series, held on America's largest downtown square, features music from a variety of genres. This year's lineup of artists includes Adam Hood, the Strike, Robert Ellis, and Hudson Westbrook. Graham Downtown Square, 608 Elm St. 940-549-3355; visitgrahamtexas.com

SAN ANGELO: June 19-Aug. 3 American Plains Artists Summer Show Fort Concho presents this special exhibit of Western art from six American Plains artists, who were chosen by guests of last year's art show. Paintings depict vistas, historical topics, still life, and characters of the Old West. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St. 325-234-0316; fortconcho.com

SAN ANGELO: July 10-Sept. 7 *The Art of Ezra Tucker* In this first traveling exhibition of artworks by Ezra Tucker, the untold stories of the Black experience in the history of the American West are depicted alongside monumental and dramatic paintings of North American wildlife and examples of allegory, fantasy, illustration, and narrative. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St.* 325-653-3333; samfa.org

SAN ANGELO: Aug. 16 Fess Parker Day Fess Parker was a native of San Angelo who went on to a successful movie and TV career portraying both Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone. This festival celebrates his legacy. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St. 325-234-0316: fortconcho.com

SAN ANGELO: Aug. 22-Jan. 4 The Global Language of Headwear: Cultural Identity, Rites of Passage, and Spirituality San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts presents this exhibition featuring 89 hats and headdresses carefully selected from a private collection of more than 1,300 extraordinary pieces of headwear from all over the world. San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org

PINEY WOODS

GLADEWATER: Aug. 16 Elvis Tribute Concert Jackson Foltyn is back again with his award-winning Elvis tribute show. Jackson's Theatre, 108 E. Commerce Ave. 430-702-0020; jacksonstheatre.com

JEFFERSON: Aug. 2 Civil War Symposium The event spends a whole day focused on various aspects of the Trans-Mississippi Civil War history, with presentations, expert speakers, exhibits, vendors, an auction, and lunch. There's also a Friday night speakers reception. Jefferson Convention and Visitors Center, 305 E. Austin St. 903-665-2775; jeffersonmuseum.org

JEFFERSON: Aug. 23 UFOcon This convention explores Texas-based UFO sightings, alien encounters, and UFO crash sites. Jefferson Convention and Visitors Center, 305 E. Austin St. 903-665-3733; facebook .com.events.2025-texas-ufocon

PALESTINE: Aug. 9 Fiesta Flyer Dinner Train Traverse the tracks to the Rusk Depot, where you are treated to a Mexicanthemed dinner served on the beautiful grounds by the lake. During dinner, a mariachi band provides music for dancing. *Texas State Railroad, 789 Park Road 70. 855-632-7729; texasstaterailroad.net/events/ fiesta-flyer-dinner-train*

WINNSBORO: Aug. 15-24 Romeo and Juliet Winnsboro Center for the Arts presents William Shakespeare's play, adapted by John A. Price, the director of theater, with a fresh new twist. Winnsboro Center for the Arts, 200 Market St. 903-342-0686; winnsborocenterforthearts.com

WINNSBORO: Aug. 30 Labor Day Car Show Cruise into historical downtown Winnsboro for a car show featuring automobiles, trucks, and motorcycles from the 1940s to today. Enjoy a day of nostalgia, food, shopping, and family fun as you admire beautifully restored vehicles. Winnsboro Train Depot, 100 E. Broadway. 903-342-3666; winnsboro.com

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

BASTROP: Aug. 1 Peter and the

Starcatcher The Tony-winning show upends the century-old story of how a miserable orphan comes to be the Boy Who Would Not Grow Up (aka Peter Pan). From marauding pirates and jungle tyrants to unwilling comrades and unlikely heroes, *Peter and the Starcatcher* playfully explores the depths of greed and despair and the bonds of friendship, duty, and love. *Bastrop Opera House, 711 Spring St. 512-200-3826; bastropoperahouse.org*

BASTROP: Aug. 1-Sept. 20 Uncorked

Winemaking in Texas has a long and surprising history that extends nearly 350 years. The earliest successful vineyards were started by missionaries near El Paso in the late 1600s. Although the Texas environment creates limitations, European settlers from wine-producing countries helped lay the foundation for winemaking in Texas. The exhibit delves into the history, culture, and artistry of winemaking specific to Bastrop County. *Bastrop Museum and Visitor Center, 904 Main St. 512-303-0904; bastropcountyhistoricalsociety.com*

BRENHAM: Aug. 1 First Friday Farmer

and Artisan Market Shop for fresh, local foods and products at this monthly openair market. Find artisan, cottage food, farm-to-market, small business, and retail vendors. There's also live musical performances. *Downtown. 979-337-7580; downtownbrenham.com*

BRENHAM: Aug. 16 Bee Gees Tribute

Show John Acosta has portrayed Barry Gibb for over 15 years in shows all over the world. He is joined by Eric Sean and Pete Sprague, who portray Gibb's brothers Robin and Maurice, respectively. *The Barnhill Center at Historic Simon Theatre, 111 W. Main St.* 979-337-7240; thebarnhillcenter.com

CANTON: May 29-June 1; July 3-6, 31-Aug. 3, 28-31 First Monday Trade Days

What started as a small market on the first Monday of the month has grown into the "World's Largest Outdoor Flea Market," now held Thursday through Sunday once a month on 450 acres. Find home décor, one-of-a-kind furniture, clothing, and an array of delicious food. *Trade Grounds*, 800 First Monday Lane. 903-567-1851; firstmondaycanton.com

CHAPPELL HILL: Aug. 9 Wine and Cheese Stroll Spend the day sipping and nibbling perfectly paired wine and cheese samples. Wander about downtown, as each shop has bites and wine. Various locations. 979-337-9910; chappellhilltx.com

CLEBURNE: July 18-Aug. 9 Ken Ludwig's

Moriarty Join the uproarious world of *Ken Ludwig's Moriarty* and prepare for an evening of side-splitting laughter and cunning wit. This comedic gem offers a fresh and hilarious perspective on the classic Sherlock Holmes stories. *Plaza Theatre Company at Dudley Hall, 305 S. Anglin Road. 817-202-0600; plaza-theatre.com*

CORSICANA: Aug. 9 Mimosas at the Mar-

ket Every second Saturday of the month, sip, shop, and toast to good finds and great company at this event that begins in the morning and offers a delightful blend of shopping and sipping into the afternoon. *Downtown, Beaton Street.* 903-654-4850; visitcorsicana.com

CORSICANA: Aug. 19-24 A Monster Calls

Warehouse Living Arts Center presents the powerful stage adaptation of the acclaimed novel. Blending imagination and emotion, this gripping story follows a young boy who confronts loss with the help of a towering mythical creature. Warehouse Living Arts Center, 119 W. Sixth Ave. 903-872-5421; thewlac.com

ENNIS: Aug. 30-31 Blues on Main This celebration is rooted in history and story-telling with the rhythms of jazz and blues that bring the community together. Expect live music, activities for kids, food, and vendors. *Main Street. 972-878-4748; visitennistexas.com/bluesonmain*

FORT WORTH: Through Sept. 7 Alex Da Corte: The Whale The first museum exhibition to survey the interdisciplinary artist's long relationship with painting focuses on the past decade of the Venezuelan American's career and features more than 40 paintings, several drawings, and a video that considers painting as a performative act. The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, 3200 Darnell St. 817-738-9215; themodern.org

FRANKSTON: Aug. 2 Neches River Wilderness Challenge Canoeists and kayakers, young and old, expert and beginner all come out in large numbers for "the toughest little race in Texas." It covers 22 miles of the scenic, largely uninhabited Neches River. Even for those who choose a leisurely paced race, it is a good opportunity to experience nature on the beautiful Neches River Trail. *Neches River, FM 1892. 903-*245-9490; necheswildernessrace.com

GONZALES: June 1-Aug. 31 Main Street Discoveries: A Walking Tour For 45 minutes, explore some of the most historic spots in Gonzales at a relaxed pace. The route starts at the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, takes you through key sites around the square, and includes a quick 20-minute stop at the Gonzales County Jail Museum, which is just a block away. *Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture/ Visitor Center, 304 Saint Louis St. 830-672-6532; tourgonzales.com/events*

GONZALES: July 12, Aug. 2 Museum Odyssey: Ride Through Gonzales History Explore Gonzales' Museum District on the Gonzales Bus Tour. Journey through Gonzales' vibrant past with an expert guide. Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture/Visitor Center, 304 Saint Louis St. 830-672-6532; tourgonzales.com/events

GONZALES: July 29-Aug. 3 National Biker Roundup Motorcycle riders enjoy fellowship with other riders. JB Wells Arena, 2301 CR 197. 470-420-2127; nationalbikersroundup.org

GONZALES: Aug. 2 Come and Take It Makers Market Held in the spirit of the town's historic independence, this local artisan market offers a vibrant shopping experience with locally crafted products and art. Independence Square, 500 N. Saint Joseph St. 830-672-6532; tourgonzales.com/ events

GRANBURY: Aug. 2 Blazin' Saddle 75

Bicycle Rally Tackle challenging, scenic rides with signature climbs at Skulls Crossing, Mongo's Mountain, and the Peak. The routes are clearly marked with great support and seven rest stops to keep you hydrated and fueled. *Granbury Middle School, 2000 Crossland Drive. 214-793-2387; blazinsaddle75.com*

GRANBURY: Aug. 2 Blazin' Soles 5K Lace up your running shoes for a new summer event that promises to be fast, fun, and full of energy. Whether you're a seasoned runner chasing a personal best or a first-time participant looking to have a good time, the Blazin' Soles 5K has something for everyone. *Granbury Middle School, 2000 Crossland Road. 214-793-2397; blazinsoles5k.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: Aug. 2 Weird Al Yankovic in Concert Known for his humorous parodies, the comedic musician brings his Bigger and Weirder Tour to Grand Prairie, featuring both his iconic hits and some fan-favorite deep cuts, with an expanded band for a super-size concert experience. *Texas Trust CU Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Texas Trust Way. 972-854-5050; texastrustcutheatre.com*



GRAND PRAIRIE: Aug. 26 George Thoro-

good and the Destroyers Blues-rock legends George Thorogood and the Destroyers bring their electrifying sound to Texas Trust CU Theatre. Get ready for a night of gritty guitar riffs, powerhouse vocals, and classic hits like "Bad to the Bone" and "Move It on Over." *Texas Trust CU Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Texas Trust Way.* 972-854-5050; texastrustcutheatre.com

GRAND PRAIRIE: Aug. 30-31 AfroTunes

Fest Groove to the infectious rhythms of Afrobeats while supporting local, minorityowned businesses. This event offers a festival atmosphere where you can shop, enjoy the entertainment, and immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of the community. *Jambox at EpicCentral, 2971 SH 161. southepiccentral.com*

GRAPEVINE: May 23-Sept. 1 Universe of

Light Featuring DC Experience the first-ever DC Lantern Show of its kind in the U.S. Towering DC superheroes and their epic battles come to life in more than 1,000 handcrafted lanterns illuminated by cutting-edge LEDs. Step into 12 immersive scenes where Superman, Wonder Woman, and Batman battle Lex Luthor, Cheetah, Catwoman, and The Joker. *Gaylord Texan Resort, 1501 Gaylord Trail. 817-778-1000; tickets.gaylordtexan.com*

GRAPEVINE: June 1-Aug. 31 All Tracks Lead to Grapevine Celebrate dinosaur discoveries by visiting the Grapevine Tower Gallery. Follow dinosaur tracks along Main Street, find fossils at the shops and cafés, and enjoy themed cartoons and movies at the Palace Theatre. Don't miss out on Grapevine Vintage Railroad's Dinosaurs on the Tracks train ride or special digs at Nash Farm. Grapevine Tower Gallery, 636 S. Main St. 817-410-3185; grapevinetexasusa.com/dinosaurs §

HILLSBORO: Through Sept. 27 Summer Concert Series Every Saturday night, families can enjoy a weekly outdoor concert series with varying music genres in the heart of downtown Hillsboro, with views of the courthouse. *Downtown District.* 254-582-3273; hillsborotx.org

PARIS: Aug. 30 Hatch Chile Fest Vendors line up at the farmers market to roast and sell hatch chiles fresh from New Mexico, and sell locally grown produce, pastries, breads, jewelry, and coffee. The event showcases mariachi bands, games, and handmade treasures. *Farmers and Artisan Market, 400 SW First St. 903-784-9234; visitparistexas.com/hatch-chili-fest*

PILOT POINT: Aug. 30 Chromefest This festival features classic and modern car

shows, live music, vendors, a silent auction to benefit first responders, kids activities, and the tug-of-war between Pilot Point Police Department and Pilot Point Fire Department. *Pilot Point Square, 55 Washington St. 940-686-2632; visitpilotpoint.org/ events/chromefest*

PLANO: June 20, Aug. 15 Friday Night Market at the Boardwalk The Boardwalk at Granite Park joins Lively Local Markets for a unique shopping event. Enjoy dinner at one of the on-site restaurants, then stay for a leisurely evening that includes sipping favorite beverages and strolling through the market to discover unique and handmade items from a selection of local artisans and makers. The Boardwalk at Granite Park, 5800 SH 121. boardwalkgranitepark.com

PLANO: Aug. 8-9 Quilt Plano Show Attendees have a chance to view over 300 beautifully crafted quilts, enjoy the Mini Quilt Auction, explore special exhibits, and shop with a variety of vendors. *Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. qgplano.org/quilt-show*

SHINER: July 18-Aug. 3 The Voice of the *Prairie* The "voice" belongs to Davey Quinn, who, in the early days of this century, tells stories on the radio, recounting his youthful adventures. Playwright John Olive has written a story that recalls the days when radio opened up the world to the listening audience and made overnight sensations of its stars. Shows take place on the third and fourth weekends in July and the first weekend in August. *Shiner Gaslight Theatre, 207 E. Seventh St. 361-594-2079; shinergaslight.org*

STEPHENVILLE: Through Oct. 4 Farmer and Artisan Markets The first Saturday of the month through October, stroll through a marketplace filled with fresh, locally grown produce, handcrafted goods, homemade treats, and unique artisan creations. Whether you're shopping for farm-fresh ingredients and one-of-a-kind gifts, or just soaking up the lively atmosphere, there's something for everyone. Downtown Stephenville Plaza, West Washington and South Belknap streets. 254-552-1222; facebook.com/mainstreetstephenville **\$**

STEPHENVILLE: Through Dec. 6 Cars and Coffee at the Courthouse This is an early Saturday morning get-together for auto enthusiasts without the pressure of an organized car show. Meet 7 to 10 a.m., and it's come and go as you please. Erath County Courthouse, 100 W. Washington St. 254-552-1223; facebook.com/groups/ 1713112612291147

TEMPLE: June 7-Sept. 13 First Fleet: NASA's Space Program 1981-1986 See a

photographic journey by John A. Chakeres, who captured NASA's early space shuttle missions. From Columbia's 1981 launch to Challenger's 1986 tragedy, his 56 color photographs showcase the four operational shuttles—Columbia, Challenger, Discovery, and Atlantis—through breathtaking portraits and launch sequences. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templerrhm.org*

TEMPLE: Aug. 1 First Friday: Summer

Sizzle On the first Friday of every month, downtown Temple transforms into a giant party. Enjoy live music and performances, great drinks, delicious food, and afterhours shopping. *Downtown, Main Street.* 254-298-5949; downtowntemple.com

TEMPLE: Aug. 2 Be Wild Family Day Learn about Texas wildlife like armadillos, opossums, and the Texas Longhorn. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templerrhm.org*

WACO: Aug. 2-3 Ink'd Fest Meet and get tattooed by artists from across the nation. Explore a marketplace of vendors offering everything from jewelry and tattoo lifestyle apparel to one-of-a-kind collectibles. The main stage features live tattoo contests, performances, and other entertainment for all ages. *Waco Convention Center,* 100 Washington Ave. 254-750-5810; worldtattooevents.com/inkd-fest-2025

WASHINGTON: Aug. 2-3 Hard Work and Hydration Summer marks the busiest time for field crop work as well as the highest temperatures. Enter the fields for hands-on opportunities working with the crops, then cool off at the house and try a sample of switchel—a historical, thirst-quenching drink similar in purpose to sports drinks today. Barrington Plantation State Historic Site, 23400 Park Road 12. 936-878-2214; wheretexasbecametexas.org

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

SAN ANTONIO: June 6-Aug. 2 Fiesta

Noche del Rio Spanish for "Party Night on the River," the oldest outdoor dance performance of its kind in the United States is a musical variety show of authentic Mexican, Spanish, and Texas songs and dances performed by local professionals. San Antonio's annual iconic cultural performance, full of costumed dancers, brings to life the deep roots that make the Alamo City a special place. Located in La Villita, the Little Spanish Village of the city. Arneson River Theatre, 418 Villita St. 210-226-4651; fiestanochesa.com



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