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Wildlife Weekend

Jan. 30-Feb. 1

Alpine

In Far West Texas, the Chihuahuan Desert is home to a vast array of wildlife, including black bears, javelinas, pronghorns, and other species built to handle this rugged landscape. A multitude of research and conservation projects about these animals are underway, and the annual Wildlife Weekend in Alpine, a partnership between Visit Alpine Texas and the Borderlands Research Institute, highlights these projects and findings.

“The idea is to spotlight wildlife in the Chihuahuan Desert, as these tiny, isolated

towns here are very close to the landscape,” says Chris Ruggia, the director of tourism for the city of Alpine. “Fauna is a huge part of our natural history here, so we want to celebrate these species and make available to the public what we’re learning about them and who is conducting these studies.”

It all started three years ago with a screening of filmmaker Ben Masters’ documentary *Deep in the Heart: A Texas Wildlife Story*, alongside a panel discussion about Chihuahuan Desert wildlife, specifically black bears. The following year, Wildlife Weekend included talks on black bears, bats, and the area’s bighorn sheep—all three of which were subjects of research projects happening in the region—plus short film screenings related to these animals. This year’s theme? Owls in the Davis Mountains.

This year’s event kicks off with an evening reception where guests can meet conservation partners working to protect Texas wildlife, a preview of Texas Parks and Wildlife’s owl documentary by Bryce Spangler, a guided hike on Hancock Hill to see mammals and their habitats, and a bird walk at Kokernot Park.

Other activities during the weekend include five-minute cartoon animal drawing sessions at Front Street Books created by Ruggia, a 2024 Big Bend National Park Artist in Residence; a wildlife scavenger hunt at the Alpine Visitor Center; a lunch-and-learn event at Granada Theatre featuring ongoing projects at Borderlands Research Institute; keynote presentations; panel discussions about owl research and other wildlife; a botanical garden guided tour at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center; and a nature photography workshop. visitalpinetx.com/wildlife

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

DECEMBER



1st-27th

COLUMBUS: Santa Claus Museum The only Santa Claus Museum in the South reopens for the season. See multiple collections featuring nearly 5,000 Santa figurines, music boxes, dolls, dishes, ornaments, artworks, needleworks, and photos from all over the world. The museum is open Fridays and Saturdays all month. **979-732-8385; santamuseum.org**

6th

MARATHON: Fiesta de Noche Buena The whole town gets in the holiday spirit at this annual festival that features a cookoff, hayrides, a lighted parade, live music including a mariachi band, folklórico performances, local vendors, Santa Claus, and small town charm. **228-860-5721; marathontexas.com**

13th

BRONTE: Christmas in Olde Bronte Celebrate the holidays with a Christmas parade and tree lighting ceremony, caroling, a reading from Mrs. Claus, a gingerbread house competition, downtown shopping, street vendors, food trucks, and a free antique car show. **facebook.com/christmasinoldebronte**

13th

PORT ARANSAS: Lighted Boat Parade and Holiday Drone Show Decorated boats are on parade in the City Marina, followed by the Holiday Drone Show. Watch the night sky light up with over 150 drones. Spectators are encouraged to watch from Port Aransas Fisherman's Wharf and Grumbles. **361-749-5919; portaransas.org**

20th

GOLIAD: 190th Anniversary of the Goliad Declaration of Independence See a recreation of the signing of the first Texas Declaration of Independence at Presidio La Bahia State Historic Site, 190 years ago to the day on the same spot where the original signing occurred. **361-645-3752; thc.texas.gov/events/190th-anniversary-goliad-declaration-independence**

26th

FREDERICKSBURG: Zweite Weihnachten The annual German tradition of Second Christmas includes food, drink, music, traditional baked stollen and warm glühwein, and the singing of carols in both German and English. **830-997-6523; visitfredericksburgtx.com**

JANUARY



3rd-31st

PALESTINE: Faire of Champions This winter fantasy fair, where Renaissance meets comic-con, is set on a sprawling 107-acre property. Witness thrilling combat, explore a marketplace filled with hand-crafted goods, delicious food, and unique trinkets, and enjoy performances by musicians, dancers, and actors. **800-659-3484; faireofchampions.com**

8th-10th

BANDERA: Bandera County Junior Livestock Show The livestock show provides 4-H and FFA youth opportunities to pursue their agricultural, leadership, and higher education goals. An auction is held on Jan. 11. **bandera.agrilife.org/bcjls-livestock-show**

10th

MONAHANS: Monahans Sandhills Resolution Run Come out to Monahans Sandhills State Park for the 17th annual morning run, which includes a 5K, a 10K, and a health walk. Children 12 and under are welcome to participate, too. **432-943-2187; active.com/orgs/monahans-chamber-of-commerce**

17th

MCALLEN: Marathon At least 12,000 runners and spectators from across the Rio Grande Valley, United States, and Mexico come to this Boston Marathon-qualifying race. Categories include the full marathon, a half-marathon, a six-person relay, and a Kids Final Mile. **956-681-3320; mcallenmarathon.com**

19th

HOUSTON: MLK Unity Parade For the first time in over 30 years, Houston's two major Martin Luther King Jr. Day parades unite to present a powerful message of peace, purpose, and progress. This year's parade is expected to include more than 300 culturally diverse performance groups. **713-560-8328; mlkgrandeparade.org**

22nd-25th

PARIS: Tower City Comedy Festival More than 100 comics, podcasters, and other laugh makers perform over three days. Audiences can expect at least 15 shows. There are also the Hysterical Tours, where comics lead tour groups to actual points of historical interests. **903-785-5233; towercitycomedyfestival.com**

For more fun things to do this winter, visit texashighways.com.

FEBRUARY



4th-7th

LAREDO: Birding Festival

Offering full-day, scenic trips for birders led by professional field guides, the event gives birders the opportunity to deepen their avian knowledge of South Texas and explore areas along Laredo's riverfront, creek systems, nature trails, and private ranchland. **956-964-4102**; laredobirdingfestival.org

7th

LLANO: Rainbow Trout

Release Party Head to Grenwolge Park for a trout release party. Along with the release of 2,000 rainbow trout into the Llano River, the event features a fly-casting demonstration, conventional tackle and bait usage, a Q&A session, hot dogs, and fun for the whole family. **325-247-5354**; llanochamber.org

12th-15th

BEAUMONT: Mardi Gras

Southeast Texas Let the good times roll, y'all. Experience the ultimate celebration of community and culture with parades, concerts, arts and crafts, food vendors, a carnival, and street entertainment. **409-721-8717**; mardigrastx.com

19th-21st

ALPINE: Lone Star Cowboy

Poetry Gathering Poets, musicians, songwriters, and wordsmiths come together to celebrate the oral traditions of the working cowboy. There's a range of both free and ticketed performances. **432-216-2167**; lonestarcowboypoetry.com

19th-22nd

PORT ARANSAS: Whooping

Crane Festival Each year, the festival celebrates the annual return of the cranes to their wintering habitat at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge. Enjoy world-renowned speakers, birding trips, nature tours, and photography workshops. portaransas.org/whooping-crane-festival

27th-28th

WASHINGTON: Texas Independence Day Celebration

The place where Texas became Texas, Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site, has reopened with a state-of-the-art history museum, visitor center, and new Washington Townsite. This event offers food and drink, entertainment, cultural organizations, and craft vendors. **936-878-2214**; wheretexasbecametexas.org

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Dec. 1

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(June, July, Aug.):

March 1

FALL

(Sept., Oct., Nov.):

June 1

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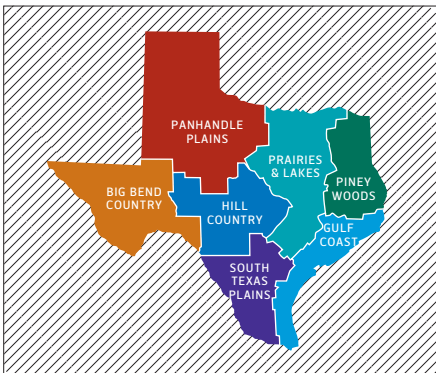
(Dec., Jan., Feb.):

Sept. 1

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DECEMBER



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BIG BEND COUNTRY

DEL RIO: Dec. 6 Wild Game Dinner and Gun Raffle Enjoy a wild game dinner and gun raffle. There are also vendors on-site. *Del Rio Civic Center, 1915 Veterans Blvd. 830-775-3551; drchamber.com ♿*

EL PASO: Through Dec. 31 Tom Lea and Contemporaries This exhibit features landscapes, portraits, and mural studies that highlight the correspondence between the Southwestern artist and others to tell the story of a creative community that made El Paso a center for rich cultural exchange. *El Paso Museum of Art, 1 Arts Festival Plaza. 915-533-0048; tomlea.com ♿*

EL PASO: Dec. 11 Los Murales de Segundo Barrio Jesus “Cimi” Alvarado, a native muralist from El Paso, takes attendees on an exclusive guided tour of El Segundo Barrio, the first home for thousands of families in El Paso starting in the 1880s. Emblematic of Mexican and Chicano culture, the murals teach visitors about the renaissance of the Mexican mural tradition. Understand the

themes, artists, and symbolism present in the murals of the historic neighborhood. *Father Rahm Mural, 111 W. Father Rahm Ave. 915-533-0048; tomlea.com ♿*

MARATHON: Dec. 6 Fiesta de Noche

Buena Join the fun at this annual festival that features food, hayrides, a light parade, live music including a mariachi band, folklorico performances, local vendors, and even Santa. *Main Street, US 90. 228-860-5721; marathontexas.com*

MONAHANS: Dec. 5-6 Christmas in the Dunes

Kick off the holiday season in the heart of the West Texas sandhills. This celebration offers a variety of family activities including a themed Christmas parade, an ice skating rink, live stage performances, vendors, a balloon artist, and the chance to meet Santa Claus and the Grinch. *Ward County Event Center, 1525 E. Monahans Parkway. 432-283-2682; facebook.com/monahanschamber ♿*

ODESSA: Dec. 6-March 15 1968: A Folsom

Redemption Celebrating the 50th anniversary of a landmark event, this exhibition presents a collection of photographs and memories captured by two fortunate journalists who bore witness to the historic Johnny Cash concerts at Folsom Prison. *Ellen Noël Art Museum, 4919 E. University Blvd. 432-550-9696; noelartmuseum.org*

ODESSA: Dec. 6-March 22 Halston: In-

venting American Fashion This exhibition celebrates the groundbreaking legacy of Roy Halston Frowick, the designer who revolutionized American fashion in the 1970s with his sleek, minimalist style. Curated by his niece and biographer Lesley Frowick, *Halston: Inventing American Fashion* offers a personal and intimate look at the man behind the legend, showcasing rare garments, photographs, and archival materials. *Ellen Noël Art Museum, 4919 E. University Blvd. 432-550-9696; noelartmuseum.org*

VAN HORN: Nov. 27-Dec. 15 Trans-Pecos

Big Buck Tournament Participate in a hunting tournament with animals qualifying from the Trans-Pecos region. *El Mercado, 604 W. Broadway. 432-943-2187; vanhorn texas.org ♿*

VAN HORN: Dec. 6 Holly Days An annual Christmas tradition since 1994, Holly Days includes a fair and parade. Shop for gifts, bring the family for holiday-themed activi-

ties, and admire festive floats adorned in lights to celebrate the holiday season. *Van Horn Convention Center, 1801 W. Broadway St. 432-283-2682; vanhorn texas.org ♿*

GULF COAST

ARANSAS PASS: Dec. 4 Illuminated Salt-water Christmas Parade

See lit-up floats, vehicles, ATVs, bicycles, and walking groups in this beach parade. Christmas activities include pictures with Santa, and a bike giveaway happens after the parade. *Downtown, 203-360 S. Commercial St. 361-758-2750; aransaspass.org ♿*

BEAUMONT: Dec. 6-7 McFaddin-Ward House Museum Holiday Open House

Weekend Guests enjoy festive refreshments, live music, carolers, and Santa’s Craft Workshop with kids activities before making their way across the street to see the historical house shining with lights. Before leaving, take a photo with Santa on the front porch. *McFaddin-Ward House Museum, 1906 Calder Ave. 409-832-2134; mcfaddin-ward.org/events*

CLUTE: Dec. 2-Feb. 28 Planetarium

Show A 30-foot dome equipped with a Spitz Star Ball projector produces the night sky as it appears to the naked eye. With a variety of high-tech equipment, the show gives a close-up feel for things like comets, exploding stars, and black holes. *Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.com ♿*

CLUTE: Dec. 5-7, 12-14 A Very Holly

Moosemas Brazosport Center Stages presents this comedy by Jean Ciampi about an Atlanta woman convinced she can transform a movie set into a wooded, mountain Christmas masterpiece. The show’s message is that joy is not where you find it, but where you create it. *Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.com ♿*

CLUTE: Dec. 5 Christmas in the Park

Celebrate the season with two days of Christmas activities and fun, a lighted Christmas trail, and seasonal photo ops. *Clute Municipal Park, 100 Parkview Drive. 979-265-8392; clutetexas.gov ♿*

CORPUS CHRISTI: Nov. 21-Dec. 21 A

Christmas Carol Ebenezer Scrooge is a prosperous curmudgeon who believes that personal wealth is more valuable than the

happiness of others. He's forced to face his selfish ways when three ghosts on Christmas Eve lead him through his Past, Present, and Future. Thanks to their guidance, Scrooge recognizes his faults and greets Christmas morning with cheer. *Harbor Playhouse, 1802 N. Chaparral St. 361-882-5500; harborplayhouse.com*

CORPUS CHRISTI: Dec. 27-28 Marathon Join in a running experience along the sparkling Texas coast. The Corpus Christi marathon, half-marathon, and 5K run offer something for everyone, all set against one of the most scenic backdrops in Texas. *Downtown, 1950 N. Shoreline Blvd. 361-561-2000; v-f-productions.raceentry.com/corpus-christi-marathon/race-information*

EL CAMPO: Dec. 2 Shop Hop Kick off the holiday season with a festive shopping adventure through El Campo. Stroll downtown and beyond, discovering unique boutiques, specialty shops, and local treasures. Enjoy exclusive deals, holiday cheer, and a fun way to shop small while supporting local businesses. *Various locations. 979-543-2713; elcampochamber.com*

EL CAMPO: Dec. 4 Christmas Parade This beloved holiday tradition lights up the streets with dazzling floats, marching bands, festive music, and, of course, a special appearance by Santa Claus. *301 E. Monseratte St., Suite B. 979-543-2813; elcampochamber.com*

EL CAMPO: Dec. 6-7 Christmas Mall Dozens of vendors come together under one roof for a weekend of festive fun. Browse handmade crafts, unique gifts, and seasonal treats, all while supporting local artisans and small businesses. *El Campo Civic Center, 2350 N. Mechanic St. 979-543-2713; elcampochamber.com*

FREEPORT: Dec. 11 Holiday on the Brazos Enjoy holiday festivities on the banks of the Old Brazos River. A special appearance from Santa Claus along with a lighted boat parade fills the place with Christmas spirit. *Freeport Municipal Park, 421 N. Brazosport Blvd. 979-233-6061; freeport.tx.us*

FULTON: Dec. 11 Christmas in Fulton Food, entertainment, and a special appearance by Santa ring in Christmastime in Fulton. *Fulton Harbor Park, 402 Fulton Beach Road. 361-729-5533; fultontexas.org*

GALVESTON: Nov. 22-Jan. 3 Holiday in the Gardens Each year, Moody Gardens brings the holidays to life with experiences that delight all ages. Explore dazzling light displays, wander themed attractions, and embrace the spirit of the season in a setting that blends Gulf Coast charm with fes-

sive wonder. *Moody Gardens, 1 Hope Blvd. 409-744-4673; moodygardens.com*

GALVESTON: Dec. 5-7 Dickens on the Strand Every December, downtown Galveston transforms into a 19th-century winter wonder island. Strolling carolers, lively entertainers, parades, and holiday markets fill the historical Strand District, creating a magical celebration for all ages. Dickens on the Strand brings the island's history, culture, and Christmas spirit together for an unforgettable seasonal tradition. *The Strand, 25th to 20th streets. 409-765-7834; galvestonhistory.org*

GALVESTON: Dec. 13 ArtWalk Once a month, ArtWalk celebrates local artists by transforming the historical Strand district into a lively hub for galleries, boutiques, and pop-up exhibits. 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*

HOUSTON: Through Jan. 11 Winter Wonderlawn Celebrate the holidays at Winter Wonderlawn, where the five-acre rooftop SkyLawn is decked out with thousands of illuminated holiday lights and festive décor, including a 25-foot Christmas tree and multiple holiday-themed activations, all with the downtown Houston skyline as the backdrop. *POST Houston, 401 Franklin St. 713-999-2550; posthtx.com*

HOUSTON: Through March 1 Robert Rauschenberg: Fabric Works of the 1970s On the occasion of the 100th birthday of American artist and native Texan Robert Rauschenberg (1925-2008), the Menil Collection presents an exhibition that looks at the artist's expressive and conceptual use of fabric as a sculptural medium. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org*

HOUSTON: Dec. 6 Mikuláš Holiday Market Browse artisanal items from the Czech Republic and beyond. Warm up with festive beverages and indulge in Czech treats such as kolaches, strudels, poppy seed rolls, and jams. Mikuláš is the Czech name for Saint Nicholas, who brings gifts to good children. He is accompanied by an angel (anděl) who helps good children and a devil (čert) who punishes the bad ones. *Czech Center Museum Houston, 4920 San Jacinto St. 713-528-2060; czechcenter.org*

HOUSTON: Dec. 6 Run for the House: Ronald McDonald House Charities Greater Houston 5K and Kids 1K The mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities



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Asia Times Square
Feb. 6-8, 13-16 & 21-22

Tianyu Lights Festival

Texas Trust CU Theatre
Nov. 7 - Jan. 18



PLAN YOUR VISIT!

Greater Houston is to offer a home away from home, providing care, compassion, and hope to families with seriously ill children being treated in Texas Medical Center member institutions. The 5K and Kids 1K benefit the charity. *Sam Houston Park, 1000 Bagby St. 713-344-3451; runsignup.com/race/tx/houston/runforthehouse5k*

HOUSTON: Dec. 9-24 Irving Berlin's White Christmas Inspired by the iconic 1954 film, this dazzling Broadway musical is packed with showstopping numbers, heartwarming romance, and timeless holiday cheer. Join Bob and Phil, two charismatic army buddies turned song-and-dance sensations, as they team up with a pair of talented sisters to save a snow-dusted Vermont inn—and find love along the way. *Theatre Under the Stars, 800 Bagby St. 713-558-8887; tuts.org*

HOUSTON: Dec. 12-May 31 Photography from the Menil Collection: Curated by Wendy Watriss This presentation of documentary-style photographs from the Menil's permanent collection underscores how images can ignite conversation about diverse social realities. The exhibition features work by Larry Burrows, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Bruce Davidson, Danny Lyon, Charles Moore, and other significant practitioners in the 20th century who explored varied approaches to capturing everyday moments. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* 📍

HOUSTON: Dec. 13 Carols on the Green with Houston Grand Opera Gather with fellow Houstonians for an evening of opera, holiday hits, and mariachis. *Discovery Green, 1500 McKinney St. 713-400-7336; discoverygreen.com* 📍

HOUSTON: Dec. 16 Canadian Brass in Concert With their signature humor, these maestros of brass make the season bright with holiday hits. *Stude Concert Hall, Brockman Music and Performing Arts Center, Rice University, 6100 Main St. 713-348-5400; chambermusicshouston.org* 📍

KATY: Nov. 21-Dec. 28 Classic Christmas Katy Mills is transformed into an Alpine adventure wonderland, with 90,000 square feet of dazzling lights, real outdoor ice skating, the enhanced Slip N Slide Summit with black diamond lanes, live holiday programming, and trailside treats including Coca-Cola products and hot cocoa. *Katy Mills, 5000 Katy Mills Circle. classicchristmas.com* 📍

LA PORTE: Dec. 5 Christmas on Main Experience the magic of a hometown Christmas at this annual event, where you can ride a giant ice slide and meet enchanting

live reindeer. This beloved celebration also features a tree lighting ceremony, a holiday market, and photo opportunities with Santa. *Main Street, 100 S. Broadway. 281-470-5017; visitlaportetx.com* 📍

LA PORTE: Dec. 6 Main Street Trade Days Main Street Trade Days is held on the first Saturday of every month. This outdoor market features a wide array of vendors selling antiques, collectibles, repurposed furniture, and handcrafted goods. *Main Street, 100 S. Broadway St. 281-470-5017; visitlaportetx.com* 📍



PLANNING A TRIP?

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LAKE JACKSON: Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7 Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tour Visit the historical archeological site of Maj. Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the site was destroyed by the same hurricane that devastated Galveston in 1900. Learn about the sugar-making process of the 1840s and how convict labor replaced slave labor during the 1870s. *Abner Jackson Plantation Site, FM 2004 near SH 332. 979-297-1570; ljhistory.org*

LAKE JACKSON: Dec. 12 Kansas in Concert One of America's iconic classic rock bands blends the styles of progressive rock with classical elements, resulting in hits "Carry On Wayward Son" and "Dust in the Wind." *The Clarion at Brazosport College, 500 College Drive. 979-230-3658; brazosport.edu/clarion* 📍

LAKE JACKSON: Dec. 13 Christmas with the Fishes "Sandy Claws" dives with the Sea Center Texas fishes to find out their Christmas wishes and to make sure the aquarium gets a good cleaning in preparation for Santa's Christmas visit. Children can drop off their letters to Santa, and Sandy Claws ensures they get delivered to the North Pole. *Sea Center Texas, 302 Medical Drive. 979-292-0100; tpwd.state.tx.us/seacenter* 📍

LAKE JACKSON: Dec. 14 Handel's Messiah The Brazosport Symphony Orchestra presents Handel's *Messiah*, the English-language oratorio he composed in 1741 that became a holiday favorite. *The Clarion at*

Brazosport College, 500 College Drive. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.com 📍

LAKE JACKSON: Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21 Bird Banding Watch volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station provides a great opportunity to see birds up close and to learn about the birds of the Brazosport area. *Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 SH 332 West. 979-480-0999; gcho.org* 📍

ORANGE: Dec. 2-3 A Very Electric Christmas Follow the story of a young bird named Max and his family as they begin their journey south for the winter. When Max gets blown off course and ends up at the North Pole, his adventure begins. Dancing toy soldiers, caroling worms, and performing poinsettias light up the stage. *Lutcher Theater, 707 Main Ave. 409-886-5535; lutcher.org* 📍

PORT ARANSAS: Dec. 1-Jan. 4 Sand Santa Take your family holiday photo at the Sand Santa display. This giant sand sculpture is created by world-class sand sculptors and remains on display for the holiday season. *Roberts Point Park Pavilion, 301 JC Barr Blvd. 361-749-5919; portaransas.org* 📍

PORT ARANSAS: Dec. 7-Jan. 4 Drive-Thru Holiday Light Display Port Aransas Parks and Recreation Department invites individuals, families, businesses, and organizations to help light up the park by painting 4-foot wooden holiday tree cutouts. The decorated trees are featured in this drive-thru light experience for all to enjoy. *Roberts Point Park Pavilion, 301 JC Barr Blvd. 361-749-4158; portaransas.org* 📍

PORT ARANSAS: Dec. 7 Santa in the Park and City Tree Lighting The evening begins with the official lighting of the community Christmas tree, a dazzling display that sets the stage for an evening filled with joy and holiday spirit. Following the tree lighting, enjoy a variety of activities, entertainment, and seasonal fun including meeting and having photos taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus. *Roberts Point Park Pavilion, 301 JC Barr Blvd. 361-749-4158; portaransas.org*

PORT ARANSAS: Dec. 13 Lighted Boat Parade and Holiday Drone Show Decorated boats are on parade in the City Marina, followed by the Holiday Drone Show. Watch the night sky light up with over 150 drones. Spectators are encouraged to watch from Port Aransas Fisherman's Wharf and Grumbles, where there's live holiday music, photo ops with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and holiday beverages. *Port Aransas Fisherman's Wharf, 900 Tarpon St. 361-749-5919; portaransas.org*

PORT ARANSAS: Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Fireworks The night sky lights up with brilliant colors as Port Aransas celebrates New Year's Eve with a big fireworks show. *Roberts Point Park Pavilion, 301 JC Barr Blvd. 361-749-4111; portaransas.org*

PORT ARTHUR: Dec. 6 Holiday Parade Get in the holiday spirit in the Cajun Capital of Texas with a downtown lighted parade that showcases the diverse cultures of the city. *Downtown, Procter Street. 409-985-7822; visitportarthurtx.com*

PORT LAVACA: Nov. 28-Dec. 28 Nativity Exhibit The sixth annual exhibit showcases a collection of over 800 Nativity scenes that come from all over the world and are made from a vast array of materials including plates, puzzles, artwork, ornaments, planters, and quilts. *Red Barn, 3187 SH 35. 361-935-8032; facebook.com/p/annual-nativity-exhibit-100086458226649*

RICHMOND: Dec. 5 Richmond's Farmers Market The market, held on the first Friday of the month from February through December (skipping July), flourishes under the canopy of old oaks and features 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; richmondtxfarmersmarket.com*

RICHMOND: Dec. 6 Miracle on Morton Street The Historic Richmond Association's cherished holiday tradition is where the spirit of the season and the warmth of community converge in a joyous celebration bringing Santa, gift shopping, and musical celebrations. *Downtown, 402 Morton St. 832-449-2793; historicrichmondtx.org/miracle-on-morton*

ROCKPORT: Dec. 5-6 Tropical Christmas Kick off the holiday season with an illuminated night parade, tree lighting, and fireworks at Rockport Beach Park Road on Saturday, followed by vendors, entertainment, ornament making, and pictures with Santa on the Festival Grounds at Rockport Harbor on Sunday. *Festival Grounds at Rockport Harbor, 1500 E. Laurel St. 361-557-7581; rockporttx.gov/844/rockport-tropical-christmas-festival*

ROCKPORT: Dec. 8-Jan. 5 Christmas on the Beach This annual drive-thru light display is a celebration of the season for all to enjoy. More than 13 local organizations create displays for visitors, guests, and residents of Aransas County to enjoy from the comfort of their own vehicles. The public is invited to stop by the Welcome Station at the Salt Water Pavilion on the way to the Christmas

Tree Circle. *Rockport Beach, 100 Seabreeze Drive. 361-729-5533; cotbrockport.com*

ROCKPORT: Dec. 11 A Victorian Christmas at the Fulton Mansion Experience the traditions of a 19th-century holiday celebration at one of Rockport's treasured historical homes. Gather for Santa's reading of *The Night Before Christmas* on the porch, enjoy traditional wassail, and stroll the gardens filled with festive music and caroling. Make Victorian-inspired crafts and share a magical moment with Santa himself. *Fulton Mansion, 317 S. Fulton Beach Road. 361-729-0386; thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/fulton-mansion*

ROCKPORT: Dec. 11 Christmas in Fulton This event features entertainment from Onre the Elf and the Fulton Learning Center Choir, a special appearance by Santa, prize drawings, Christmas cookies, popcorn, and hot cocoa. *Fulton Harbor Park, 402 Fulton Beach Road. 361-729-5533; fultontexas.org*

ROCKPORT: Dec. 12 Axiom Quartet Christmas Special From Monteverdi to Michael Jackson, the Axiom Quartet is a dynamic professional string quartet known for presenting programs mixing classical string quartet repertoire, transcriptions, contemporary compositions, popular rock, electronic, indie, jazz, and pop genres in a single concert experience. *Rockport Conference Center, 106 S. Austin St. 361-729-5519; rockportartcenter.com*

ROCKPORT: Dec. 15 Christmas Lighted Boat Parade The Rockport Yacht Club organizes the annual lighted Christmas Boat Parade that starts at sundown at the entrance to Rockport Harbor. *320 Veterans Memorial Drive. rockportyachtclub.org*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Dec. 4 Tree Lighting Ceremony Gather with friends and loved ones to watch a tree lighting ceremony and soak in the holiday spirit. *SPI Multi-Modal, 321 Padre Blvd. 956-761-6433; visitsouthpadreisland.com*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Dec. 5 Christmas Street Parade Celebrate the magic of the holidays along Padre Boulevard as vibrant, beautifully decorated floats and joyful groups fill the streets with music, lights, and holiday spirit. *South Padre Island Boulevard, 3400 Padre Blvd. 956-761-6433; visitsouthpadreisland.com*

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Dec. 6 Lighted Boat Parade Watch as boats of all sizes cruise by, all decorated in their holiday best. Designated areas throughout the route offer free public viewing. See the bay sparkle with the lights of these festive boats. *South Padre Island Entertainment*



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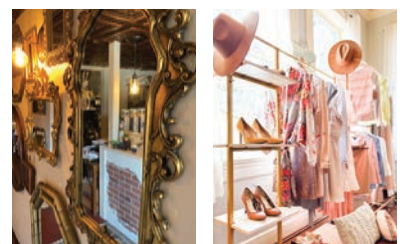


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SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Dec. 7 Breakfast with Santa Start the holiday season with a magical morning with Santa. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, festive activities, and the chance to meet Santa. *South Padre Island Convention Center, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-6433; visitsouthpadreisland.com* 📍

SPRING: Dec. 9 Houston Brass Quintet in Concert Houston Brass Quintet presents *Holiday Brass*, a holiday concert featuring festive seasonal music plus audience sing-alongs. The quintet is composed of trumpeters Sarah Perkins and Russell Haehl, trombonist Ryan Rongone, hornist Mary Gold, and tubist Allyn Lindsey. *The Centrum, 6823 Cypresswood Drive. 281-440-4852; cypresscreekface.org* 📍

SPRING: Dec. 13 The Toys Take Over Christmas When forgotten toys come to life, they teach everyone the true meaning of giving. This festive favorite brings holiday joy with song, dance, and a little toy magic. *Mangum-Howell Community Center, 2500 Frick Road (inside Doss Park). 281-440-4850; cypresscreekface.org* 📍

SPRING: Dec. 31 Commotion: A Tribute to the Music of Creedence Clearwater Revival The set list runs through Creedence Clearwater Revival's greatest hits—from the swampy grooves of "Green River" to the poignant balladry of "Have You Ever Seen the Rain" and the foot-stomping frenzy of "Bad Moon Rising." *The Centrum, 6823 Cypresswood Drive. 281-440-4851; cypresscreekface.org*

SURFSIDE BEACH: Dec. 13 Island of Nighttime Kites Enjoy the lit-up kites of the Surfside Flyers Kite Club. This event provides fun for all ages. *Stahlman Park, 2211 Bluewater Highway. 979-233-1531; surfsidetx.org* 📍

SURFSIDE BEACH: Dec. 20 Surfing Santas A holiday tradition in Surfside Beach, Surfing Santas features surfers dressed up in Saint Nick costumes catching waves and hanging ten. *Surfside Beach Pedestrian Beach. 979-233-1531; surfsidetx.org* 📍

TOMBALL: Dec. 6 Deck the Depot Tree Lighting Join Santa and his crew for a festive day full of holiday cheer. Savor free hot chocolate and delicious treats and be merry with seasonal tunes and local performances. In the evening, gather around as the mayor lights up the Christmas tree, officially kicking off the holiday season in Tomball. *Tomball Depot Plaza, 201 S. Elm St. 281-290-1035; tomballtx.gov* 📍

VICTORIA: Dec. 4 Holiday Artisan Market This annual holiday shopping event features handcrafted goods from regional artisans, including jewelry, ceramics, woodwork, knives, and glass pieces, as well as soaps, candles, and preserves. *Museum of the Coastal Bend, 2200 E. Red River St. 361-582-2511; museumofthecoastalbend.org* 📍

VICTORIA: Dec. 6 Lighted Christmas Parade Downtown Victoria comes alive with Christmas cheer as more than 100 parade floats and vehicles decked out in their holiday best cruise through downtown. *Downtown, 101 N. Main St. 361-485-3200; discovervictoriatexas.com* 📍

VICTORIA: Dec. 11-14 The Nutcracker Victoria Ballet Theatre presents the ballet about a girl who journeys through a dream sequence of mystical scenery, enchanting music, and dance. This timeless holiday tradition features one of Tchaikovsky's most enduring scores for the ballet. *Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts, 214 N. Main St. 361-575-2313; victoriaballet.org* 📍

VICTORIA: Dec. 13 Merry on Main Kick off the holiday season in downtown Victoria at Merry on Main. Festivities include a lighting ceremony for a 30-foot animated Christmas tree, inflatables, shopping, photos with Santa, cookies and hot cocoa, and kids activities. *De Leon Plaza, 101 N. Main St. 361-485-3200; merryonmainvtx.org* 📍

HILL COUNTRY

AUSTIN: Dec. 5-23 The Nutcracker Ballet Austin presents this beloved holiday tradition with the 62nd annual performance of *The Nutcracker*. Hundreds of dancers perform Stephen Mills' choreography to Pyotr Tchaikovsky's magical score with live accompaniment from Austin Symphony Orchestra. *Long Center for the Performing Arts, 701 W. Riverside Drive. balletaustin.org/performances/the-nutcracker* 📍

AUSTIN: Dec. 6 Downtown Holiday Stroll The Stroll returns this December with free, family-friendly activities to celebrate the season. Visit downtown Austin for holiday festivities like the holiday shopping passport, pop-ups, appearances by Mr. and Mrs. Claus, holiday window and light displays, and the signature 45-foot downtown tree. *Downtown, Congress Avenue. downtownaustin.com/holiday-stroll* 📍

AUSTIN: Dec. 6 German-Texan Heritage Society Christmas Market The German-Texan Heritage Society's annual market offers shoppers handmade and imported crafts, decorations, and ornaments. Browse the market, listen to traditional German Christmas music, and take home

Christmas stollen made by the New World Bakery and German cookies from Silke's German Gourmet Cookies. *German Free School of Austin, 507 E. 10th St. german-texans.org/christmas-market* 📍

AUSTIN: Dec. 6 Trail of Lights Fun Run Run, jog, or stroll through an untimed, 2-mile course, commencing at the renowned Zilker holiday tree and weaving through the Austin Trail of Lights. *Zilker Park, 2100 Barton Springs Road. austintrailoflights.org/2025-fun-run* 📍

AUSTIN: Dec. 10-23 Trail of Lights As the most cherished and longest-running holiday tradition in Texas' capital city, the Austin Trail of Lights attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors from Central Texas and around the globe each year. The Trail now features more than 2 million lights illuminating the park, 90 lighted holiday trees, and more than 70 other holiday displays and lighted tunnels. *Zilker Park, 2100 Barton Springs Road. austintrailoflights.org* 📍

AUSTIN: Dec. 13-31 Armadillo Christmas Bazaar For 50 seasons, the Armadillo Christmas Bazaar has been a fine art shopping destination featuring national and local award-winning artists alongside live music in a festive, lively atmosphere. This year, Armadillo Bazaar Outside offers a festive, family-friendly fine-art scene with a selection of curated artists and their works, plus live local music, surrounded by the sights of the city. *Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road. armadillobazaar.com* 📍

AUSTIN: Dec. 13 Holiday Hootenanny Holiday Hootenanny includes music from Shannon and the Clams, Tune-Yards, Rubblebucket, and Improvement Movement. Shop the vendor market and explore the holiday happenings at Radio/East. *Radio/East, 3504 Montopolis Drive. eventvesta.com/events/114968/t/tickets* 📍

AUSTIN: Dec. 16 A Live Conversation with Chevy Chase Celebrate the classic holiday movie *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* with a special screening of the film followed by a live conversation and Q&A with Chevy Chase and his wife, Jayni. Chevy and Jayni share their behind-the-scenes stories and personal anecdotes about the making of this beloved movie that has become a Christmas tradition. *Bass Concert Hall, Texas Performing Arts, 2350 Robert Dedman Drive. 512-471-1122; texasperformingarts.org* 📍

AUSTIN: Dec. 30 Mannheim Steamroller Christmas A favorite holiday tradition for 40 years, Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis features Christmas

classics in the distinctive Mannheim sound. The program includes 15 musicians playing more than 20 instruments against a backdrop of dazzling multimedia effects, capturing the spirit of the season in an immersive yet intimate setting. *Long Center, 701 W. Riverside Drive. 512-474-5664; thelongcenter.org* 📍

AUSTIN: Dec. 31 Austin's New Year Welcome the new year at Auditorium Shores with a night of family-friendly entertainment, food trucks and beverage vendors, and a midnight fireworks show. *Auditorium Shores, 800 W. Riverside Drive. austintexas.gov/department/austins-new-year* 📍

BANDERA: Dec. 6-27 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: Dec. 6-28 Christmas Light Viewing Carriage Ride Enjoy a carriage ride through Bandera City Park and see the brilliant colors of the holiday lights. Rides are available every Saturday and Sunday

night. The starting point is at the front of Trail Boss Steak and Grill. *313 11th St. 830-688-3063; wagonridesofbandera.com* 📍

BANDERA: Dec. 6-27 Cowboys on Main This month, enjoy free cowboy fun every Saturday on Main Street. Activities can include chuckwagon storyteller, horse-drawn wagon tours of the town, and live Western music. *500 Main St. 210-632-4535; banderabusiness.com* 📍

BANDERA: Dec. 6 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. *Main Street, 500 Main St. 210-632-4535; banderabusiness.com* 📍

BANDERA: Dec. 7, 14, 21 Horse Drawn Wagon Rides with Santa Wagon Rides of Bandera give evening carriage rides with Santa around the Bandera County Courthouse on Main Street. *500 Main St. 830-688-3063; wagonridesofbandera.com* 📍

BANDERA: Dec. 7 Singing in the Saddle Enjoy afternoon caroling while taking a wagon or buggy ride or traveling by horseback. *715 Maple St. 210-632-4535; banderabusiness.com*

BANDERA: Dec. 12-13 Bandera Cowboy Christmas Shoppers Jubilee and Scavenger Hunt Starting in the late afternoon, visitors can participate in a scavenger hunt at local businesses and win prizes and gift certificates at local merchants. Other festivities include strolling musicians, an appearance by Santa Claus, and the Christmas parade. *Main Street. 830-796-3280; banderabusiness.com* 📍

BANDERA: Dec. 13 Bandera Cowboy Capital Christmas Night Parade Enjoy a lighted Christmas parade in the heart of the Cowboy Capital of Texas. The evening parade heads north on Main Street. *830-796-3280; banderabusiness.com* 📍

BANDERA: Dec. 14 Barrel Racing and Toy Drive Witness exciting barrel racing presented by Riding on Faith. Watch as the talented youth show the adults how it's done. This event is also a third annual toy drive/socks for seniors drive. *Mansfield Park Arena, 2886 SH 16 North. 830-777-7129; ridingonfaithrodeo.com* 📍

BERTRAM: Dec. 6 Country Christmas Festival The small town Christmas celebration starts with the Run, Run, Rudolph kids run and a Christmas parade. There are

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vendors all day at the street fair, along with food trucks, wineries, and craft beers. Live music plays on the main stage throughout the day. There is a children's area, complete with falling snow, and many photo ops, including pictures with Santa. *Down-town, 143 E. Vaughan St. 760-791-4794; bertramchamber.com/festivals* 📍

BLANCO: Dec. 20 Christmas Market Day This outdoor market features an average of 80-90 local and regional crafters, bakers, and artists selling home décor, jewelry, clothing, knives, leather goods, baked goods, candles, soaps, woodwork, art, and pet goodies. There's also food and live music, and the annual Christmas Parade follows. *Old Blanco County Courthouse, 300 Main St. 830-833-2211; historicblanco.org/market-day* 📍

BOERNE: Through Dec. 31 The Jones Christmas Ranch Drive through the hills to experience a ranch-size lighting and musical display that celebrates the reason for the season. Tickets can be purchased at the door, and season passes are available. The show is even brighter this year, now with 3 million lights. *The Jones Christmas Ranch, 43360 I-10. 210-885-0006; thejoneschristmasranch.com*

BOERNE: Dec. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20 Boerne Bright Enjoy a walk-through Christmas light experience that captures the spirit of Christmas. See over 400,000 lights transform Boerne's First Baptist Church into a Christmas wonderland. *First Baptist Church Boerne, 631 S. School St. 830-249-2527; boernebright.com* 📍

BOERNE: Dec. 6, 13; Jan. 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 Cibolo Farmers Market The Cibolo Farmers Market is an open-air farmers market on the historical Herff Farm. Visitors can hike the trails, shop, get gardening inspiration, take classes on growing food, help the Cibolo Center for Conservation maintain the land through volunteer service projects, or get new recipe ideas. *Herff Farm, 33 Herff Road. 830-249-4616; cibolo.org/locations/herff-farm* 📍

BOERNE: Dec. 6 Down Home Christmas Families can enjoy professional photos taken with Santa, antique tractor hayrides, a petting zoo, decorating cookies and ornaments, hot cocoa, Christmas crafts shopping, bluegrass music, a working blacksmith, Texas' largest antique toy tractor collection, candy-filled stockings, face painting, and popcorn. *The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. 210-445-1080; theagricultural.org* 📍

BOERNE: Dec. 6 Music in the Cave: A Nordic Christmas with Texas Cellos

Texas Cellos return to the Cave Throne Room to perform a candlelit traditional Nordic (cello) choir, a Scandinavian tradition for St. Lucia's Day. The celebration coincides with the Winter Solstice of the old Julian pagan calendar. *Cave Without a Name, 325 Kreuzberg Road. 830-537-4212; cavewithoutaname.com*

BOERNE: Dec. 6-7 Oma's Christmas Fair This handicrafts market offers merchandise produced and showcased by approximately 100 vendors from across Texas in three buildings. *Kendall County Fairgrounds, 1307 River Road. 830-537-4096; kcfa.org/p/other/omas-christmas-fair* 📍

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BOERNE: Dec. 6 Weihnachts Parade The beloved Christmas parade in Boerne is held at night along historical and charming Main Street. Up to 100 floats, bands, and other entries are lit up with holiday cheer as they make their way from the Fire Station to the parade's end at River Road. *726 N. Main St. 830-248-1635; ci.boerne.tx.us/564/weihnachts-parade* 📍

BOERNE: Dec. 9 A Walk in Bethlehem Walk through this recreation of the town of Bethlehem. Guards greet you at the gate while citizens go about their evening. You could be walking next to Mary and Joseph as they wander through the town. A star, an angel, and even the magi all reveal themselves as Jesus is born in a manger. *St. Helena's Episcopal Church, 410 N. Main St. 830-249-3228; sthelenas.net*

BOERNE: Dec. 12-14 Kinder Fest Weekend Bring the kids for a weekend full of Christmas fun. At this child-friendly weekend, everyone is encouraged to show off their ugly Christmas sweaters, silly Christmas pajamas, and Whoville hairdos. *Hill Country Mile, 100 N. Main St. 830-816-2176; boerne-retail-restaurant-association-109974.square.site/kinder-fest* 📍

BOERNE: Dec. 13; Jan. 10, 24; Feb. 14, 28 Bluegrass Jam at The AgriCultural Bring your instrument and play along, or just come to listen to the musicians jam. *The AgriCultural Museum and Arts Center, 102 City Park Road. 210-445-1080; theagricultural.org* 📍

BOERNE: Dec. 13, 27; Jan. 10, 24; Feb. 14, 28 Kuhlmann-King Museum Tour and Programs The Kuhlmann-King house gives the public the opportunity to step back in time to see what a historical Boerne home looked like "way back when." Monthly events and themes vary. *Kuhlmann-King Museum, 402 E. Blanco Road. 210-275-8301; bahpsboerne.org*

BOERNE: Dec. 13-14; Feb. 14-15 Market Days Held on the second full weekend of every month (except January), the market is located in the heart of Boerne's historical district on Main Plaza. Enjoy shopping in an outdoor setting, with artists, crafters, and vendors sharing their creative talents and wares while hometown talent contributes background music. *Main Plaza, 100 N. Main St. 210-844-8193; eventsoffmain.com/market-days* 📍

BOERNE: Dec. 20 Music in the Cave: Winter Solstice with Rudi and the Rudiments Enjoy an evening of magical underground music with Rudi and the Rudiments. This eclectic concert of holiday music to celebrate the Winter Solstice combines contemporary arrangements of traditional carols, soaring vocals, and original acoustic music performed on a mixture of ancient and modern instruments. *Cave Without a Name, 325 Kreuzberg Road. 830-537-4212; cavewithoutaname.com*

BUDA: Dec. 5-7 Budafest Bring the family to downtown Buda for three days of holiday cheer with kids activities and a carnival at Buda City Park, a craft and art market, and a dazzling night parade and fireworks show along Main Street. *Buda City Park, 204 E. San Antonio St. 512-295-7170; budafest.org*

BUDA: Dec. 12 Holiday Sip N Stroll Stroll through the vibrant streets of downtown. Local shops and restaurants offer either a holiday libation or bite-size treats. Enjoy live music as you explore. *Downtown, 303 Main St. 512-295-7170; discoverbudatx.com/233/sip-n-stroll*

BULVERDE: Dec. 20 Cowboy Christmas Witness a live rodeo performance where cowboys and cowgirls compete in bull riding, barrel racing, and team roping, followed by a live country band and dance. Cowboy Santa makes an appearance, and there's barbecue for dinner. *Tejas Rodeo Company, 401 Obst Road. 830-980-2226; tejasrodeo.com* 📍

BURNET: Dec. 13 Christmas on the Square Christmas on the Square returns with more than 175 vendors, a noon parade, live entertainment, food, kids activities, and a visit from Santa. *Downtown,*

220 S. Pierce St. 512-756-4297; burnetchamber.org/christmas-on-the-square 🍷

CASTROVILLE: Dec. 6 The Castroville Conservation Society Candlelight Home Tour Castroville was settled in 1844 by Alsatians from France who built unique homes along the Medina River in the town and surrounding areas. The Castroville Conservation Society organizes a tour of these homes each December as its major fundraiser. Enjoy the ambience of the holidays before electricity in these pioneer homes. *Landmark Inn State Historic Site, 402 Florence St. 830-708-5680; castrovilleconservationsociety.org*

CEDAR CREEK: Dec. 5-20 Lost Pines Christmas Meet-and-Greet with Santa and Mrs. Claus Santa is rolling out the red carpet to meet all kids who want to tell him what they want for Christmas. Mrs. Claus and elves are there to help, too. *Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa, 575 Hyatt Lost Pines Road. 855-923-7851; lostpinesresortandspa.com* 🍷

COTTONWOOD SHORES: Dec. 5-21 Winter Wonderettes When Santa goes missing during the annual Harper's Hardware Holiday Party, it's up to this fabulous foursome to save the day with harmony, humor, and plenty of sparkle. Packed with '60s-inspired renditions of holiday favorites like "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town," "Jingle Bell Rock," and "Winter Wonderland," this festive musical treat is bursting with retro charm and seasonal fun. *Hill Country Community Theatre, 4003 FM 2147 West. 830-798-8944; thehcct.org* 🍷

DRIPPING SPRINGS: Nov. 28-Jan. 3 Western Wonderland Immerse yourself in the holiday spirit with festive activities that delight guests of all ages. There's an ice skating rink, a dazzling Trail of Lights, a bustling market, and live entertainment. *Dripping Springs Ranch Park, 1042 Event Center Drive. 512-894-2390; drippingspringsranchpark.com/westernwonderland* 🍷

FREDERICKSBURG: Dec. 5 Light the Night Christmas Parade See historical Main Street awash in the glow of this illuminated holiday night parade. There is reserved bleacher seating available; seating along the rest of the route is free, and attendees should bring folding chairs and blankets. The evening parade goes from Washington Street to Edison Street. Santa and Mrs. Claus are available for pictures in the Peppermint Platz area of the Adelsverein Halle. There are also children's activities. *Main Street, 306 E. Austin St. 830-997-5000; visitfredericksburgtx.com* 🍷

FREDERICKSBURG: Dec. 6 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. Visit this program to 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: Dec. 6 Santa Day Parade Santa begins his ride through downtown on a Fredericksburg Fire Department fire engine at the 800 block of West Main Street. The route heads east to Washington Street and then back to the gazebo on the Gillespie County Courthouse Square. There, Santa visits with children to find out what they want for Christmas and to hand out holiday goodies. *Courthouse Square, 101 W. Main St. 830-998-5220; visitfredericksburgtx.com* 🍷

FREDERICKSBURG: Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Commemoration The annual Pearl Harbor Commemoration honors the thousands killed or injured during the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. Events include a wreath laying followed by a presentation from Gary Laine, a Navy veteran and avid World War II historian who travels the country collecting WWII veteran stories. After the presentation, attendees can make origami cranes and hear story time segments. *National Museum of the Pacific War, 340 E. Main St. 830-997-8600; pacificwarmuseum.org*

FREDERICKSBURG: Dec. 26 Zweite Weihnachten The annual German tradition of Zweite Weihnachten (Second Christmas) is sponsored by the Fredericksburg German Club, the Gillespie County Historical Society, and the V.G. Montabaur Sister City Verein Club. This event includes food, drink, music, traditional baked stollen and warm glühwein, and the singing of carols in both German and English. *Gillespie County Historical Society Sanctuary and Social Hall, 312 W. San Antonio St. 830-997-6523; visitfredericksburgtx.com* 🍷

GOLDTHWAITE: Dec. 1-31 A Time Before Texas This immersive exhibition explores the lives of the earliest people to inhabit the region now called Texas. *A Time Before Texas* honors both cultural memory and scientific discovery, offering a thoughtful look at the rich and complex history of Texas' First Peoples. *Goldthwaite Welcome Center at Legacy Plaza, 1219 Fisher St. 325-451-1075; legacyplaza.org/events* 🍷

HALLETTSVILLE: Dec. 13-14 Diamond-back Gun and Knife Show Browse a wide

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INGRAM: Through Dec. 12 ArtMart: Christmas Gift Showcase Enjoy a holiday shopping showcase of handmade crafts by area artists. *Hill Country Arts Foundation, 120 Point Theatre Road. 830-367-5121; hcaf.com* 

JOHNSON CITY: Nov. 29-Jan. 4 Lights Spectacular Hill Country Style Experience twinkling lights, festive decorations, and holiday spirit at this beloved Johnson City event that consistently brings joy and wonder to all ages. *Historical square off Main Street, Memorial Park, and PEC headquarters. lightsspectacular.com* 

KERRVILLE: Oct. 30-Dec. 12 Texas Furniture Makers Show This show is an annual statewide competition featuring works by the finest custom furniture makers in Texas. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com* 

KERRVILLE: Nov. 15-Jan. 10 The New American West by Brush and by Bronze The exhibition features works by Santa Fe

artist Kathleen Frank and bronze artist Mark Yale Harris. *Museum of Western Art, 1550 Bandera Highway. 830-896-2553; museumofwesternart.com*

KERRVILLE: Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4 Wild West Wine Wednesdays Museum of Western Art hosts this monthly event, where visitors can meet an area brewer, wine-maker, or distiller and learn about their products, try out a sample, and enjoy the museum's latest exhibits. *Museum of Western Art, 1550 Bandera Highway. 830-896-2553; museumofwesternart.com*

KERRVILLE: Dec. 4 Handel's Messiah Symphony of the Hills presents this performance of Handel's *Messiah*, the most widely performed work around the world. The show not only celebrates the joyful spirit of the season, it's also an annual sing-along and showcase for the Hill Country's outstanding vocal talents. *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-792-7469; symphonyofthehills.org*

KERRVILLE: Dec. 5-7, 12-14, 19-21 The Best Christmas Pageant Ever This show uses a combination of adults and children to tell the heartwarming tale of the Herdman family and their chaotic contributions to the church's annual Christmas presentation. *Playhouse 2000 VK Garage Theater,*

305 Washington St. 830-896-9393; caillouxperformingarts.com

KERRVILLE: Dec. 6 Christmas Market More than a dozen vendors sell gift items that include crafts and handmade tokens, jewelry, Pampered Chef products, Norwex items, art, candles, jams, jellies, salsas, wooden gifts, and home and holiday décor. There are also great door prizes every 30 minutes. *Wilson Ranch, 512 Rogers Trail. 830-459-3820; kerrvilletexascvb.com*

KERRVILLE: Dec. 6-7 Hill Country Gun Show Vendors sell new and used guns, knives, coins, cutting boards, ammunition, and other merchandise for outdoors enthusiasts and collectors. All proceeds go to local area veterans. *Hill Country Veterans Center, 411 Meadow View Lane. 830-315-3101; gunshowtrader.com* 

KERRVILLE: Dec. 6 Kerr County Market Days and Hill Country Swap Meet Market Days continues to feature artists and crafters bringing their own original handcrafted items, while the Hill Country Swap Meet is a community garage sale/flea market. *Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-459-6198; kerrmarketdays.org* 

KERRVILLE: Dec. 6 Running Home for the Holidays 5K Join the Kerrville Parks and Recreation Department for the annual holiday 5K. Get the family together and dress up as Santa, elves, Whoville residents, or other Christmas characters for an enjoyable way to help celebrate the holidays. *Louise Hays Park, 202 Thompson Drive. 830-257-7300; kerrvilletx.gov*

KERRVILLE: Dec. 9-11, 17-18 Schreiner Mansion Holiday Tours The historical Schreiner Mansion is beautifully decorated for the holidays and guests can enjoy guided tours featuring complimentary wassail, holiday cookies, and festive Christmas carolers dressed in period costumes. Celebrate the spirit of the season by exploring this historical home in downtown Kerrville. *Schreiner Mansion, 226 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-5222; caillouxfoundation.org*

KERRVILLE: Dec. 11 The Nutcracker Ballet Frontier presents the magic and wonder of the ballet about a young girl, Clara, and her incredible Christmas present that transports her to the Land of Snow, where she's welcomed by the Sugar Plum Fairy. *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-896-9393; caillouxperformingarts.com*

KERRVILLE: Dec. 19-20 Last Minute Holiday Market Local artists and craftspeople sell holiday and gift items in the gallery. *Kerr Arts and Cultural Center, 228 Earl Garrett St. 830-895-2911; kacckerrville.com*



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KERRVILLE: Dec. 20-21 Texas Gun and Knife Show Vendors sell new and used guns, knives, coins, cutting boards, ammunition, and other merchandise for outdoors enthusiasts and collectors. All proceeds go to local veterans. *Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-285-0575; texasgunandknifeshows.com* 📍

LLANO: Through Dec. 28 In and Out of Town: The Art of Shea Daniel-Youngblood Shea Daniel-Youngblood paints to tell the story of a subject as it's being experienced. Her art depicts the small town charm of Llano and conveys the relationships, interactions, intersections, and connections in this Hill Country town. *Llano Fine Arts Guild, 503 Bessemer Ave. 325-247-4839; llanofineartsguild.com* 📍

LLANO: Nov. 28-Dec. 31 Starry Starry Nights Lighted Christmas Park The lighted park opens the first Friday after Thanksgiving. Visitors can stroll along the Llano River and enjoy displays that light up Badu Park. Celebrate the season with family and friends immersed in nature. *Badu Park, 300 Legion Drive. 325-247-4158; facebook.com/starrystarrynightsllano* 📍

LLANO: Dec. 5-7 A Dickens Christmas The festival transforms downtown Llano into a holiday wonderland filled with festive traditions. There's Dickens of a Dinner Theater on Friday evening. On Saturday, enjoy Breakfast with Santa, a Christmas market on the square with live music, a period costume contest, a gingerbread house decorating contest, bed races, a Christmas tree forest, kids activities, the Holiday Home Tour, the art guild bazaar, a lighted parade, and a walk through lights. The weekend wraps up with an elegant Victorian tea and the original play *When Dickens Came to Llano*. *Courthouse Square, 801 Ford St. 325-247-5354; llanotxdickens.org* 📍

LLANO: Dec. 13 Snow Day Badu Park is transformed into a winter wonderland of white and fluffy fun for the family with 35,000 pounds of ice that is brought in and made into a giant sledding hill. Sleds are provided. *Badu Park, 300 Legion Drive. 325-247-4158; llanostarrystarrynights.com*

MARBLE FALLS: Nov. 21-Jan. 3 Christmas in Marble Falls Enjoy 44 nights of holiday cheer sprinkled throughout the town this season, from the Walkway of Lights and winter ice skating rink in downtown to the Light Up Parade and the Christmas tree lighting ceremony, also in downtown. *Various locations. 830-693-4449; visitmarblefalls.org* 📍

MARBLE FALLS: Nov. 21-Jan. 3 Walkway of Lights At this annual holiday event, visi-

tors stroll along the banks of Marble Falls Lake and look at dozens of lit-up Christmas sculptures. Santa takes gift wishes every Friday and Sunday until Christmas. *Lake-side Park, 305 Buena Vista Drive. 830-693-4449; visitmarblefalls.org* 📍

MARBLE FALLS: Nov. 21-Jan. 3 Winter Ice Rink The ice skating rink offers a winter experience for all ages, with smooth ice perfect for gliding and festive music adding to the seasonal charm. In addition to skating, visitors can enjoy ice bumper cars that provide a fun twist on traditional winter fun. *Lakeside Park, 305 Buena Vista Drive. 830-798-6250; visitmarblefalls.org* 📍

MARBLE FALLS: Dec. 6 Light Up Christmas Parade Downtown streets come alive with decorated floats, twinkling lights, and joyful music as local organizations, schools, and businesses showcase their holiday spirit. Spectators of all ages line the parade route, creating a welcoming atmosphere with festive cheer. *Downtown, 200 Main St. 830-798-6250; visitmarblefalls.org* 📍

MARBLE FALLS: Dec. 6 Market Day on Main Cooler weather is here, and it's time for Main Street Market Day, with vendors, set up along several downtown blocks, selling arts, crafts, baked goods, and other merchandise. *Downtown, 200 Main St. 830-693-4449; visitmarblefalls.org* 📍

MARBLE FALLS: Dec. 7 Breakfast with Santa Santa Claus himself returns for a magical morning in Marble Falls. The whole family can enjoy a festive breakfast menu while little ones visit and take photos with Santa, who has fun activities planned. There are two seatings available. *Lakeside Pavilion, 305 Buena Vista Drive. 830-798-6250; visitmarblefalls.org* 📍

NEW BRAUNFELS: Dec. 4 Wassailfest Drink hot cider and walk through Christmas lights at Wassailfest. The streets are filled with Christmas decorations, lights, music, and a festive atmosphere. Sip your wassail and check out the food vendors, shopping specials, extended hours at downtown businesses, and a variety of entertainment and activities. *Gruene Hall, 500 Main Plaza. 830-221-4000; newbraunfels.gov* 📍

NEW BRAUNFELS: Dec. 6-7 Gruene Christmas Market Days Nearly 100 vendors offer Christmas gifts, crafted items, and packaged Texas foods. Free admission. *Gruene Historical District, 1724 Hunter Road. 830-832-1721; gruenetexas.com* 📍

NEW BRAUNFELS: Dec. 6 Gruene Town Lighting Gruene closes out the many festivities of the day with a brass band street performance followed by the annual town



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lighting, when Cowboy Kringle rides into town on horseback and hands out candy canes to the kids. *Gruene Historical District, 1281 Gruene Road. 830-629-5077; gruene.texas.com* 📍

NEW BRAUNFELS: Dec. 18 Come and Taste It: Holiday Edition Taste Texas wines and craft beers. This event features live music and complimentary tastings by up to four wineries and four breweries hand-selected by the Grapevine staff. *The Grapevine Garden, 1612 Hunter Road. 830-606-0093; grapevineingruene.com* 📍

PIPE CREEK: Nov. 24-Dec. 15 Pipe Creek Christmas Tree Farm Take a ride or walk around the tree farm and find that one-of-a-kind tree for celebrating the holidays. Then take pictures of family members' and friends' faces in the cutouts of Santa and Mrs. Santa Claus, with children's faces as ornaments. The tree farm is open daily. *Pipe Creek Tree Farm, 805 Phil's Road. 210-426-6191; pipecreekchristmastrees.com* 📍

PIPE CREEK: Nov. 29-Dec. 20 Pancakes with Santa Pack up the family and get pictures with Santa Claus, who is available Saturday mornings before Christmas. *Al's Hideaway Cabin and RV Rentals, 299 Willow Springs. 830-510-3331; alshideaway.com or banderacowboycapital.com* 📍

ROUND MOUNTAIN: Dec. 7 Root 90 Christmas Praise and Worship Concert The Root 90 Worship Collective features Christian artists from across Central Texas. Hear them in a holiday concert. *Round Mountain Cider Mill, 222 Lee Lane. 858-754-6283; root90worship.com* 📍

ROUND ROCK: Dec. 12-28 A Tuna Christmas It's Christmas Eve in Tuna, Texas, population 201, and stakes are high as the annual Christmas yard display contest is haunted by the Christmas Phantom, the local theater production of *A Christmas Carol* is threatened by an unpaid light bill, and employees of the Tastee Kreme are forced to work through the holidays. *Penfold Theatre, 2120 N. Mays St., Suite 290. 512-850-4849; penfoldtheatre.org*

SAN MARCOS: Dec. 4-13 Sights and Sounds of Christmas Journey through time to the town of Bethlehem, where costumed actors and live animals set the atmosphere. Enjoy local children caroling, holiday concerts, and a special visit from Santa every night, when he arrives in unsuspecting ways. *San Marcos Plaza Park, 206 N. CM Allen Parkway. sights-n-sounds.org* 📍

SAN MARCOS: Dec. 13 Art Squared Arts Market This arts and fine crafts market brings 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. 737-213-4003; artsquaredmarket.com* 📍

SPRING BRANCH: Dec. 20 Greg Gibbs and Texas Standard Time in Concert The last dance of 2025 includes music by country artist Greg Gibbs and the Texas Standard Time band. *Anhalt Halle, 2390 Anhalt Road. 830-438-2873; anhalthall.com* 📍

STONEWALL: Dec. 21 LBJ Tree Lighting Started 56 years ago by President and Mrs. Johnson, this special tradition features carolers, a live Nativity, Santa Claus, refreshments, and, of course, the spectacular tree lighting. Then visit the Sauer-Beckmann Farm and be transported to what an authentic Texas-German Christmas was like at the turn of the century. *Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site, 199 Park Road 52. 830-644-2252; visitfredericksburgtx.com/event/56th-annual-lbj-tree-lighting-at-lbj-state-historic-site/68761* 📍

WIMBERLEY: Nov. 29-Jan. 3 Hometown Holidays The charming town transforms into a winter wonderland filled with twinkling lights and small town cheer. Downtown offers evenings filled with festive family-friendly events, all anchored at Christmas Courtyard, including the Lighted Parade, Santa Pub Crawl, and Cup of Cheer, all featuring Hill Country live music throughout the month. Don't miss the Emily Ann Trail of Lights, a highlight that captures the spirit of the season. *Downtown, Wimberley Square. 512-648-6857; hometownholidays.com* 📍

WIMBERLEY: Dec. 13 Santa Pub Crawl Don your favorite Santa hat or full red suit and stroll through Wimberley's downtown. Sip on festive cocktails, enjoy seasonal specials, and share laughs with fellow Santas. *Downtown. 512-648-6857; hometownholidays.com* 📍

PANHANDLE PLAINS

ABILENE: Through Feb. 7 Cindi Holt: Inside and Out Cindi Holt is a self-taught artist who was first inspired to paint in 1985 when she was 34. The exhibition features many of her recent paintings, which are imaginative and rich in detail. *The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org* 📍

ABILENE: Through Feb. 21 Gail Norfleet: Luminous Layers Flowers abound on multidimensional, transparent layers of Lucite where Gail Norfleet creates complex "fields" that reveal her love of nature and the forms of flowers. *The Grace Muse-*

um, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org 📍

AMARILLO: Nov. 28-Dec. 23 Maxwell's Amarillo Lights Enjoy over 1 million lights that illuminate the enchanting displays. Snap photos, explore over 20 holiday attractions, and experience a magical adventure filled with the wonder and joy of the season. *Maxwell's Pumpkin Farm, 12908 S. Bell St. 806-373-9600; maxwells.pumpkinfarm.com/christmas*

AMARILLO: Dec. 4-7, 11-23, 27 Christmas in the Gardens Amarillo Botanical Garden invites visitors to its annual Christmas light show that casts a festive glow across the gardens. *Amarillo Botanical Gardens, 1400 Streit Drive. 806-352-6513; amarillobotanicalgardens.org/events*

AMARILLO: Dec. 5 Center City Electric Light Parade The holidays shine extra bright as colorful floats, lights, and music brighten up downtown Amarillo. The route on Polk Street goes from 11th Avenue to Fourth Avenue. *Downtown, Polk Street. centercity.org/lightparade* 📍

AMARILLO: Dec. 20-21 The Amarillo Symphony in Concert: Happy Holiday Pops The symphony presents this holiday show, a traditional celebration featuring carols, classics, and a sing-along. Conductor Christopher Confessore, vocalist Dolores Hydock, and ensemble Amarillo Master Chorale are special guests. *Globe-News Performing Arts Center, 500 S. Buchanan St. 806-376-8782; amarillosymphony.org*

ANDREWS: Dec. 5-7 Holly Jolly Weekend Celebrate the season with a magical holiday parade, the Sugar Plum Vendor Market, breakfast with Santa, a festive wine tour, and endless family-friendly cheer. *Andrews Ace Arena, 700 W. Broadway St. 432-523-2695; andrewstx.com* 📍

ARCHER CITY: Dec. 4 Christmas Festival Kick off the holiday season with festive fun for the whole family. Enjoy local vendors, delicious food, and a visit from Santa himself. *Downtown. 940-631-9929; facebook.com/archercitychristmasfestival* 📍

BRONTE: Dec. 13 Christmas in Olde Bronte The second Saturday in December, celebrate the season with a Christmas parade, caroling, a reading from Mrs. Claus, a gingerbread house competition, downtown shopping, street vendors, food trucks, and a free antique car show. *Downtown, West Main Street. facebook.com/christmasinoldebronte* 📍

PLAINVIEW: Dec. 4 Christmas Parade of Lights Christmas comes to Plainview with the Parade of Lights, which runs down

Broadway. This year's theme is Storybook Christmas. *Broadway, Second Street and Broadway.* 806-296-7431; plainviewtexaschamber.com

SAN ANGELO: Through 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 head-dresses 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

SAN ANGELO: Through Feb. 8 *Spirit of the Ranch: The Ranch Fellowship Exhibit* A curated selection of works by fellowship artists Kirsten Anderson, Zufar Bikbov, Lon Brauer, Durre Waseem, and Jeff Williams is on display. The artists immersed themselves in the authentic ranch culture of West Texas, painting and living on a private ranch for three weeks. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St.* 325-653-3333; samfa.org/en-plein-air

SAN ANGELO: Dec. 5-7 *Christmas at Old Fort Concho* Stroll through Fort Concho's 30 historical buildings and 40 acres for holiday shopping, entertainment, food, special exhibits, and living history. *Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St.* 325-234-0316; fortconcho.com

SWEETWATER: Dec. 1 *Parade of Lights and Christmas on the Square* Spend the evening watching the annual Christmas parade roll through downtown. Local businesses give out complimentary hot chocolate and goodies. *Oak Street, 205 Oak St.* 325-235-5488; sweetwatertexas.org

SWEETWATER: Dec. 6 *Arts and Craft Show* Vendors set up and sell crafts and art for the holidays. *Nolan County Coliseum, 200 Coliseum Drive.* 325-235-3484; nolancountycoliseum.com

WICHITA FALLS: Through Dec. 26 *MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights* Stop by the annual MSU-Burns Fantasy of Lights at Midwestern State University, located on Hardin Lawn. The festivities begin on Nov. 20 with the lighting ceremony, while the display turns on each night until Dec. 26. *Midwestern State University, 3410 Taft Blvd.* 940-397-4972; fol.msutexas.edu

PINEY WOODS

JEFFERSON: Dec. 4-6, 11-13 *Candlelight Tour of Homes* Take guided tours of historical homes lavishly decorated for an old-fashioned Christmas with live greenery, candlelight, and Christmas trees. Do-

cents in period costumes greet visitors and describe each home's origins and finery. *Various locations.* jeffersoncandlelight.com

MAGNOLIA: Dec. 6 *The Magic of Christmas Parade of Lights* The 50th annual parade fills the streets with sparkling lights, joyful music, festive floats, and the spirit of Christmas for all ages. *Southwest Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, Unity Park Drive.* 281-356-1488; swmcchamber.org/christmas-parade

MINEOLA: Dec. 5-7 *Magical Mineola Weekend* Ring in the holiday season with a tree lighting, pony rides, mini train rides, snow hills, an inflatable holiday maze, live reindeer, performances, visits with the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who, and HAM radio talks with Santa. Saturday has the Christmas parade, while Sunday offers the Holiday Tour of Homes. *Various locations.* 903-569-6183; mineola.com

MONTGOMERY: Dec. 13 *Christmas in Historic Montgomery* Montgomery County's oldest Christmas celebration offers strolling carolers, the Holiday Marketplace with homemade gifts and décor, old-fashioned decorations in historical buildings on the historical home tour, and the Cookie Walk

with tables laden with decorative cookies and candies to purchase by the pound. *Montgomery Community Building, 14420 Liberty St.* 936-597-4360; mhs-tx.org

NACOGDOCHES: Dec. 9 *Eileen Ivers: Joyful Christmas Concert* Grammy Award-winning fiddler Eileen Ivers blends Irish and American holiday traditions with music, dance, and storytelling in a festive performance. *Turner Auditorium, Griffith Fine Arts Building, 2222 Alumni Drive.* 936-468-6407; sfasu.edu/boxoffice

NACOGDOCHES: Dec. 13 *Christmas Tour of Homes* Tour some of the beautiful homes and structures of Nacogdoches during the holiday season. *Various locations, 200 E. Main St.* 936-560-4441; visitnacogdoches.org/nine-flags-christmas-festival

NACOGDOCHES: Dec. 13 *Millard's Crossing Old-Fashioned Christmas* Guests experience live Christmas caroling, a photo op with Santa, hayrides, a special Christmas tree lighting, face painting, a hot cocoa bar, food, lots of holiday demos, and crafts. *Millard's Crossing Historic Village, 6020 North St.* 936-564-6631; visitnacogdoches.org/nine-flags-christmas-festival



PALESTINE: Through Dec. 30 The Polar Express Train Ride Step aboard a vintage train for a magical holiday adventure based on the classic children's story. Sip hot chocolate, enjoy cookies and festive storytelling, and journey to the North Pole, where Santa greets guests with the first gift of Christmas—a silver sleigh bell. *Texas State Railroad, 789 Park Road 70. 855-632-7729; texasstaterailroad.net* 📍

PALESTINE: Dec. 5 Lettuce Us Entertain You Concert Series This farmers market concert series features live music, food trucks, vendors, and a beer garden provided by Pint and Barrel Drafthouse. Oyster Creek's Jake Honeycutt performs this month. Bring your own seat. *Farmers Market, 813 W. Spring St. 903-394-3239; palestinefarmersmarket.com* 📍

PALESTINE: Dec. 6 Christmas Parade of Lights Palestine's largest parade lights up the night with a dazzling display of lights adorning floats. Head to downtown for the mile-long train of festive fun and a visit from Santa himself. *Main Street, 825 W. Spring St. 903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com/mainstreet* 📍

PALESTINE: Dec. 6 Hearth and Tinsel Tour of Homes Immerse yourself in the holiday spirit as you explore charmingly decorated historical homes. *Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce, 401 W. Main St. 800-659-3484; palestinechamber.org* 📍

PALESTINE: Dec. 6-21 The Grinch's Lair He's mean. He's green. He's in Palestine. Be greeted by a Who's Who of Whoville before being sent down into the lair. There you get a tour with Mr. Grinch through his Texas Jail House home. You never know what ridiculousness he'll be up to. *Texas Jailhouse, 704 Ave. A. 800-659-3484; txjailhouse.com*

PALESTINE: Dec. 13 Dogwood Jamboree The Dogwood Jamboree is a Branson-style country music show filled with family fun, laughter, and classic country music. The concerts take place four times a year, in April, June, September, and December. *Palestine High School Auditorium, 1600 Loop 256 South. 800-659-3484; visitpalestine.com/business/dogwood-jamboree* 📍

PALESTINE: Dec. 18 Christmas Sing-Along The 22nd annual community event allows you to sing classic Christmas carols and share an evening with family and friends. *Texas Theatre, 213 W. Crawford St. 903-394-2173; thetexas theater.com* 📍

WOODVILLE: Dec. 6 Christmas Twilight Tour Tour Heritage Village by oil lamps and lanterns. Enjoy natural greenery and treats, plus music on the Village Green stage fol-

lowed by a Christmas service in the old Cherokee Church. *Heritage Village, 157 PR 6000. 409-283-2272; heritage-village.org*

WOODVILLE: Dec. 13 Kids Winter Festival Tour the Heritage Village Museum, then get a photo with Santa then watch *The Polar Express* while enjoying some hot cocoa and snacks. *Heritage Village, 157 PR 6000. 409-283-2272; heritage-village.org*

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

ARLINGTON: Nov. 21-23, 28-Dec. 23 Texas Christkindl Market The almost 70-year relationship between Arlington and its sister city, Bad Königshofen, Germany, inspired the Texas Christkindl Market. Visitors discover handcrafted gifts and collectibles, including exclusive Käthe Wohlfahrt merchandise and designs from the iconic Rothenburg ob der Tauber Christmas Village. *Globe Life Field North Plaza, 1650 E. Randol Mill Road. 817-265-7721; txchristkindlmarket.com* 📍

BASTROP: Dec. 5-21 Rockin' Holiday Revue Performers deliver a selection of beloved holiday classics—all with a rockin' twist and a jukebox vibe. This year brings fresh songs, new skits, and even more holiday cheer. *Bastrop Opera House, 711 Spring St. 512-200-3826; bastropopera house.org* 📍

BASTROP: Dec. 12 Rendezvous Rendezvous recognizes the owners of the historical homes featured on this year's home tour. Guests enjoy a raffle for a \$2,500 Found Fine Art gift card, a curated silent auction, a buffet dinner, an open bar, a photo booth, and dancing. *Bastrop Convention Center, 1408 Chestnut St. 512-303-0904; bastrop countyhistoricalsociety.com* 📍

BASTROP: Dec. 13 Historic Homes Tour The home tour has been a community favorite since the 1960s. Each year, a selection of historical homes open their doors to the public. This season features four homes and one church, each dressed in festive holiday finery. *Bastrop County Museum and Visitor Center, 904 Main St. 512-303-0904; bastropcountyhistoricalsociety.com*

BASTROP: Dec. 13 Lost Pines Lighted Christmas Parade See more than 130 entries including fanciful floats, fire trucks, unicycles, vintage cars, dancing honey bears, and dignitaries. The parade begins at dusk and heads down Main Street. *Downtown. 512-332-8990; visitbastrop.com* 📍

BEDFORD: Dec. 6 Concerts on Harwood: Amy Faires and Swang Lin Violinists Amy Faires and Swang Lin perform a recital with pianist Tak Yan Yeung as part of Concerts

on Harwood, a classical music concert series. Faires is violinist with the Dallas Opera and Lin is the associate concertmaster of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. *Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 2701 Harwood Road. 817-545-0251; emmanuelpc.org/concerts-on-harwood* 📍

BELLVILLE: Dec. 6 Small Town Christmas A courthouse Christmas tree lighting is followed by a lighted parade. Festivities include a giant snow slide, a petting zoo, lighted park games, pictures with Santa, and live music. *Downtown, 1 Main St. 979-865-3407; bellvillesmalltownchristmas.com*

BELTON: Dec. 13-14 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* 📍

BOWIE: Dec. 6 Fantasy of Lights Christmas Festival and Lighted Parade Bowie's Christmas parade, themed "Make a Joyful Noise: Songs of Christmas," lights up downtown. There are free photos with Santa during the Pancakes with Santa breakfast and many other family activities. *Bowie Community Development, 101 E. Pecan St. 940-872-6246; cityofbowietx.com/143/fantasy-of-lights-christmas-parade*

BRENHAM: Dec. 5-6 Christmas Stroll and Lighted Parade Find a number of festive activities in downtown Brenham, starting with a farmers market on Friday, along with the Jingle Bell Market at Ant Street Inn and live music at "Cold Nights, Holiday Tunes." On Saturday, there is breakfast with Santa, caroling, and the annual lighted Christmas parade. *Various locations. 979-337-7580; jingle.cityofbrenham.org* 📍

BRENHAM: Dec. 20 Top of the World, A Carpenters Christmas Experience a Christmas show featuring the 1970s pop hits of the Carpenters performed by an eight-piece band fronted by Debbie Taylor. *The Barnhill Center at Historic Simon Theatre, 111 W. Main St. 979-337-7240; thebarnhillcenter.com/events*

CAMERON: Dec. 4 Christmas Festival, Parade, and Fireworks Savor food and drinks as you explore vendor booths and enjoy seasonal music. The parade, with an Americana theme, starts at dusk and winds its way around the town square. Fireworks illuminate the sky afterward. *Cameron Chamber of Commerce, 102 E. First St. 254-697-4979; cameron-tx.com* 📍

CEDAR CREEK: Dec. 7-28 Lost Pines Christmas Breakfast with Santa and

Mrs. Claus Join Saint Nicholas and Mrs. Claus at Heartwood House and fill up on some much-needed fuel for the holidays. *Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa, 575 Hyatt Lost Pines Road. 855-923-7851; lostpinesresortandspa.com/seasonal-events/holiday* 📄

CEDAR CREEK: Dec. 24 Lost Pines Christmas Story Time with Mrs. Claus Enjoy seeing Mrs. Claus as she reads the classic tale *The Night Before Christmas*. She brings this beloved story to life, enchanting listeners of all ages. *Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa, 575 Hyatt Lost Pines Road. 855-923-7851; lostpinesresortandspa.com/seasonal-events/holiday* 📄

CHAPPELL HILL: Dec. 13 Christmas Home Tour The annual Chappell Hill Garden Club Christmas Home Tour of decorated properties showcases festive homes of the season. *Various locations, 5055 Main St. 936-931-7497; chappellhillgardenclub.com* 📄

CHAPPELL HILL: Dec. 13 Teddy Bear Parade Bring your kiddos and their teddy bears to downtown Chappell Hill. Sit and talk to Santa and enjoy the annual Teddy Bear Parade. *Downtown, 5145 Main St. 979-337-9910; chappellhilltx.com* 📄

CLIFTON: Dec. 5-6 Norwegian Country Christmas Tour In the 1850s, Norwegian immigrants settled in an area near Clifton that became known as Norse. Since then, their culture and heritage have been celebrated with historical home tours, unique pieces of art, a lighted Christmas parade, and a Norwegian dinner. *Downtown, 115 N. Ave. D. 254-675-3720; visitclifton.org/norwegian-country-christmas-tour* 📄

COLUMBUS: Dec. 1-27 Santa Claus Museum The only Santa museum in the South reopens for the season. See multiple collections with over 5,000 pieces. Open Fridays and Saturdays in December. *Santa Claus Museum, 604 Washington St. 979-732-8385; santamuseum.org* 📄

COLUMBUS: Dec. 2 Lighted Christmas Parade Downtown Columbus sparkles this holiday season with a lighted parade, tree lighting, and pictures with Santa. *Downtown, 400 Spring St. 979-732-8385; columbus-texas.org* 📄

COLUMBUS: Dec. 4 Ladies Night Out On the first Thursday of December, enjoy an evening of shopping, wine, food, fun, and music in historical Columbus. Businesses offer in-store specials, door prizes, snacks, wine sampling, and live music. *Downtown, 425 Spring St. 979-732-8385; columbus-texas.org* 📄



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CORSICANA: Dec. 4-7 White Christmas Based on the Irving Berlin classic, the musical follows veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis as they pursue romance and music at a Vermont lodge owned by their former army commander. Filled with song, dance, and holiday cheer, the wholesome show is appropriate for audiences of all ages. *The Palace Theatre, 112 W. Sixth Ave. 903-874-7792; corsicanapalace.com* 📍

CORSICANA: Dec. 6 Artist and Writer Residency: Open Studios The Corsicana Artist and Writer Residency invites the public to explore the 100W studios and meet the season's resident artists and writers. The event offers a behind-the-scenes look at works in progress. *100 West, 100 W. Third Ave. 903-654-4850; corsicanaresidency.org*

CORSICANA: Dec. 6 Festival of Lights Christmas Parade Enjoy a parade with dazzling floats, holiday music, and family-friendly fun. This celebration captures the magic of the season. *Downtown. 903-654-4850; visitcorsicana.com* 📍

CORSICANA: Dec. 18 CelloVoci in Concert Classical-pop trio CelloVoci delivers timeless carols and festive favorites in a heartwarming holiday concert. *The Palace The-*

atre, 112 W. Sixth Ave. 903-874-7792; corsicanapalace.com 📍

CORSICANA: Dec. 18 Santa's Sip and Stroll Sip, shop, and celebrate the season with a festive evening of local shopping, holiday treats, and seasonal cheer. Enjoy a stroll and looking at decorated storefronts while tasting seasonal sips. *Downtown, Beaton Street. 903-654-4850; visitcorsicana.com*

CUERO: Nov. 24-Jan. 1 Christmas in the Park This drive-thru holiday tradition features more than 300 lighted scenes. Open nightly, this family-friendly event welcomes donations to help keep the magic shining bright. *Cuero Municipal Park, US 87 and Broadway Street. 361-275-2112; cuerochristmasinthepark.org* 📍

CUERO: Dec. 12-13 Christmas in Downtown At this Cuero holiday tradition, visitors can ice-skate under the lights, take horse-drawn carriage rides, shop an artisan market, and enjoy food vendors and live music. *Cuero Main Street, 210 E. Main St. 361-485-8008; cueromainstreet.com/event/christmas-in-downtown* 📍

DALLAS: Through Jan. 11 Roaming Mexico: Laura Wilson Capturing the unique

culture, grit, joy, and humanity of Mexico and the Texas border, this exhibition of more than 75 images by celebrated photographer Laura Wilson includes intimate portrayals of village life, popular festivals, cowboys, fire breathers, and captivating portraits that illuminate a vibrant existence. *Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd. 214-768-2516; meadowsmuseumdallas.org* 📍

DALLAS: Nov. 21-Dec. 28 Classic Christmas See Midtown (formerly Valley View Mall) transformed into an Alpine adventure. This immersive experience features 90,000 square feet of dazzling lights, real outdoor ice skating, the enhanced Slip N Slide Summit with black diamond lanes, live holiday programming, and trailside treats including Coca-Cola products and hot cocoa. *Dallas Midtown, LBJ Freeway and Montfort Drive. classicchristmas.com* 📍

ENNIS: Dec. 6 Lucky's C.C. Car Show Calling all cars, trucks, hot rods, rat rods, customs, low riders, and motorcycles. Come and display your car for a good cause. Bring an unwrapped toy and enjoy music and food truck options. *Downtown, 201 NW Main St. 469-774-5692; visitennistexas.com* 📍

FAIRFIELD: Dec. 6 Christmas on the Square and the Hometown Parade Kick off the festive season with a parade, fun children's activities, vendors, and pictures with Santa. *Freestone County Courthouse, 118 E. Commerce St. 903-389-5792; fairfieldtexaschamber.com* 📍

FAIRFIELD: Dec. 20 Jingle All the Way An afternoon of fun at the courthouse includes ice slides, kids activities, visits with Santa, and face painting. *Freestone County Courthouse, 118 E. Commerce St. 903-389-5792; fairfieldtexaschamber.com* 📍

GAINESVILLE: Dec. 4 Lighted Christmas Parade The 91st annual Lighted Christmas Parade, themed "Journey to the North Pole," rolls through downtown. After the parade, attendees can find Santa at the farmers market and get pictures and candy canes. *Farmers Market, 201 N. Chestnut St. 940-665-2831; gainesvillecofc.com* 📍

GARLAND: Dec. 4 Christmas on the Square Step into the holiday spirit with live music and festive activities, beginning with the lighting of the Christmas tree. Capture magical moments with Santa, meet live reindeer, play in the snow hill, and take part in kid-friendly activities. Don't miss the lively dance party. *Downtown, 520 W. State St. 972-205-2749; visitgarlandtx.com/christmas-on-the-square* 📍

GONZALES: Dec. 6-7 100th Birthday Concert of the Estey Pipe Organ This

organ concert celebrates the 100th birthday of the 1925 Estey pipe organ in its original, unaltered state. Organist Jenns Korn-dorfer performs, and a light lunch follows the concert. *The Presbyterian Church of Gonzales, 414 St. Louis St. 830-672-6721; gonzalesprestexas.com* 📍

GONZALES: Dec. 6 Winterfest Celebration Over the years, Winterfest has included a historical homes tour, a lighted parade, Stars in the Village at Pioneer Village, a market, kids games, and breakfast with Santa. *Independence Square, North Saint Joseph Street. 830-672-2815; gonzales.texas.com/chamber-events* 📍

GONZALES: Dec. 20 Main Street Jingle Mingle Gonzales Main Street hosts this annual event, where visitors can sip, savor, and shop their way around downtown merchants. Each participating business offers free sips or savors. *Various locations, 827 Saint Joseph St. 830-672-2815; gonzales.texas.gov/p/departments/main-street* 📍

GRAND PRAIRIE: Through Jan. 18 Tianyu Lights Festival Experience an enchanting night following a young Peruvian boy's adventure to the Magical Ocean. Winding through the grounds of Texas Trust CU Theatre, the story takes visitors on a walk through a whimsical wonderland that shows Koda's dreams through luminous art installations. *Texas Trust CU Theatre Outdoor Grounds, 1001 Texas Trust Way. 888-484-2698; tianyuculture.us/dallas*

GRAND PRAIRIE: Nov. 27-Dec. 31 Illuvia Holiday Water Shows Celebrate the season at these holiday water shows, where music, lights, and fountains dance together in perfect harmony. Gather with family and friends to experience this one-of-a-kind holiday spectacle. *EpicCentral, 2961 SH 161 South. epiccentral.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: Nov. 27-Dec. 31 Prairie Lights Enjoy Grand Prairie's premier holiday light park, which features more than two miles of lights, starting on Thanksgiving. *Lynn Creek Park, 5610 Lake Ridge Parkway. prairielights.org*

GRAND PRAIRIE: Nov. 28-Dec. 28 Christmas Cruises on the Wave Step aboard The Wave this holiday season to experience a festive Christmas cruise filled with sparkling lights, music, and cheer. Enjoy the magic of the holidays on the water with breathtaking views, cozy vibes, and a merry atmosphere for families. *Lynn Creek Marina, 5700 Lakeridge Parkway. thewavepartyboat.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: Nov. 28-Jan. 3 Bolder Blizzard Snowy adventures and holiday fun

come to life indoors. From frosty activities to festive cheer, this holiday winter wonderland is appropriate for the whole family. *Bolder Adventure Park, 2324 W. Warrior Trail. bolderadventurepark.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27 Christmas at the Palace Celebrate the holidays at Ripley's Believe It or Not!, where the season comes alive with festive fun for all ages. Discover a holiday experience that's as unique as Ripley's itself. *Ripley's Believe It or Not!, 601 E. Palace Parkway. 972-263-2391; ripleys.com/attractions/ripleys-believe-it-or-not-grand-prairie*

GRAND PRAIRIE: Dec. 7 Celtic Woman in Concert Celebrate the magic of the season with Celtic Woman, as their angelic voices and holiday classics create an enchanting evening of music and tradition. *Texas Trust CU Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Texas Trust Way. 972-854-5050; texastrustcutheatre.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: Dec. 10 Lady A in Concert The country group brings its "This Winter's Night: A Very Country Christmas" tour to Grand Prairie. The heartwarming holiday concert is filled with Lady A's signature harmonies and festive country fa-

vorites. *Texas Trust CU Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Texas Trust Way. 972-854-5050; texastrustcutheatre.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: Dec. 11 Christmas with CeCe Winans Experience the joy of the holidays with gospel legend CeCe Winans, as she brings powerful vocals and uplifting spirit to the stage. *Texas Trust CU Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Texas Trust Way. 972-854-5050; texastrustcutheatre.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: Dec. 12-14, 19-21 Anastasia The musical brings the legendary story of the lost Russian princess to life in a breathtaking stage production filled with romance, adventure, and unforgettable music. *Uptown Theater, 120 E. Main St. 972-237-8786; uptowntheatergp.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: Dec. 14 A Live Conversation with Chevy Chase Kick off the holidays with a screening of *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* followed by a conversation with comedy legend Chevy Chase, sharing stories and laughs from the iconic film. *Texas Trust CU Theatre at Grand Prairie, 1001 Texas Trust Way. 972-854-5050; texastrustcutheatre.com*

GRAND PRAIRIE: Dec. 20 The Waterfront Holiday Market Experience a curated mix

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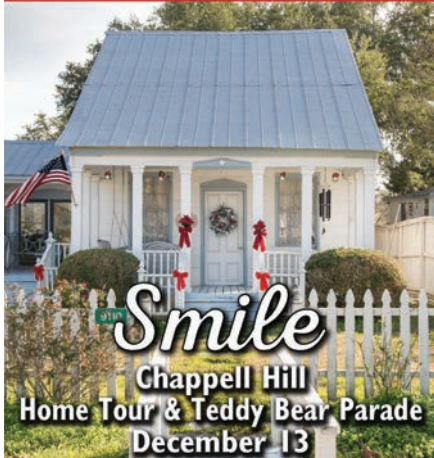
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GRAND PRAIRIE: Dec. 31 Gary Owen's DFW NYE Takeover IX Ring in the new year with nonstop laughter at the *DFW NYE Takeover IX*, featuring Gary Owen. *Texas Trust CU Theatre at Grand Prairie*, 1001 Texas Trust Way. 972-854-5050; texastrustcutheatre.com

GRAPEVINE: Nov. 28-Jan. 2 Peace Plaza Ice Rink Visitors can enjoy the Texas-size ice rink on Peace Plaza in front of Grapevine Main Station. Enjoy ice skating outside in the Texas winter surrounded by a festive atmosphere featuring a 60-foot live Christmas tree. *Peace Plaza*, 815 S. Main St. 817-410-3185; grapevinetexasusa.com

GRAPEVINE: Dec. 5 Big Band Holiday Swing Thing in Concert Swing into the Christmas spirit with a 20-piece big band that has enough brass to kick your inner Santa into high gear. This show features a multitude of Christmas favorites as well as lots of big band classics. *Palace Theatre*, 300 S. Main St. 817-410-3100; grapevinetexasusa.com/palace-arts-center 📍

GRAPEVINE: Dec. 6 A Merry Little Christmas Show with Ricki Derek Drawing inspiration from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Bing Crosby's Christmas TV specials, this show is like a time capsule with a wink and a nod. Derek croons favorite Christmas tunes while backed by his Ho, Ho, Ho Orchestra and a few special guests. *Palace Theatre*, 300 S. Main St. 817-410-3100; grapevinetexasusa.com/palace-arts-center 📍

GRAPEVINE: Dec. 7 Elvis Christmas Special Starring Kraig Parker Kraig Parker has toured the world with his spot-on tribute to Elvis. He's backed by his Royal Tribute Band. The show offers a mix of Christmas favorites, Elvis hits, and other special surprises. *Palace Theatre*, 300 S. Main St. 817-410-3100; grapevinetexasusa.com/palace-arts-center 📍

GRAPEVINE: Dec. 11 A Holly Jolly Christmas with Holly Tucker Holly Tucker, who has been called "the angel of Texas country music," proves great things are worth the wait. After winning the hearts of millions of television viewers in 2013 on *The Voice*, Tucker is leaving her boot print all over Texas country music and with fans worldwide. *Palace Theatre*, 300 S. Main St. 817-410-3100; grapevinetexasusa.com/palace-arts-center 📍

GRAPEVINE: Dec. 12-13 A Bubl  Christmas Tribute Michael Ross Nugent and his seven-piece swing band deliver a hit-filled parade of Michael Bubl 's greatest songs and Christmas favorites. *Palace Theatre*, 300 S. Main St. 817-410-3100; grapevinetexasusa.com/palace-arts-center 📍

GRAPEVINE: Dec. 14 A Grapevine Opry Christmas Sit back with family and friends and hear your favorite Christmas songs, presented by Rocky Gribble and the Grapevine Opry. *Palace Theatre*, 300 S. Main St. 817-410-3100; grapevinetexasusa.com/palace-arts-center 📍

GRAPEVINE: Dec. 15-17 The Texas Tenors Christmas Concert The most successful music group in *America's Got Talent* history has captivated audiences worldwide with over 2,000 concerts, five studio albums, and two PBS specials—earning three Emmy Awards and a spot in the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame. Hear them sing seasonal favorites. *Palace Theatre*, 300 S. Main St. 817-410-3100; grapevinetexasusa.com/palace-arts-center 📍

GRAPEVINE: Dec. 20 The Nuttier Cracker Comedian William Lee Martin brings his annual Christmas stand-up show to Grapevine. With fan favorites like "I'm Dreaming of a White Trash Christmas," brand new material, plus guest comedians and musicians, this is one Christmas variety show you don't want to miss. *Palace Theatre*, 300 S. Main St. 817-410-3100; grapevinetexasusa.com/palace-arts-center 📍

HILLSBORO: Dec. 6 Christmas Under the Stars Lighted Christmas Parade The downtown lighted Christmas parade around the courthouse square is a charming spectacle on the first Saturday in December each year. *Courthouse Square*, 1 Waco St. 254-582-2481; hillsborochamber.org 📍

KELLER: Dec. 5 Santa Scurry 5K Grab your jingle bells, Santa hats, Rudolph noses, and headlamps and join along for a great time with friends. This event is coupled with the Keller HollyDays, featuring the city Christmas tree lighting, Holly Jolly Light Parade, and holiday laser show. *Keller Town Hall*, 1100 Bear Creek Parkway. 214-793-2397; santascurry.com

LA GRANGE: Dec. 12-23 Trail of Lights Walk along a historical trail with festive displays and photo ops. Step back in time as you walk through the decorated 19th-century Kreische House, and learn about German-Texan Christmas traditions from costumed interpreters. *Kreische Brewery and Monument Hill State Historic Sites*, 414 State Loop 92. 979-968-5658; friendsofkbmh.org/trailoflights 📍

LEWISVILLE: Dec. 5-6 Holiday Stroll
Ring in the Christmas season with two days of fun. On Friday, enjoy vendors, a children's market, selfies with Santa, hayrides through Old Town, a tree lighting ceremony, and a movie in the plaza. On Saturday, there's Pancakes with Santa, a motorcycle toy run, and a Christmas parade. *Wayne Ferguson Plaza, 150 W. Church St. 972-219-3401; cityoflewisville.com* 📍

LULING: Dec. 5 Cookies and Carols
Small town holiday spirit shines with late-night shopping, hayrides, cookies, and pictures with Santa Claus. *Main Street at East Davis Street. 830-875-5058; lulingmainstreet.com* 📍

MCKINNEY: Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7 Guided Trails
Groups led by guides explore the ecology, geology, flora, and fauna of the Heard Sanctuary. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org*

MCKINNEY: Dec. 12-14 Holidays at the Heard
This event brings the beauty of the holiday season to nature. Lights and décor accentuate a half-mile nature trail. Be enchanted by a nighttime hike through the woods. The light display is designed to enhance, rather than overpower, the sanctuary's natural beauty. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org*

MCKINNEY: Dec. 13 Second Saturday Bird Walks
Second Saturday Bird Walks are intended to help beginner and intermediate birders with bird spotting and identification techniques. Prairie, woodland, and wetland habitats are included in these walks. These morning walks last 1.5 hours. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org*

MCKINNEY: Dec. 29-30 Winter Mini Camps
Mini camps are designed to provide children with an engaging and educational experience, all while having fun in the outdoors. With a variety of activities to choose from, kids are sure to have a blast while learning. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org*

PLANO: Nov. 21-Dec. 7 The Golden Girls Musical
See Blanche, Dorothy, Rose, and Sophia get into a feud when a famous pop star moves in next door. What ensues is a battle that can only end with one household taking home first place at the talent show. *Art Centre Theatre, 1400 Summit Ave., Suite E. 972-881-3228; artcentretheatre.com*

PLANO: Nov. 28-Dec. 28 Lights on the Farm
The historical farmstead is transformed into a winter wonderland with more than 1 million lights and numerous animated holiday displays. The all-outdoor event features a quarter-mile trail through the property, showcasing holiday light creations and animated displays. *Heritage Farmstead Museum, 901 W. 15th St. 972-881-0140; heritagefarmstead.org*

PLANO: Dec. 1-30 Deerfield Holiday Lights
With over a million lights, this annual neighborhood light show is considered a must-see holiday display in Plano. Located in Northwest Plano between Preston and Coit roads, this show has been the talk of the holiday season for over 20 years. *Deerfield, Legacy Drive. events.visitplano.com/event/deerfield-holiday-lights-2025*

PLANO: Dec. 5-14 The Gift of Christmas
This Prestonwood tradition tells the story of Christmas through a multimedia event with special effects, a nearly 1,000-member cast and choir, a live orchestra, and flying angels. The program includes a live Nativity with camels and kings and eye-popping virtual scenery. *Prestonwood Baptist Church, 6801 W. Park Blvd. 888-424-3977; prestonwoodgoc.org/index.html*

PLANO: Dec. 6-7 Christmas Shopping Days Vendor Market
This market offers 120-plus local businesses, boutique owners, and vendors selling Christmas décor, trendy fashion items, handcrafted jewelry, and homemade treats. *Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. 817-323-9482; events.visitplano.com*

PLANO: Dec. 6 Dickens in Downtown Plano
Welcome the holiday season with twinkling lights, hot cocoa in hand, and festive cheer filling the air. Find it all at Dickens, a family-friendly holiday celebration in the historical Downtown Plano Arts District. *1021 E. 15th St. 972-941-5946; events.visitplano.com*

PLANO: Dec. 13 Holiday Parade
At this holiday parade, the spurs meet the sparkle. Think cowboy hats trimmed in tinsel, boots full of candy canes, and cacti strung with twinkle lights. The parade starts downtown on 19th Street at M Avenue and ends at 18th Street. *Plano Municipal Center, 1520 K Ave. events.visitplano.com*

PLANO: Dec. 19-21 It's a Wonderful Life
Repertory Company Theatre presents this adaptation of the uplifting tale that provides a heartwarming outing for the

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holiday season. *Courtyard Theater, 1509 H Ave. 972-690-5029; rcttheatre.com*

PLANO: Dec. 20 Candy Cane Course 5K and 12K This Christmas-themed race offers fun for the whole family. The race includes a designer shirt and custom medal for finishers, chip-timing with live results and awards, free photos, and treats at the finish line. *Red Tail Pavilion, 2801 E. Spring Creek Park. runsignup.com/race/tx/plano/candycanecoursedfw*

PLANO: Dec. 21 Home for the Holidays This concert features Charles Billingsley, one of Christian music's most distinctive artists and former lead vocalist for the Grammy-nominated group NewSong. The Plano West Senior High School Choir lend their voices to a selection of holiday favorites. *Robinson Fine Arts Center, 1800 Alma Drive. 972-473-7262; planosymphony.org*

SALADO: Dec. 4 Lighted Christmas Parade This parade marks the official opening of the two-weekend Christmas Stroll. Bring family, friends, and holiday spirit to celebrate the magic of Christmas with a parade of lights, joy, and festive cheer. *Salado Chamber of Commerce, 423 S. Main St. 254-947-8634; visitsaladotexas.com*

SALADO: Dec. 5-7, 12-14 Christmas Stroll Enjoy the holiday magic along the mile-long stretch of Main Street, lined with festive lights and decorated storefronts. Both weekends offer family-friendly activities, an outdoor live Nativity scene, Christmas markets, live music, and holiday performances. *Main Street. 254-947-5040; business.salado.com/calendar*

SHERMAN: Dec. 5-21 Irving Berlin's White Christmas With a dazzling score featuring well-known standards, *White Christmas* is an uplifting, wholesome musical that delights audiences of all ages. *Finley Theater, 500 N. Elm St. 903-892-8818; scptheater.org*

SHERMAN: Dec. 6-7 Christmas Pops Sherman Symphony presents special concerts to get audiences ready for the holidays. Santa is in attendance, so be on your best behavior and bring the kids to meet him. All ages are welcome. *Sid Richardson Center at Austin College, 900 N. Grand Ave. 903-814-0201; shermansymphony.com*

STEPHENVILLE: 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. Come and go as you please. *Erath County Courthouse, 100 W. Washington St. 254-552-1223; facebook.com/groups/1713112612291147*

STEPHENVILLE: Dec. 8 Holly Jolly Christmas Festival See the Christmas tree be lit for the season and take your picture with Santa. There are carriage rides and hayrides, carolers and choirs, dance and tumbling performances, letters to Santa, cookie decorating, crafts and games, and holiday gift vendors. *Downtown, 100 W. Washington St. 254-965-5313; stephenvilletexas.org/holly-jolly-christmas*

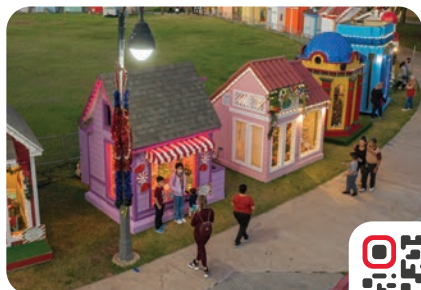
TEMPLE: Through Jan. 24 Collaboration: Railroad, Graffiti, Photography and Design Explore the unintentional collaboration between corporate railroad signage and graffiti artists, captured through striking photography and layered design by artist Steve Oleson. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templeerrhm.org*

TEMPLE: Dec. 1 Christmas Parade Ring in the holiday season with the 79th annual Christmas Parade, which kicks off from Eighth Street and Adams Avenue. Santa Claus comes to town for the evening. *Downtown, Eighth Street and Adams Avenue. 254-298-5418; templeparks.com*

TEMPLE: Dec. 6 Santa at the Depot Santa arrives by train and kids can enjoy holiday crafts, games, and snap a photo with Santa (by appointment only). With music, family activities, and the historical Santa Fe Depot decked out for the season, this event is a great way to make magical holiday memories. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templeparks.com*

TEMPLE: Dec. 12 Jingle Jam Celebrate the season with a night of holiday cheer, live music, and local flavor. From the soulful sounds of the Temple High Polyfoniks to the country hits of Curtis Grimes and the powerhouse vocals of Holly Tucker, the stage is packed with talent. Enjoy eats from local food trucks and explore a festive artisan market full of holiday treasures. *The Yard, 212 S. Main St. 254-298-5949; discovertemple.com/hollyjolly*

TERRELL: Dec. 12 Christmas Celebration Step into the magic of the holiday season in downtown Terrell. Highlights include special holiday shopping offers, a Christmas market, giveaways for children, family-friendly activities, carolers, live music, and Santa lighting the city Christmas tree. *Downtown, 206 W. Moore Ave. 972-563-5703; discoverterrell.com*



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TERRELL: Dec. 13 Stanley Ballard Sr. Christmas Parade Experience the charm of a small town tradition that brings the community together to celebrate the season with festive floats, performances, and holiday spirit. *Downtown, 206 W. Moore Ave. 972-563-5703; discoverterrell.com* 📍

THE COLONY: Dec. 6 Holiday in the Park Gather the family and savor some holiday cheer with activities, food, and festive presentations. When the sun goes down, enjoy the choreographed displays of the Christmas Spectacular light show at Central Fire Station. *Perryman Park, 4930 S. Colony Blvd. 972-625-1106; thecolonytx.gov/832/holiday-in-the-park* 📍

THE COLONY: Dec. 6 Parade of Lights Bring a chair and watch colorful floats make their way through the heart of town. *Perryman Park (along Blair Oaks Drive), 4930 S. Colony Blvd. 972-625-1106; thecolonytx.gov/832/holiday-in-the-park* 📍

WAXAHACHIE: Dec. 2 Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Floats decorated with twinkling lights make their way through downtown. The event culminates with the community tree lighting on the courthouse lawn. *Downtown, 101 W. Main St. 469-309-4046; waxahachiecvb.com*

WAXAHACHIE: Dec. 5-7, 12-14 Bethlehem Revisited At this recreation of the town of Bethlehem, visitors can walk the ancient streets that Mary and Joseph did on the night of Jesus' birth. Journey to the site of the Nativity and meet innkeepers, merchants, craftspeople, shopkeepers, clergy, and other citizens as they portray daily life in Bethlehem, complete with sheep, camels, and donkeys. *402 N. College St. 469-309-4040; waxahachiecvb.com*

WAXAHACHIE: Dec. 5-6 Christmas Market and Gift Show Over 100 vendors sell a wide variety of gifts including holiday décor, clothing and accessories, home accents, and children's clothing and toys. *Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Lane. 469-309-4040; waxahachiejso.org*

WAXAHACHIE: Dec. 13-14 Historic Waxahachie Christmas Tour of Homes Tour a selection of historical homes adorned in their holiday finest. *Various locations. 469-309-4040; historicwaxahachie.com/christmas-tour-of-home*

WAXAHACHIE: Dec. 13 Santa Run Enjoy this festive 5K race and fun run with participants competing in Santa suits. *Railyard Park, 455 S. College St. 972-937-9622; ymcadallas.org*

YOAKUM: Dec. 5-6 Christmas on Grand Head to Yoakum's holiday celebration fea-

turing family-friendly festivities including bounce houses, games, a carousel, real snow, arts and food vendors, and a lighted parade. *Railroad Park, 501 Front St. 361-293-2309; yoakumareachamber.com* 📍

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GOLIAD: Dec. 20 190th Anniversary of the Goliad Declaration of Independence Living historians recreate the signing of the first Texas Declaration of Independence 190 years later to the day on the same spot as the original signers. *Presidio La Bahia State Historic Site, 217 Loop 71. 361-645-3752; thc.texas.gov/events/190th-anniversary-goliad-declaration-independence* 📍

KARNES CITY: Dec. 13 Founders Day Celebration The 10th annual event is full of fun and entertainment including a color run, live entertainment, vendors, food trucks, carnival rides, dummy roping, fireworks, and snow. *Karnes City Park, 302 S. Browne St. 830-780-3422; cityofkctx.com* 📍

SAN ANTONIO: Nov. 22-Dec. 24 A Charlie Brown Christmas Follow Charlie Brown as he sets out to discover the true meaning of the holiday season with help from the Peanuts gang. Based on the beloved television special, this faithful stage adaptation features the original score, gentle humor, and a timeless message about love, community, and simplicity. *Magik Theatre, 420 S. Alamo St. 210-227-2751; magiktheatre.org* 📍

SAN ANTONIO: Nov. 22-Jan. 4 ICE! Magical Holiday Attraction Step into the world of *Frosty the Snowman*. Wander among towering displays, glide down ice slides, and visit Reindeer Ridge, a Texas-size holiday village with gingerbread house decorating, story time with Mrs. Claus, hot cocoa, and shopping. *JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa, 23808 Resort Parkway. 210-276-2500; jwhillcountrychristmas.com* 📍

SAN ANTONIO: Nov. 28-Dec. 28 Classic Christmas This immersive experience features 90,000 square feet of dazzling lights, real outdoor ice skating, the enhanced Slip N Slide Summit with black diamond lanes, live holiday programming, and trailside treats including Coca-Cola products and hot cocoa. *Toyota Field, 5186 David Edwards Drive. classicchristmas.com* 📍

SAN ANTONIO: Dec. 4-7 Las Nuevas Tamaleras The play, written and directed by local playwright Alicia Mena, follows the journey of three women as they attempt to make tamales for the first time. Their efforts are both aided and complicated by the spirits of Doña Mercedes and Doña

Juanita, two experienced tamaleras with conflicting opinions on how to make the perfect tamal. *Carver Community Cultural Center, 433 S. Hackberry St. 210-207-2234; lastamaleras.com* 📍

SAN ANTONIO: Dec. 4 Papier-Mâché Ornament Painting with MIJA Folk MIJA Folk Art is a San Antonio-based mother and her three daughters who create handmade art and original designs. Join them for a presentation on how they create their papier-mâché pieces, and then paint ornaments to take home. *Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St. 210-299-4499; briscoemuseum.org* 📍

SAN ANTONIO: Dec. 6 Mariachi Extravaganza Grand Finale Concert The legendary Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán returns to San Antonio for the 31st annual Mariachi Extravaganza. Their return continues a legacy that spans generations, inspiring young musicians and captivating audiences through breathtaking performances that define excellence in mariachi music. *Lila Cockrell Theatre, 900 E. Market St. 210-225-3353; mariachimusic.com* 📍

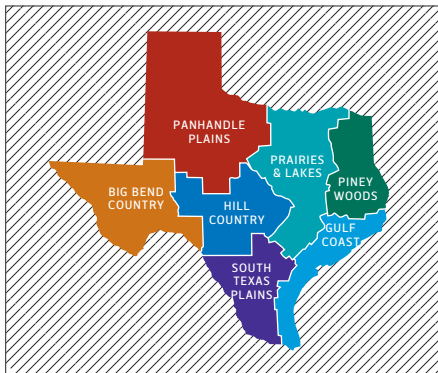
SAN ANTONIO: Dec. 12-14 Holiday in the Village This festival features a student-inspired winter wonderland with a life-size winter village built by St. Philip's College construction and technology students and a gingerbread house competition featuring designs by St. Philip's College culinary program's baking and pastry students. There's also Santa, tamale demonstrations, ornament making, and workshops in Oaxacan hot chocolate sipping, piñatas, and cookie decorating. *Maury Maverick Plaza in Historic La Villita Arts Village, 418 Villita St. 830-491-8634; lavillitaevents.com* 📍

SAN ANTONIO: Dec. 14 German Christmas: Deutsche Weihnachtsfeier The 120th Deutsche Weihnachtsfeier includes the Christmas story told entirely in German using scripture, German Christmas poetry, prayers, choral and congregational singing, and instrumental music. *Trinity University, Margarite B. Parker Chapel, 1 Trinity Place. 210-264-4749; saweihnachtsfeier.org* 📍

WESLACO: Dec. 13 Lighted Christmas Parade Celebrate the holidays in Weslaco at the annual Lighted Christmas Parade, with over 100 floats illuminating the streets of downtown Weslaco. *500 S. Texas Blvd. 956-968-2102; weslaco.com/parade* 📍

WESLACO: Dec. 13 Santa Dash Runners dress as Santa at this festive run for all ages. It kicks off the Weslaco Parade and has a route that goes through downtown Weslaco. *Downtown, 500 S. Texas Blvd. 956-968-2102; weslaco.com/parade* 📍

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BIG BEND COUNTRY

ALPINE: Jan. 24-25 Far West Texas Comic Con The ultimate pop culture experience of West Texas includes featured artists, voice actors, a cosplay competition, vendors, K-pop dancers, and gaming tournaments. *Alpine Civic Center, 801 W. Holland Ave. 432-269-8547; themagicalwarehouse.com/farwestcomiccon* ♿

ALPINE: Jan. 30-Feb. 1 Wildlife Weekend Texas Parks and Wildlife, Borderlands Research Institute, and other conservation partners offer a full weekend of activities, information, and education about Texas wildlife. This year's focus is owls. Enjoy a guided hike, bird walk, wildlife scavenger hunt, and other activities. *Museum of the Big Bend, 400 N. Harrison St. 432-837-2326; visitapinetx.com/wildlife* ♿

EL PASO: Jan. 17-18 Puzzler Mountain Bike Race Conquer the largest urban state park in North America, Franklin Mountains State Park. The Puzzler Mountain Bike Race

challenges its riders with 6,200 feet of climb on single track technical terrain. Presented by the Borderland Mountain Bike Association, the race welcomes all ages and has a choice of three distances. *Bowen Ranch Roundhouse, Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (2.6 miles north of US 54). 915-443-6704; elpasopuzzler.com* ♿

MONAHANS: Jan. 10 Monahans Sandhills Resolution Run Come out for the 17th annual Resolution Run. The morning includes a 5K and 10K run and a health walk. Children 12 and under are welcome to participate, too. *Monahans Sandhills State Park, 2500 I-20. 432-943-2187; active.com/orgs/monahans-chamber-of-commerce* ♿

ODESSA: Dec. 6-March 15 1968: A Folsom Redemption Celebrating the 50th anniversary of a landmark event, this exhibition presents a collection of photographs and memories captured by two fortunate journalists who bore witness to the historic Johnny Cash concerts at Folsom Prison. *Ellen Noël Art Museum, 4919 E. University Blvd. 432-550-9696; noelartmuseum.org*

ODESSA: Dec. 6-March 22 Halston: Inventing American Fashion This exhibition celebrates the groundbreaking legacy of Roy Halston Frowick, the designer who revolutionized American fashion in the 1970s with his sleek, minimalist style. Curated by his niece and biographer Lesley Frowick, *Halston: Inventing American Fashion* offers a personal and intimate look at the man behind the legend, showcasing rare garments, photographs, and archival materials. *Ellen Noël Art Museum, 4919 E. University Blvd. 432-550-9696; noelartmuseum.org*

VAN HORN: Jan. 10-11 Culberson County Stock Show The stock show and sale is accompanied by family activities, barbecue, live music, and dancing. *Van Horn Rodeo Arena, 302 Jones St. 432-283-2682; vanhormtexas.org* ♿

GULF COAST

BAY CITY: Jan. 31 Wild Game and CamoFest Cooking "guides" provide locally caught samples of wild game, fish, and fowl, plus food inspired by Texas wines. Festivalgoers enjoy sampling wine from local wineries, live entertainment, shopping with festival specialty vendors, and selections of Texas beer. There are also

activities for the children. *Downtown. 979-318-2575; baycitycamofest.net*

BEAUMONT: Jan. 10 SETX WhiskeyFest Bringing together whiskey enthusiasts and master distillers of fine spirits from across the country, the festival features tastings of 400-plus bottles of premium whiskey and bourbon, gourmet bites served throughout the festival, swag bags, and a tasting glass. *Beaumont Civic Center, 701 Main St. 409-838-3435; beaumonteventstx.com*

CLUTE: Dec. 2-Feb. 28 Planetarium Show A 30-foot dome equipped with a Spitz Star Ball projector produces the night sky as it appears to the naked eye. With a variety of high-tech equipment, the show gives a close-up feel for things like comets, exploding stars, and black holes. *Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.com* ♿

GALVESTON: Nov. 22-Jan. 3 Holiday in the Gardens Each year, Moody Gardens brings the holidays to life with experiences that delight all ages. Explore dazzling light displays, wander themed attractions, and embrace the spirit of the season in a setting that blends Gulf Coast charm with festive wonder. *Moody Gardens, 1 Hope Blvd. 409-744-4673; moodygardens.com* ♿

GALVESTON: Jan. 16-17 Yaga's Chili Quest and Beer Fest Chili Quest consists of the ever-so-popular chili and beer tasting with a ton of added perks. Get ready for chili sampling, live music, a 5K fun run/walk, a washer pitching tournament, a jackpot margarita contest, vendors, and a historical Strand merchant walkabout. *Historic Strand District, 2302 Strand St. 409-770-0999; yagaschiliquest.com* ♿

GALVESTON: Jan. 18 Galveston Symphony Orchestra in Concert: POPS II: Danzas Y Sonidos In an exciting new collaboration with Ball High School's Dance y Ballet Folklórico! Experience, the symphony performs with talented young dancers, who join the orchestra for a colorful program celebrating the rich traditions of mariachi and explore the full spectrum of Mexican music, from the Renaissance to today's contemporary sounds. *The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. 409-765-1894; thegrand.com* ♿

GALVESTON: Jan. 19–25 Art Week From captivating gallery exhibitions to engaging workshops and live performances, Art Week offers a variety of activities for everyone. Enjoy free events and paid experiences that highlight local talent and culture. *Historic Downtown*. 409-457-9780; artweekgalveston.com 📍

HOUSTON: Through Jan. 11 Winter Wonderlawn Celebrate the holidays at Winter Wonderlawn, where the five-acre rooftop Skylawn is decked out with thousands of illuminated holiday lights and festive décor, including a 25-foot Christmas tree and multiple holiday-themed activations, all with the downtown Houston skyline as the backdrop. *POST Houston*, 401 Franklin St. 713-999-2550; posthxtx.com

HOUSTON: Through March 1 Robert Rauschenberg: Fabric Works of the 1970s On the occasion of the 100th birthday of American artist and native Texan Robert Rauschenberg (1925–2008), the Menil Collection presents an exhibition that looks at the artist’s expressive and conceptual use of fabric as a sculptural medium. *The Menil Collection*, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org 📍

HOUSTON: Dec. 12–May 31 Photography from the Menil Collection: Curated by Wendy Watriss This presentation of documentary-style photographs from the Menil’s permanent collection underscores how images can ignite conversation about diverse social realities. The exhibition features work by Larry Burrows, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Bruce Davidson, Danny Lyon, Charles Moore, and other significant practitioners in the 20th century who explored varied approaches to capturing everyday moments. *The Menil Collection*, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org 📍

HOUSTON: Jan. 19 MLK Unity Parade For the first time in more than 30 years, Houston’s two major Martin Luther King Jr. Day parades (the MLK Grande Parade and one hosted by the Black Heritage Society) are coming together—uniting as one to present a powerful message of peace, purpose, and progress. Themed “Embracing the Oneness of Humanity,” this year’s MLK Unity Parade has more than 300 culturally diverse performance groups from across the nation and around the world expected to participate. *Downtown, San Jacinto and Elgin streets*. 713-560-8328; mlkgrandeparade.org 📍

HOUSTON: Jan. 20 Merz Trio in Concert Chamber Music Houston presents the award-winning classical music trio, who perform a program featuring Beethoven, Dvorák, and Schoenberg’s iconic “Verklärte Nacht.” *Stude Concert Hall, Brockman Music and Performing Arts Center, Rice University*, 6100 Main St. 713-348-5400; chambermusichouston.org 📍

HUMBLE: Jan. 24 Hops n’ Hot Sauce Festival Celebrating 10 years, the festival showcases cold brews and spicy foods. Along with the Hot Pepper Eating Contest, enjoy live music and a DJ, Houston food trucks, a kids area and coloring contest, and special birthday festivities. *Humble Civic Center Expo Building, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway*. hopsnhotsaucefestival.com 📍

LAKE JACKSON: Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7 Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tour Visit the historical archeological site of Maj. Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the site was destroyed by the same hurricane that devastated Galveston in 1900. Learn about the sugar-making process of the 1840s and how convict labor replaced slave labor during the 1870s.

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LAKE JACKSON: Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21

Bird Banding Watch volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station provides an excellent opportunity to see birds up close and to learn about all the birds of the Brazosport area. *Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 SH 332 West. 979-480-0999; gcbco.org*

LAKE JACKSON: Jan. 16 The Westerlies in Concert

The New York-based brass quartet navigates a wide array of venues and projects with the precision of a string quartet, the audacity of a rock band, and the charm of a family sing-along. This ensemble has produced 10 critically acclaimed albums of genre-defying music. *The Clarion at Brazosport College, 500 College Drive. 979-230-3658; brazosport.edu/clarion*

LAKE JACKSON: Jan. 23 Aubrey Logan in Concert

Performing with the Brazosport Jazz Orchestra, Aubrey Logan, with her distinct voice, is able to take a song from any era or genre and make it her own through surprising vocal melisma, scat jazz interludes, and a blissful warm tone.

The Clarion at Brazosport College, 500 College Drive. 979-230-3658; brazosport.edu/clarion

ORANGE: Jan. 28 Secrets of Space Created by Cahoots NI, the award-winning team behind *Danny Carmo's Mathematical Mysteries*, this show is appropriate for second-through sixth-grade students. As young girls, Suni and Mae dreamed about journeying far beyond the solar system, singing among the stars, and discovering all that was unknown to them: the secrets of space. Using magical illusions and a state-of-the-art digital LED wall, the sisters and the audience embark on an interactive journey across the galaxy. *Lutcher Theater, 707 Main Ave. 409-886-5535; lutcher.org/secrets-of-space*

PORT ARANSAS: Dec. 1-Jan. 4 Sand Santa

Take your family holiday photo at the Sand Santa display. This giant sand sculpture is created by world-class sand sculptors and remains on display for the holiday season. *Roberts Point Park Pavilion, 301 JC Barr Blvd. 361-749-5919; portaransas.org*

PORT ARANSAS: Dec. 7-Jan. 4 Drive-Thru Holiday Light Display Port Aransas Parks and Recreation Department invites

individuals, families, businesses, and organizations to help light up the park by painting 4-foot wooden holiday tree cutouts. The decorated trees are featured in this drive-thru light experience for all to enjoy. *Roberts Point Park Pavilion, 301 JC Barr Blvd. 361-749-4158; portaransas.org*

PORT ARANSAS: Jan. 31 Port Aransas Garden Club Home Tour

The Port Aransas Garden Club hosts its 36th annual home tour on Mustang Island. The tour originates at the Island Retreat Condominiums (700 Island Retreat Court). *Various locations. portaransasgardenclub.org*

ROCKPORT: Dec. 8-Jan. 5 Christmas on the Beach

From Candy Land to a tribute to first responders, the annual Christmas on the Beach drive-thru light display is a celebration of the season for all to enjoy. More than 13 local organizations create displays for visitors, guests, and residents of Aransas County to enjoy from the comfort of their own vehicles. The public is invited to stop by the Welcome Station at the Saltwater Pavilion on the way to the Christmas Tree Circle. *Rockport Beach, 100 Seabreeze Drive. 361-729-5533; cotbrockport.com*

ROCKPORT: Jan. 9-10 Gospel Music Festival

This year at the 28th annual festival, gospel music audiences can see the Crimson River Quartet, the Kinsmen, the McNeills, the DeLawders, and the Williams. *First Baptist Church, 1515 N. Live Oak St. 361-557-7581; gospelforce.org*

ROCKPORT: Jan. 15 Winter Texan Appreciation Day

Winter Texans are encouraged to stop by for refreshments, collect information about the region from local businesses, learn about local attractions, grab a bite to eat, and enjoy finding out about the entertainment and games available at local RV parks. *Fulton Convention Center, 402 N. Fulton Beach Road. 361-729-2388; rockport-fulton.org*

ROCKPORT: Jan. 30-31 Pieces of Paradise Quilt Show

Immerse yourself in a world of color, creativity, and craftsmanship at this quilt show presented by Piece-makers by the Bay Quilt Guild. Experience an array of quilts, from traditional designs to modern masterpieces, each telling a story and reflecting on the creativity and skill of its maker. Don't miss a chance to win prizes. Explore a curated selection of quilt shops and vendors offering fabrics, tools, patterns, and quilting accessories. *First Presbyterian Church, 301 Business Highway 35 North. 736-729-6251; piecemakersbythebay.org/quilt-show*

The graphic features a central illustration of a wine glass with red wine, flanked by two sets of antlers. Above the glass, the text reads "WILD GAME AND WINE". Below this, "CAMOFEST" is written in large, bold, black letters. Underneath, "SAVE THE DATE" is written in a mix of black and red fonts, with "SAVE THE" in black and "DATE" in red. Below that, "January 31st, 2026" is written in a red, cursive font. At the bottom left is a circular logo for "Visit BAY CITY TX" with the tagline "Where Country Meets The Coast". At the bottom right, the text "LEARN MORE AT BAYCITYCAMOFEST.NET" is displayed in white on a dark background.

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Jan. 1 Polar Bear Dip Start the new year with a splash by participating in this Gulf Coast custom. The annual Polar Bear Dip includes food, drinks, and island fun. Whether you want to brave the Gulf or cheer from the sand, all are invited. *Clayton's Beach Bar and Grill, 6900 Padre Blvd. 956-761-6433; visitsouthpadreisland.com* 🍷

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Jan. 23-25, Feb. 20-22 Market Days Market Days has been bringing buyers and sellers together for over 25 years. This twice-a-year event includes a wide variety of vendors, artisans, and food vendors, creating one of the most anticipated shopping experiences on the island. Shop for jewelry, fragrances, clothing, collectibles, arts and crafts, treats, and home décor. *South Padre Island Convention Center, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-6433; visitsouthpadreisland.com* 🍷

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Jan. 27-31 Pickleball on Padre This event provides tournaments and play sessions for players looking to show off their skills. Players can enjoy both indoor and outdoor pickleball, giving everyone a chance to sharpen their skills, meet fellow enthusiasts, and enjoy the island's vibrant setting. *South Padre Island Convention Center, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-6433; visitsouthpadreisland.com* 🍷

SPRING: Jan. 13 Elana James and Hot Club of Cowtown in Concert Elana James is an American songwriter, vocalist, and Western swing, folk, and jazz violinist. She performs with the band she founded, Hot Club of Cowtown. *The Centrum, 6823 Cypresswood Drive. 281-440-4852; cypresscreekface.org*

SURFSIDE BEACH: Jan. 1 Polar Plunge Start 2026 off right by joining other brave souls as they take a cold and refreshing dip in the Gulf. You leave with nothing but bragging rights. *Surfside Beach Pedestrian Beach. 979-233-1531; surfsidetx.org* 🍷

VICTORIA: Jan. 24 7 Bridges: the Ultimate Eagles Experience Get ready for a rock-meets-symphony experience with a tribute to the Eagles. The band 7 Bridges performs symphonic renditions of timeless hits like "Hotel California," "Desperado," "Take It Easy," and "Life in the Fast Lane" with the power and depth of a full orchestra. *Victoria Fine Arts Center, 1002 Sam Houston Drive. 361-576-4500; victoriasymphony.com* 🍷

WEST COLUMBIA: Jan. 17 A Chef and Their Tools: A Crash Course on Cast Iron Care Explore the history of enslaved chefs and their shaping of American cuisine. Enslaved chefs like Hercules Posey and James Hemmings used cast iron pots and pans

every day to create fine meals. During this program, visitors also learn about how to restore cast iron and keep it in tip-top shape. *Verner-Hogg Plantation State Historical Site, 1702 N. 13th St. 979-345-4656; visitvarnerhoggplantation.com* 🍷

HILL COUNTRY

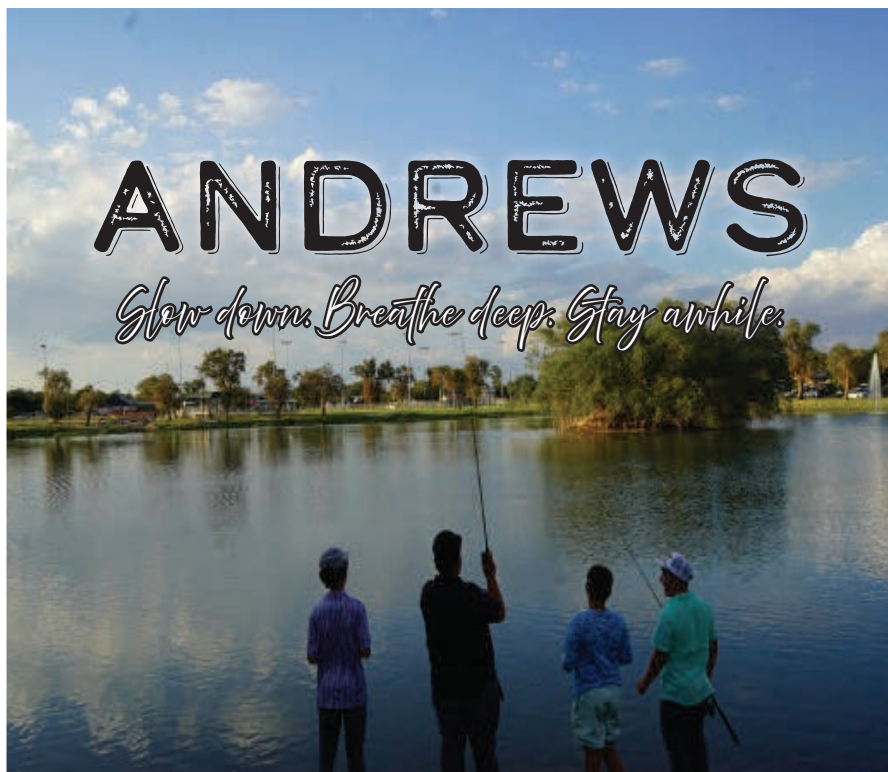
AUSTIN: Jan. 9-10 Stomp See the show known for treating audiences to an explosive, inventive, provocative, witty, and unforgettable experience for all ages. The eight-member troupe uses everything but conventional percussion instruments—matchboxes, wooden poles, brooms, garbage cans, Zippo lighters, hubcaps—to fill the stage with magnificent rhythms. *Bass Concert Hall, Texas Performing Arts, 2350 Robert Dedman Drive. 512-471-1122; texasperformingarts.org* 🍷

AUSTIN: Jan. 10-11 City-Wide Vintage Sale Since 1977, Austin's largest indoor vintage event has offered shoppers a chance to browse vintage goods, antiques, and collectibles from 80 to 100 vendors from Texas and beyond. *Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road. 512-441-2828; citywidevintagesale.com* 🍷

AUSTIN: Jan. 18 Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass in Concert Herb Alpert and his brand-new Tijuana Brass are playing all of your favorite Tijuana Brass hit songs just as you remember hearing them. The show features a giant video screen that displays hundreds of classic photos, videos, art, and various memorabilia from Herb's music career. *Long Center, 701 W. Riverside Drive. 512-474-5664; thelongcenter.org* 🍷

AUSTIN: Jan. 18 International Half Formerly the 3M Half Marathon, the Austin International Half boasts one of the fastest half-marathon courses in the country. The mostly downhill course takes you past some of Austin's iconic locations and finishes downtown near the Texas State Capitol. *Downtown, 9700 Stonelake Blvd. downhilltodowntown.com* 🍷

AUSTIN: Jan. 29 PlayStation: The Concert Immerse yourself in the worlds of PlayStation like never before. This revolutionary live experience takes audiences on a journey through the most celebrated scores in gaming history, including God of War, The Last of Us, Ghost of Tsushima, and Horizon. Each piece is reimaged for the stage in collaboration with acclaimed composers



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such as Gustavo Santaolalla, Bear McCreary, Ilan Eshkeri, and Joris de Man. *Texas Performing Arts, Bass Concert Hall, 2350 Robert Dedman Drive. 512-471-2787; texasperformingarts.org* 📍

BANDERA: Jan. 3 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. *Main Street, 500 Main St. 210-632-4535; banderabusiness.com* 📍

BANDERA: Jan. 8-10 Bandera County Junior Livestock Show The livestock show provides 4-H and FFA youth opportunities to pursue their agricultural, leadership, and higher education goals. An auction is held on Jan. 11. *Mansfield Park Show Barn and Arena, 2886 SH 16 North. 830-796-5082; bandera.agrilife.org/bcjls-livestock-show* 📍

BANDERA: Jan. 10-11 Hoka Bandera Endurance Trail Race Register Friday to participate. There's a 100-kilometer stand-alone race on Saturday. The 50K and 25K races start Sunday morning and end Sunday night at the latest. *Hill Country State Natural Area, 10600 Bandera Creek Road. tejastrails.com/bandera*

BANDERA: Jan. 25 Frontier Times Fourth Sunday Jamboree The Frontier Times Museum presents this jamboree on the fourth Sunday of the month. The event includes live music, storytelling, and fun for all ages. *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; frontiertimesmuseum.org* 📍

BOERNE: Dec. 6, 13; Jan. 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 Cibolo Farmers Market The Cibolo Farmers Market is an open-air farmers market on the historical Herff Farm. Visitors can hike the trails, shop, get gardening inspiration, take classes on growing food, help the Cibolo Center for Conservation maintain the land through volunteer service projects, or get new recipe ideas. *Herff Farm, 33 Herff Road. 830-249-4616; cibolo.org/locations/herff-farm* 📍

COTTONWOOD SHORES: Jan. 10 The Vinyl Stripes in Concert This Texas-based trio brings the sound and style of the 1950s and '60s to life—with rockabilly, surf guitar, early Elvis, and vintage rock 'n' roll hits from legends like Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, and Buddy Holly. Dressed to impress with skinny ties and Gretsch guitars, the group's members get audiences dancing, swinging, and singing along all night long. *Hill Country Community Theatre, 4003 W. FM 2147. 830-798-8944; thehctt.org/season-40* 📍

DRIPPING SPRINGS: Nov. 28-Jan. 3 Western Wonderland Immerse yourself in the holiday spirit with festive activities that delight guests of all ages. There's an ice skating rink, a dazzling Trail of Lights, a bustling market, and live entertainment. *Dripping Springs Ranch Park, 1042 Event Center Drive. 512-894-2390; drippingspringsranchpark.com/westernwonderland* 📍

FREDERICKSBURG: Jan. 17 Book Festival At the second annual festival, a dozen Texas authors participate in readings, panels, interviews, and Q&As. One track features authors of books for adults; a second track presents authors and illustrators of children's books, paired with hands-on activities for children and teens, plus a pop-up appearance by Pete the Cat. Special guest Typewriter Rodeo is on-site, writing original poems on vintage typewriters based on your prompts. Venues include the Pioneer Memorial Library, St. Joseph's Halle, and the Gillespie County Historical Society's sanctuary. *Various locations. fredericksburgbookfestival.org* 📍



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FREDERICKSBURG: Jan. 17-18 Hill Country Gem and Mineral Show The Fredericksburg Rockhounds hosts this showcase for artifacts, exhibits, demonstrations, jewelry, minerals, fossils, and other precious items. Geologists and dealers are there to identify your mystery rocks, and there are free door prizes. *Pioneer Pavilion at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park, 432 Lady Bird Drive. 325-248-1067; fredericksburgrockhounds.org*

JOHNSON CITY: Nov. 29-Jan. 4 Lights Spectacular Hill Country Style Experience twinkling lights, festive decorations, and holiday spirit at this beloved Johnson City event that consistently brings joy and wonder to all ages. *Historical square off Main Street, Memorial Park, and PEC headquarters. lightsspectacular.com* 📍

JOHNSON CITY: Jan. 17 Snow Day at the Science Mill Sled into a flurry of fun science activities, including a snow pit with 28

tons of real snow, at the Science Mill, a gathering place for the community and a forum for science exploration. *Science Mill, 101 S. Lady Bird Lane. 844-263-6405; sciencemill.org* 📍

KERRVILLE: Nov. 15-Jan. 10 The New American West by Brush and by Bronze The exhibition features works by Santa Fe artist Kathleen Frank and bronze artist Mark Yale Harris. *Museum of Western Art, 1550 Bandera Highway. 830-896-2553; museumofwesternart.com*

KERRVILLE: Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4 Wild West Wine Wednesdays Museum of Western Art hosts this monthly event, where visitors can meet an area brewer, wine-maker, or distiller and learn about their products, try out a sample, and enjoy the museum's latest exhibits. *Museum of Western Art, 1550 Bandera Highway. 830-896-2553; museumofwesternart.com*

KERRVILLE: Jan. 3 Symphony of the Hills in Concert: All That Jazz Pops This program presented by Symphony of the Hills features solo vocalists and dancers, as well as a pianist, performing one of the most popular works of all time: George Gershwin's Variations on "I Got Rhythm." *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-792-7469; symphonyofthehills.org*

KERRVILLE: Jan. 24 Broadway's Leading Ladies This show honors some of the greatest leading lady roles on Broadway with a one-time-only concert. Five performers bring a sampling of those sensational show tunes to Kerrville. *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-896-9393; caillouxperformingarts.com*

KERRVILLE: Jan. 24-25 Home and Outdoor Living Show The show features 125 exhibits, a tiny home village, gardening workshops, the food truck alley, the Thrive after 55-plus Showcase, and a gift and gourmet marketplace. *Hill Country Youth Event Center, 3785 SH 27. 830-837-1410; kerrvillehomeshow.com*

KERRVILLE: Jan. 24-25 Winter Market Vendors bring their best in clothing, jewelry, gifts, accessories, Texas handmade items, gourmet food, photography, and home décor, among other merchandise. *Inn of the Hills Hotel and Conference Center, 1001 Junction Highway. 888-225-3427; texasmarketguide.com*

MARBLE FALLS: Nov. 21-Jan. 3 Christmas in Marble Falls Enjoy 44 nights of holiday cheer sprinkled throughout the town this season, from the Walkway of Lights and winter ice skating rink downtown to the Light Up Parade and the

Christmas tree lighting ceremony, also downtown. *Various locations.* 830-693-4449; visitmarblefalls.org 📍

MARBLE FALLS: Nov. 21-Jan. 3 Walkway of Lights At this annual holiday event, visitors stroll along the banks of Marble Falls Lake and look at dozens of lit-up Christmas sculptures. Santa takes gift wishes every Friday and Sunday until Christmas. *Lakeside Park, 305 Buena Vista Drive.* 830-693-4449; visitmarblefalls.org 📍

MARBLE FALLS: Nov. 21-Jan. 3 Winter Ice Rink The ice skating rink offers a winter experience for all ages, with smooth ice perfect for gliding and festive music adding to the seasonal charm. In addition to skating, visitors can enjoy a round of ice bumper cars that provide a fun twist on a traditional winter activity. *Lakeside Park, 305 Buena Vista Drive.* 830-798-6250; visitmarblefalls.org 📍

NEW BRAUNFELS: Jan. 1 Hair of the Dog Day Enjoy recovering from New Year's Eve festivities with free live shows all day at Gruene Hall on New Year's Day. *Gruene Hall, 1281 Gruene Road.* 830-606-1281; gruenehall.com

NEW BRAUNFELS: Jan. 25 Das Dreizehn. Eins (13.1) Silly name, serious fun. Das Dreizehn.Eins, German for "the 13 point 1," is a half-marathon, 5K run/walk, and a kids run. The route goes through downtown New Braunfels before winding through Landa Park. From there, it crosses over the Guadalupe River and into the historical Gruene District. All participants receive a finisher medal, and there's a post-race party. *Prince Solms Park, 100 Liebscher Drive.* athleteguild.com/das

SPRING BRANCH: Jan. 17 The County Line Band in Concert For the January monthly dance, the County Line Band hits the stage for a show filled with country, gospel, and classic rock music. *Anhalt Halle, 2390 Anhalt Road.* 830-438-2873; anhaltdancehall.ticketspice.com/2026-the-county-line-band 📍

VANDERPOOL: Jan. 1 First Day Hike Start the new year off taking a first-day hike in Lost Maples. The two-mile hike is free with paid entrance to the natural area. *Lost Maples State Natural Area, 37221 FM 187.* 830-966-3413; tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lost-maples 📍

WIMBERLEY: Nov. 29-Jan. 3 Hometown Holidays The charming town transforms into a winter wonderland filled with twinkling lights and small town cheer. Downtown offers evenings filled with festive family-friendly events, all anchored at

Christmas Courtyard, including the Lighted Parade, Santa Pub Crawl, and Cup of Cheer, all featuring Hill Country live music throughout the month. Don't miss the Emily Ann Trail of Lights, a highlight that captures the spirit of the season. *Downtown, Wimberley Square.* 512-648-6857; hometownholidays.com 📍

PANHANDLE PLAINS

ABILENE: Through Feb. 7 Cindi Holt: Inside and Out Cindi Holt is a self-taught artist who was first inspired to paint in 1985 when she was 34. The exhibition features many of her recent paintings, which are imaginative and rich in detail. *The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St.* 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org 📍

ABILENE: Through Feb. 21 Gail Norfleet: Luminous Layers Flowers abound on multidimensional, transparent layers of Lucite where Gail Norfleet creates complex "fields" that reveal her love of nature and the forms of flowers. *The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St.* 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org 📍

ABILENE: Jan. 9 Artist Reception: Cindi Holt The Grace Museum hosts a public reception with featured painter Cindi Holt. Attendees can enjoy refreshments, comments by the curator, and an insightful gallery talk by the artist. *The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St.* 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org 📍

AMARILLO: Jan. 9 Toddler Tracks Explorers 5 years old and under can enjoy nature-themed story time, do a craft or other hands-on activity, and go for an optional nature walk on Libb's Trail. This program, held indoors if weather is below 40 degrees, is the second Friday of the month with two time slots in the morning. It is included with admission to the nature center. *Wildcat Bluff Nature Center, 2301 N. Soncy Road.* discoverycentercollective.org/wildcat-bluff-discovery-center

AMARILLO: Jan. 10 The Amarillo Symphony in Concert: Serenading the High Plains The symphony presents a performance by Amarillo Chamber Orchestra with Anthony Blake Clark conducting and Kathleen Carter Bell on oboe. The repertoire includes Arcangelo Corelli's Concerto Grosso No. 8, op. 6 "Christmas Concerto"; Ralph Vaughan Williams' Concerto for oboe; Arvo Pärt's "Silouan's Song"; and Arthur Foote's Serenade for Strings in E Major. *Globe-News Performing Arts Center, 500 S. Buchanan St.* 806-376-8782; amarillosymphony.org

AMARILLO: Jan. 16-17 20th Anniversary of the Globe-News Center The Globe-News Performing Arts Center commemorates its 20th anniversary with a performance featuring Rodrigo's fiery *Concierto de Aranjuez* with the guitarist JJJJ, and Bruckner's majestic *Symphony No. 7*. *Globe-News Performing Arts Center, 500 S. Buchanan St.* 806-376-8782; amarillosymphony.org

LUBBOCK: Jan. 16-18 Water for Elephants The critically acclaimed bestselling novel that was adapted into a movie comes to life in a unique new musical. After losing what matters most, a young man jumps a moving train unsure of where the tracks will take him and finds a new home with the remarkable crew of a traveling circus. Seen through the eyes of his older self, his adventure becomes a poignant reminder that if you choose the ride, life can begin again at any age. *The Buddy Holly Hall, 1300 Mac Davis Lane.* 806-792-8339; americantheatreguild.com 📍

SAN ANGELO: Through 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

SAN ANGELO: Through Feb. 8 Spirit of the Ranch: The Ranch Fellowship Exhibit A curated selection of works by fellowship artists Kirsten Anderson, Zufar Bikbov, Lon Brauer, Durre Waseem, and Jeff Williams is on display. The artists immersed themselves in the authentic ranch culture of West Texas, painting and living on a private ranch for three weeks. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St.* 325-653-3333; samfa.org/en-plein-air 📍

PINEY WOODS

GRAPELAND: Jan. 10-11 Piney Woods Living History and New Year's Ball Learn more about what life was like in Texas prior to 1870. See demonstrations during the day for camp cooking and weapons; enjoy dance practice; visit a soldier encampment and an apothecary; watch blacksmithing, soap making, family life, and cannon fire. *Salmon Lake Park, 247 Salmon Lake Road.* 800-659-3484; oldwaysmadenew.com/living-history/pineywoods-living-history 📍

JEFFERSON: Jan. 24 Queen Mab Ball The party offers an evening of fun, food, live

music, dancing, costumes, beads, and the crowning of the 2026 Mardi Gras king and queen. Mardi Gras costumes are optional. *Jefferson Convention and Visitor Center, 305 E. Austin St. mardigrasupriver.com or visitjeffersontexas.com/events* 📍

PALESTINE: Jan. 1 Dash and Splash Kick off the new year with a refreshing challenge as you race through a scenic 5K course, starting and finishing at the pool gate. After crossing the finish line, take the plunge with an optional polar plunge into the pool. *YMCA, 5500 Loop 256 North. 800-659-3484; runsignup.com/race/tx/palestine/dashsplashpalestine* 📍

PALESTINE: Jan. 3-31 Faire of Champions This winter fantasy fair, where Renaissance meets comic con, is set on a sprawling 107-acre property. Witness the mightiest of champions in combat, explore a marketplace filled with handcrafted goods, delicious food, and unique trinkets, and enjoy performances by musicians, dancers, and actors. Each weekend features a different theme. Camping is available. *Faire of Champions, 4033 CR 2212. 800-659-3484; faireofchampions.com* 📍

PALESTINE: Jan. 7-10 Nolan County Livestock Show Various school districts compete in a stock show, where students show a variety of animals. *Nolan County Coliseum, 220 Coliseum Drive. facebook.com/pl-nolan-county-livestock-association-100066792384558*

SWEETWATER: Jan. 1 Dash and Splash Kick off the new year with a refreshing challenge as you race through a scenic 5K course, starting and finishing at the pool gate. After crossing the finish line, cool down by taking an optional polar plunge into the pool. *YMCA, 5500 Loop 256 North. 800-659-3484; runsignup.com/race/tx/palestine/dashsplashpalestine* 📍

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

BRENHAM: Jan. 17 Uptown Swirl Experience downtown Brenham's unique shops while sipping and sampling wines from around the world. *Downtown, 101 E. Alamo St. 979-337-7239; downtownbrenham.com/swirl* 📍

BRENHAM: Jan. 19-Feb. 15 Dear Jack, Dear Louise Tony Award-winning playwright Ken Ludwig tells the joyous, heart-warming story of his parents' courtship with humor and poignancy. *Dear Jack, Dear Louise* is an inspiring reminder of the best humans can be, even in the worst of times. *Unity Theatre, 300 Church St. 979-830-8358; unitybrenham.org* 📍

CORSICANA: Jan. 15 Artist and Writer Residency: Presentations Corsicana Artist and Writer Residency advances the production and presentation of new work and ideas by an international community of artists and writers by providing an arena of generous support and historical space. This month, the winter residents present their work from current and past projects. *MLK Jr. Center, 1114 E. Sixth Ave. 903-654-4851; corsicanaresidency.org* 📍

CUERO: Nov. 24-Jan. 1 Christmas in the Park The drive-thru holiday tradition features more than 300 lighted scenes. Open nightly, this family-friendly event welcomes donations to help keep the magic shining bright. *Cuero Municipal Park, US 87 and Broadway Street. 361-275-2112; cuerochristmasinthepark.org* 📍

DALLAS: Through Jan. 11 Roaming Mexico: Laura Wilson Capturing the unique culture, grit, joy, and humanity of Mexico and the Texas border, this exhibition of more than 75 images—most never before exhibited—by celebrated photographer Laura Wilson includes intimate portrayals of village life, popular festivals, cowboys, fire breathers, and captivating portraits that illuminate a vibrant existence. *Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd. 214-768-2516; meadowsmuseumdallas.org* 📍

ELGIN: Jan. 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Walk Remember, celebrate, and act by taking part in the 31st walk for peace, justice, and equality. The morning walk starts at the Elgin Depot Museum and proceeds to Booker T. Washington Elementary School, where a program follows. Refreshments are provided. *Elgin Depot Museum, 14 Depot St. elgintexas.gov/calendar.aspx* 📍

FORT WORTH: Jan. 16-Feb. 7 Stock Show and Rodeo Witness one of the most authentic Western lifestyle experiences anywhere—since 1896. The event offers rodeo action with the Ranch Rodeo, Best of Mexico Celebración, Cowboys of Color Rodeo, Bulls Night Out Extreme Bull Riding, and the FWSSR PRORODEO Tournament. There are also the livestock and horse shows, kids activities and exhibits, live music, carnival midway, shopping, and food. *Dickies Arena, 1911 Montgomery St. 817-877-2400; fwssr.com* 📍

GRANBURY: Jan. 18 Goosebump Jump Jump into the frigid waters of Lake Granbury at the fifth annual Goosebump Jump. Judges award prizes for best costume, best couple costume, best group costume, oldest competitor, and farthest traveled. Children are welcome. The forecast? One hundred percent chance of snow! *City Beach*

Park, 505 E. Pearl St. 817-573-5548; visitgranbury.com/goosebumpjump 📍

GRAND PRAIRIE: Through Jan. 18 Tianyu Lights Festival Experience an enchanting night following a young Peruvian boy's adventure to the Magical Ocean. Winding through the grounds of Texas Trust CU Theatre, the story takes visitors on a walk through a whimsical wonderland that shows Koda's dreams through luminous art installations. *Texas Trust CU Theatre Outdoor Grounds, 1001 Texas Trust Way. 888-484-2698; tianyuculture.us/dallas*

GRAND PRAIRIE: Nov. 28-Jan. 3 Bolder Blizzard Snowy adventures and holiday fun come to life indoors. From frosty activities to festive cheer, this holiday winter wonderland is appropriate for the whole family. *Bolder Adventure Park, 2324 W. Warrior Trail. bolderadventurepark.com*

GRAPEVINE: Nov. 28-Jan. 2 Peace Plaza Ice Rink Visitors can enjoy the Texas-size ice rink on Peace Plaza in front of Grapevine Main Station. Enjoy ice skating outside in the Texas winter surrounded by a festive atmosphere featuring a 60-foot live Christmas tree. *Peace Plaza, 815 S. Main St. 817-410-3185; grapevinetexasusa.com*

HILLSBORO: Jan. 12-17 The Hill County Fair The Hill County Fair has been a yearly tradition since 1913, where the youth of Hill County exhibit livestock and creative arts projects. *Hill County Fairgrounds, 205 Stadium Drive. 254-582-2481; facebook.com/hillcountyfair* 📍

MCKINNEY: Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7 Guided Trails Groups, led by experienced guides, explore the ecology, geology, flora, and fauna of the Heard Sanctuary. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org/other-programs/#trail*

MCKINNEY: Jan. 10 Second Saturday Bird Walks Second Saturday Bird Walks are intended to help beginner and intermediate birders with bird spotting and identification techniques. Prairie, woodland, and wetland habitats are included in the walks. These morning walks last 1.5 hours. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org*

PARIS: Jan. 22-25 Tower City Comedy Festival The festival invites over 100 comics, podcasters, and other laugh makers to downtown Paris to perform over three days. Performers come from all over the country and participate in panels, clinics, and industry-growing seminars. Audiences can expect at least 15 shows during the

event. This year's comics include Matthew Broussard, Carmen Lynch, and Jeremiah Watkins. There are also the Hysterical Tours, where comics take turns leading tour groups to actual points of historical interest, and other special events. *Tower City Comedy, 12 First St. NE. 903-785-5233; towercitycomedyfestival.com*

PLANO: Jan. 10 Hot Cake Hustle Start your 2026 racing season at this family-friendly event. Choose from a 10K, a 5K, a fun run, and a virtual run, all winding through the trails in the Plano Oak Point Nature Preserve. After the run, enjoy hotcakes, coffee, hot chocolate, other food, and ice-cold beer at the after-party. *Red Tail Pavilion, 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway. events.visitplano.com or runproject.org/hotcake-hustle-race*

PLANO: Jan. 17-18 Dallas Area Train Show The North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs organizes two train shows each year in Plano. See a variety of home layouts, shop from vendors, learn through clinics, and ask expert builder questions. The Dallas Area Train Show features full days of clinics and several home layouts. *Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway. events.visitplano.com or dfwtrainshows.com*

PLANO: Jan. 17 Plano Symphony Orchestra in Concert: Sound and Vision: A Multi-Sensory Journey The Plano Symphony Orchestra presents this concert featuring violinist Vesselin Demirev, who performs Bruch's Violin Concerto. In addition, the KV 265 Science Through Art project presents *Aurora Triptych*, a unique fusion of art and science that brings breathtaking imagery to life alongside evocative music. *Robinson Fine Arts Center, 1800 Alma Drive. 972-473-7262; planosymphony.org/2025-26-season*

ROUND TOP: Jan. 22-24 Winter Antiques Show Whether you're hunting for that perfect statement piece or seeking inspiration for your next design project, the Round Top Winter Show is the ultimate destination. Shopping takes place at two venues: Blue Hills and the Big Red Barn, both located on State Highway 237. *512-237-4747; roundtop.texasantiques.com/winter-show*

TEMPLE: Through Jan. 24 Collaboration: Railroad, Graffiti, Photography and Design Explore the unintentional collaboration between corporate railroad signage and graffiti artists, captured through striking photography and layered design by artist Steve Oleson. *Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum, 315 W. Ave. B. 254-298-5172; templerrhm.org* 📍

TEMPLE: Jan. 2 First Friday, Celebrate! Enjoy seasonal sips, delicious bites, and a vibrant energy that will set the tone for a great year ahead. Catch live music pop-ups throughout downtown as part of the Unplugged series, keeping the celebration going all evening long. *Downtown, South Main Street. 254-298-5949; discovertemple.com/downtown/events/first-friday* 📍

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

GOLIAD: Jan. 17 1835 Camp of Instruction A full day of living history demonstrations includes military drills and camp life displays. *Presidio La Bahia State Historic Site, 217 Loop 71. 361-645-3752; thc.texas.gov/events/1835-camp-instruction* 📍

MCALLEN: Jan. 17 Marathon The McAllen Marathon Scott Crane Run is expected to draw more than 12,000 participants and spectators from across the Rio Grande Valley, United States, and Mexico. This is a Boston Marathon qualifying race that includes a 26.2-mile full marathon, a 13.1 half-marathon, a six-person relay, a 10K, a 5K, and a Kids Final Mile. Bag pick-up and expo are located at the McAllen Convention Center. *700 Convention Center Blvd. 956-681-3320; mcallenmarathon.com*

SAN ANTONIO: Nov. 22-Jan. 4 ICE! Magical Holiday Attraction Step into the world of *Frosty the Snowman*. Wander among towering displays, glide down ice slides, and visit Reindeer Ridge, a Texas-size holiday village with gingerbread house decorating, story time with Mrs. Claus, hot cocoa, and shopping. *JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa, 23808 Resort Parkway. 210-276-2500; jwhillcountrychristmas.com* 📍

SAN ANTONIO: Jan. 4 Full STEAM Ahead: Salt Maps Families are invited to the Briscoe to learn about different types of maps and what they represent. After a short presentation, guest are able to create their own topographical salt map. *Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St. 210-299-4499; briscoemuseum.org* 📍

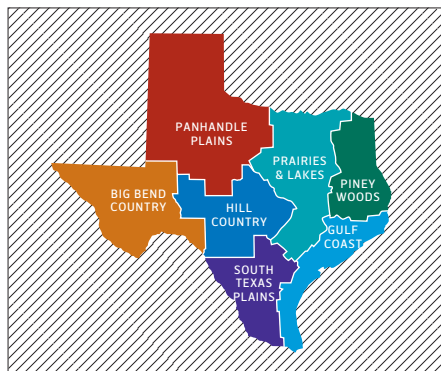
SAN ANTONIO: Jan. 15 Map Making Workshop with Matt Tumlinson Matt Tumlinson is a multifaceted artist raised in rural Central Texas, currently residing in San Antonio. He leads a workshop on map making. *Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St. 210-299-4499; briscoemuseum.org* 📍

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BIG BEND COUNTRY

ALPINE: Jan. 30-Feb. 1 Wildlife Weekend Texas Parks and Wildlife, Borderlands Research Institute, and other conservation partners offer a full weekend of activities, information, and education on Texas wildlife. This year's focus is owls. Enjoy a guided hike, bird walk, wildlife scavenger hunt, and other activities. *Museum of the Big Bend, 400 N. Harrison St. 432-837-2326; visitalpinetx.com/wildlife* ♿

ALPINE: Feb. 19-21 Lone Star Cowboy Poetry Gathering Poets, musicians, songwriters, and wordsmiths come together to celebrate the oral traditions of the working cowboy. There's a range of both free and ticketed performances. *Sul Ross State University, 400 N. Harrison St. 432-216-2167; lonestarcowboypoeetry.com* ♿

ODESSA: Dec. 6-March 15 1968: A Folsom Redemption Celebrating the 50th anniversary of a landmark event, this exhibition presents a collection of photographs and memories captured by two fortunate journalists who bore witness to the historic Johnny Cash concerts at Folsom Prison.

Ellen Noël Art Museum, 4919 E. University Blvd. 432-550-9696; noelartmuseum.org

ODESSA: Dec. 6-March 22 Halston: Inventing American Fashion This exhibition celebrates the groundbreaking legacy of Roy Halston Frowick, the designer who revolutionized American fashion in the 1970s with his sleek, minimalist style. Curated by his niece and biographer Lesley Frowick, the exhibition offers a personal and intimate look at the man behind the legend, showcasing rare garments, photographs, and archival materials. *Ellen Noël Art Museum, 4919 E. University Blvd. 432-550-9696; noelartmuseum.org*

VALENTINE: Feb. 14 Valentine's in Valentine This West Texas tradition, marking its 14th year, is a throwback celebration that combines live music, small town vibes, and good old-fashioned surprises. The venue alone, a refurbished mercantile store from the early 1900s, situated next to a rodeo corral, adds its own charm and mystique to the annual celebration. *Old Mercantile, north of the railroad tracks on North Main Street. 323-422-7555; valentineinvalentinetx.com*

GULF COAST

ARANSAS PASS: Feb. 14 Saltwater Mardi Gras Festival This family-friendly Mardi Gras offers a variety of activities. Attendees can browse local vendor booths, enjoy live zydeco music, savor cuisine from food trucks, explore the kids' area, and participate in the gumbo cookoff competition. *Downtown, 235-353 S. Commercial St. 361-758-2750; aransaspas.org* ♿

BEAUMONT: Feb. 12-15 Mardi Gras Southeast Texas Let the good times roll, y'all. Experience the ultimate celebration of community and culture at Mardi Gras Southeast Texas. There's fun for all, including parades, concerts, arts and crafts, food vendors, a carnival, and street entertainment. *Doggett Ford Park, 5115 I-10 South. 409-721-8717; mardigrastx.com* ♿

CLUTE: Dec. 2-Feb. 28 Planetarium Show A 30-foot dome equipped with a Spitz Star Ball projector produces the night sky as it appears to the naked eye. With a variety of high-tech equipment, the show gives a close-up feel for things like comets, exploding stars, and black holes. *Center for*

the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.com ♿

CLUTE: Feb. 27-28, March 1 The Secret Garden This musical is based on the children's classic book by Frances Hodgson Burnett about a spoiled orphan sent to live with her uncle on the Yorkshire moors who discovers renewed life for herself and her sickly cousin. *Center for the Arts and Sciences, 400 College Blvd. 979-265-7661; brazosportcenter.org* ♿

CORPUS CHRISTI: Feb. 28 Barefoot Mardi Gras Embrace the spirit of the Gulf Coast in a vibrant and laid-back twist on the traditional Mardi Gras celebration. Set along the beaches of Corpus Christi, this annual event brings the parade energy of Mardi Gras to the shore, where attendees trade beads for bare feet and enjoy a one-of-a-kind beachfront parade. *North Padre Island, Whitecap Boulevard. 361-949-1400; barefootmardigras.com* ♿

HOUSTON: Through March 1 Robert Rauschenberg: Fabric Works of the 1970s On the occasion of the 100th birthday of American artist and native Texan Robert Rauschenberg (1925-2008), the Menil Collection presents an exhibition that looks at the artist's expressive and conceptual use of fabric as a sculptural medium. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* ♿

HOUSTON: Dec. 12-May 31 Photography from the Menil Collection: Curated by Wendy Watriss This presentation of documentary-style photographs from the Menil's permanent collection underscores how images can ignite conversation about diverse social realities. The exhibition features work by Larry Burrows, Henri Carter-Bresson, Bruce Davidson, and other practitioners in the 20th century who explored varied approaches to capturing everyday moments. *The Menil Collection, 1533 Sul Ross St. 713-525-9400; menil.org* ♿

HOUSTON: Feb. 10 Cuarteto Casals in Concert Cuarteto Casals plays Schubert's final quartet plus Spanish delights by Elisenda Fábregas and Arriaga. *Stude Concert Hall, Brockman Music and Performing Arts Center, Rice University, 6100 Main St. 713-348-5400; chambermusichouston.org/concerts/2026-02-10-cuarteto-casals* ♿

HOUSTON: Feb. 17-March 1 Million Dollar Quartet The musical transports audiences

to Dec. 4, 1956, when a twist of fate brought Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Elvis Presley together for an unforgettable jam session at Sun Records in Memphis. Iconic hits include “Blue Suede Shoes,” “Fever,” “Walk the Line,” “Great Balls of Fire,” and “Hound Dog.” *Theatre Under The Stars*, 800 Bagby St. 713-558-8887; tuts.org

LA PORTE: Feb. 21 Mardi Gras on Main Experience the vibrant energy of a New Orleans celebration at a street festival in downtown La Porte. The festivities kick off with a parade, followed by an evening of live zydeco music, food, and a kids area. *Main Street, 100 S. Broadway St.* 281-470-5017; visitlaportetx.com 📍

LAKE JACKSON: Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7 Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tour Visit the historical archeological site of Maj. Abner Jackson, the namesake of the city of Lake Jackson. Once a prosperous sugar plantation, the site was destroyed by the same hurricane that devastated Galveston in 1900. Learn about the sugar-making process of the 1840s and how convict labor replaced slave labor during the 1870s. *Abner Jackson Plantation Site, FM 2004 near SH 332.* 979-297-1570; ljhistory.org

LAKE JACKSON: Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21 Bird Banding Watch volunteers collect baseline data on bird populations at the sanctuary. The banding station provides a great opportunity to see birds up close and to learn about all the birds of the Brazosport area. *Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 299 SH 332 West.* 979-480-0999; gcbo.org 📍

LAKE JACKSON: Feb. 1 Symphony Orchestra Concert Enjoy a concert featuring guitarist Marc Garvin and special guest John Calderon. Selections include Vivaldi’s Concerto for Guitar and Strings in D Major and Jobim/Ogerman’s “Wave.” *The Clarion at Brazosport College, 500 College Drive.* 979-230-3658; brazosportcenter.org 📍

LAKE JACKSON: Feb. 13 Bruce Hornsby in Concert Drawing from a vast wellspring of American musical traditions, the singer/pianist has created a large and accomplished body of work and employed a vast array of stylistic approaches. *The Clarion at Brazosport College, 500 College Drive.* 979-230-3658; brazosport.edu/clarion 📍

LAKE JACKSON: Feb. 27 Kitka in Concert This nine-woman ensemble has developed a vast, breathtaking repertoire of traditional songs from the Balkans, Caucasus, and

Slavic lands. *The Clarion at Brazosport College, 500 College Drive.* 979-230-3658; brazosport.edu/clarion 📍

ORANGE: Feb. 6 The Hound of the Baskervilles Step out onto the fog-shrouded moors of England with this spine-tingling mystery that can only be solved by the legendary Sherlock Holmes and trusted companion Dr. Watson. *Lutcher Theater, 707 Main Ave.* 409-886-5535; lutcher.org 📍

ORANGE: Feb. 10 Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! The Musical! It’s not easy being the Pigeon: You never get to do anything. But when the Bus Driver has a crisis that threatens to make her passengers late, maybe that wily bird can do something. *Lutcher Theater, 707 Main Ave.* 409-886-5535; lutcher.org 📍

PORT ARANSAS: Feb. 19-22 Whooping Crane Festival Each year since 1996, the festival has celebrated the annual return of the cranes to their wintering habitat at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge. The event features world-renowned speakers, birding trips, nature tours, and photography workshops. *Various locations.* portaransas.org/whooping-crane-festival

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PORT ARTHUR: Feb. 21 Taste of Gumbo and More Taste gumbos created by local restaurants and businesses battling to see who has the best-tasting gumbo in all of Southeast Texas and all cooked up in the Cajun Capital of Texas. *Robert A. Bob Bowers Civic Center, 2401 Cultural Center Drive. 409-985-7822; visitportarthurtx.com* 🍴

ROCKPORT: Feb. 13-14 LaMardi Gras At this annual festival, visitors can enjoy food, live entertainment, a parade, and other festivities on the Lamar Peninsula. The event benefits the Lamar Volunteer Fire Department. *Lamar Fire Department, 302 Bois D'Arc. lamardigras.com* 🍴

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Jan. 23-25, Feb. 20-22 Market Days Market Days has been bringing buyers and sellers together for over 25 years. This twice-a-year event includes vendors, artisans, and food vendors. Shop for jewelry, fragrances, clothing, collectibles, arts and crafts, treats, and home décor. *South Padre Island Convention Center, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-6433; visitsouthpadreisland.com* 🍴

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Feb. 6-7 Indoor Kitefest Watch kites take flight indoors with two nights of kite performances and music. Friday's show is "The Magic of Motown" and Saturday's show is "The Legends Live On." *South Padre Island Convention Center, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-6433; visitsouthpadreisland.com* 🍴

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Feb. 11-14 RGV Quilt Guild Expo See over 100 handmade quilts at the RGV Quilt Guild Expo. This year's theme is "Looking to the Stars." The event features shopping, appraisals, and prizes. *South Padre Island Convention Center, 7355 Padre Blvd. 956-761-6433; visitsouthpadreisland.com/events* 🍴

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Feb. 21 SPI Causeway Double Cross Run the Queen Isabella Causeway and back. The 10K includes a scenic view and finisher medals and benefits the Laguna Madre Youth Center. *Beach Waterpark, 33261 State Park Road 100. 956-761-6433; visitsouthpadreisland.com* 🍴

SPRING: Feb. 10 Rob Landes in Concert Cypress Creek Foundation for the Arts and Community Enrichment's Promenade Series presents Rob Landes, a pianist who has delighted audiences for over 20 years. The performance includes requests from the audience. *The Centrum, 6823 Cypresswood Drive. 281-440-4851; cypresscreekface.org*

SPRING: Feb. 14 Pan African Passport: A Journey Through Rhythm and Movement Kucheza Ngoma Dance Company in-

vites audiences on a journey through the rhythms and dances of the African diaspora—from the traditional movements of West Africa to the pulsating beats of the Caribbean and the Americas. With live drumming, colorful choreography, and interactive moments. *Mangum-Howell Community Center, 2500 Frick Road (inside Doss Park). 281-440-4850; cypresscreekface.org* 🍴

SPRING: Feb. 21 The 5 Browns in Concert Desirae Brown, Deondra Brown, Gregory Brown, Melody Brown, and Stephen Beus all attended The Juilliard School in New York. The pianists, who perform classical music, have impressed audiences and critics around the globe by bringing a fresh energy and dynamic character to the color and tonal spectrum of their sound. *The Centrum, 6823 Cypresswood Drive. 281-440-4851; cypresscreekface.org*

SURFSIDE BEACH: Feb. 21 Marathon Choose to run a marathon, a half-marathon, or a 5K. There's also a Kids K. A post-run party includes Texas barbecue, drinks, and games. The races start as the sun rises over the water, and the route follows the public beach to San Luis Pass, then returns. The entire course is on the firm, smooth sand. *Stahlman Park, 2211 Bluewater Highway. surfsidebeachmarathon.com*

VICTORIA: Feb. 13-22 Into the Woods Theatre Victoria presents this witty musical mashup of fairy tales where wishes come true—until they don't, and the real fun and trouble begin. *Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts, 214 N. Main St. 361-575-6277; theatrevictoria.org* 🍴

VICTORIA: Feb. 28 All Beethoven An evening dedicated to the genius of Ludwig van Beethoven features the dramatic "Egmont Overture," the majestic Piano Concerto No. 5 ("Emperor"), and the serene beauty of Symphony No. 6 ("Pastoral"). *Victoria Fine Arts Center, 1002 Sam Houston Drive. 361-576-4500; victoriasymphony.com* 🍴

HILL COUNTRY

AUSTIN: Feb. 1 Blade Runner Live Experience Ridley Scott's multi-Academy Award-nominated cult classic, *Blade Runner*, on a vast HD screen while the score is performed by the Avex Ensemble for the first time in sync with the 1982 motion picture. *Bass Concert Hall, Texas Performing Arts, 2350 Robert Dedman Drive. 512-471-2787; texasperformingarts.org* 🍴

AUSTIN: Feb. 7-8 Lukasz Kuropaczewski in Concert Virtuoso Polish guitarist Lukasz Kuropaczewski returns to Austin for his debut at The Rosette. With an exquisite set featuring Chopin, Schubert, and folk

music, Kuropaczewski dazzles with his power and effortless artistry. *The Rosette, 3908 Ave. B, Suite 116. 512-300-2247; austinclassicalguitar.org* 🍴

AUSTIN: Feb. 14 La La Land in Concert Revisit the 2016 Academy Award-winning film that showcases the captivating story of a promising pianist and aspiring actress who cross paths and fall in love while attempting to harmonize their career journeys in Los Angeles. The show features a full orchestra and jazz band performing the soundtrack, along with the movie. *Bass Concert Hall, Texas Performing Arts, 2350 Robert Dedman Drive. 512-471-2787; texasperformingarts.org* 🍴

AUSTIN: Feb. 15 Marathon Whether you participate in the marathon, half-marathon, or 5K or just stand along the route to cheer on the runners, this is an exciting race through downtown Austin. *Downtown. youraustinmarathon.com* 🍴

AUSTIN: Feb. 18-22 OUTsider Festival As one of Austin's most progressive festivals, OUTsider brings together Austin's LGBTQ community for three days of creation and inspiration. This multidisciplinary art festival showcases film, performance art, music, and visual art. *Various locations. outsidersfest.org* 🍴

AUSTIN: Feb. 21-March 1 ATX Open The only professional tour-level tennis tournament held annually in Austin brings world-class female athletes and tennis action to the heart of Texas. Ajla Tomljanović and defending champion Jessica Pegula are scheduled to play. *Westwood Country Club, 3808 W. 35th St. atxopen.com* 🍴

AUSTIN: Feb. 21-22 Texas Guitar Quartet in Concert The Grammy-nominated hometown heroes return with a bold, eclectic program. Their program shines a spotlight on works by Austin-based composers. *The Rosette, 3908 Ave. B, Suite 116. 512-300-2247; austinclassicalguitar.org* 🍴

AUSTIN: Feb. 28 Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban in Concert Relive the magic of your favorite wizard in *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* in concert. Based on the third installment of the classic saga, the thrilling tale is accompanied by the music of a live symphony orchestra as Harry soars across the big screen. *Bass Concert Hall, 2350 Robert Dedman Drive. 512-471-2787; texasperformingarts.org* 🍴

BANDERA: Feb. 7 Cowboy Mardi Gras Bull Riding Watch as talented bull riders attempt to beat the clock and stay atop excited bulls, putting on a great show the whole family can enjoy. *Mansfield Park*

Rodeo Arena, 2886 SH 16 North. 830-777-7129; ridingonfaithrodeo.com 📍

BANDERA: Feb. 7 Mardi Gras Arts and Crafts Vendor booths, set up on the Bandera County Courthouse lawn, display handcrafted items and arts and crafts in the morning and afternoon. *Bandera County Courthouse, 500 Main St. 830-796-3280; banderatex.com* 📍

BANDERA: Feb. 7 Mardi Gras Gumbo Cookoff Bandera's famous 11th Street Cowboy Bar hosts a gumbo cookoff for Mardi Gras. Buy a ticket before noon to get in on trying out the entries. *11th Street Cowboy Bar, 307 11th St. 830-522-1303; banderaprorodeo.org or facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068349801652* 📍

BANDERA: Feb. 7 Mardi Gras Parade Enjoy all the colorful floats and parade entries as they travel down Bandera's Main Street. *500 Main St. 830-796-4849; 11thstreetcowboybar.com* 📍

BANDERA: Feb. 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. *Main Street, 500 Main St. 210-632-4535; banderabusiness.com* 📍

BANDERA: Feb. 22 Frontier Times Fourth Sunday Jamboree The Frontier Times Museum presents this jamboree on the fourth Sunday of the month. The event includes live music, storytelling, and fun for all ages. *Frontier Times Museum, 510 13th St. 830-796-3864; frontiertimesmuseum.org* 📍

BOERNE: Dec. 6, 13; Jan. 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 Cibolo Farmers Market The Cibolo Farmers Market is an open-air farmers market on the historical Herff Farm. Visitors can hike the trails, shop, get gardening inspiration, take classes on growing food, help the Cibolo Center for Conservation maintain the land through volunteer service projects, or get new recipe ideas. *Herff Farm, 33 Herff Road. 830-249-4616; cibolo.org/locations/herff-farm* 📍

COTTONWOOD SHORES: Feb. 6-8, 13-15, 20-22 Lend Me a Tenor Ken Ludwig's madcap comedy, set in 1934, won three Tony Awards and four Drama Desk Awards. Chaos ensues when an opera manager convinces his assistant to save the show after the world-famous tenor who's supposed to perform is mistakenly presumed dead after a double dose of tranquilizers. *Hill Country Community Theatre, 4003 W. FM 2147. 830-798-8944; thehcct.org/season-40* 📍

KERRVILLE: Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4 Wild West Wine Wednesdays Museum of West-

ern Art hosts this monthly event, where visitors can meet an area brewer, wine-maker, or distiller and learn about the products, try out a sample, and enjoy the museum's latest exhibits. *Museum of Western Art, 1550 Bandera Highway. 830-896-2553; museumofwesternart.com*

KERRVILLE: Feb. 14 Texas Guitar Quartet in Concert This group redefines the parameters of chamber music by premiering exciting new works for guitar ensemble and creating fresh arrangements of beloved orchestral works by Mozart, Beethoven, and Ravel. *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-896-9393; caillouxperformingarts.com*


KERRVILLE: Feb. 20 Camerata in Concert: A Russian Mosaic The chamber quartet performs a concert featuring Gubaidulina's Piano Quintet and Shostakovich's Piano Quintet, Op. 57. The program offers an opportunity to experience music of irony and restraint—shaped by censorship, fear, and unbreakable spirit. *First Presbyterian Church, 800 Jefferson St. 210-492-9519; camerata.org*

KERRVILLE: Feb. 26 Tatiana Dorokhova in Concert Symphony of the Hills presents a performance by Tatiana Dorokhova, the

silver medalist and audience favorite award winner of the 2024 Gurwitz International Piano Competition. She performs the virtuosic Third Piano Concerto of Sergei Prokofiev. *Cailloux Theater, 910 Main St. 830-792-7469; symphonyofthehills.org*

LLANO: Feb. 7 Rainbow Trout Release Party Prepare your fishing gear and head to Grenwolge Park for a trout release party. Along with Texas Parks and Wildlife releasing 2,000 rainbow trout into the Llano River, the event features a fly-casting demonstration, conventional tackle and bait usage, a Q&A session with the TPWD Angler Education Program, free hot dogs, and fun for the whole family. Participants must follow all TPWD regulations. *Grenwolge Park, 103 E. Haynie St. 325-247-5354; llanochamber.org*

ROUND ROCK: Feb. 27-March 15 Wild Horses Penfold Theatre presents this play about a woman reflecting on the era between girlhood and womanhood. She's trapped in a dysfunctional family but surrounded by friends whose exploits are both hilarious and poignant. *Penfold Theatre, 2120 N. Mays St., Suite 290. 512-850-4849; penfoldtheatre.org* 📍




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SAN MARCOS: Feb. 5-8 Lost River Film Fest The Lost River Film Fest celebrates indie cinema and combines cutting-edge films with events like live music performances and uniquely San Marcos parties. *Various locations, 222 W. San Antonio St. 239-986-9101; thelostriverfilmfest.org* 📍

SAN MARCOS: Feb. 8 Half-Marathon The course is an endurance test with a mixture of challenging hills and flat stretches. The bonus? Bragging rights for completing the oldest half-marathon course in Texas. *Tanger Outlets, 4015 I-35 North. 210-849-8275; scallywompus.com/san-marcos-half-marathon*

SAN MARCOS: Feb. 14 Mardi Gras Parade The Mistick Krewe of Okeanos Mardi Gras Parade is an annual celebration with floats, music, and lots of fun. The parade winds through the Historic Homes District of San Marcos. *San Marcos Historic District, 1625 Hopkins St. mardigrassanmarcos.com* 📍

SPRING BRANCH: Feb. 21 Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys in Concert Western Swing Hall of Famer Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys play live at Anhalt Hall. The group, known for country and Western swing tunes, put out their first album in 10 years, *It's About Time*, last year. *Anhalt Hall, 2390 Anhalt Road. 830-438-2873; anhaltdancehall.ticketspice.com/2026-jody-nix-feb* 📍

PANHANDLE PLAINS

ABILENE: Through Feb. 7 Cindi Holt: Inside and Out Cindi Holt is a self-taught artist who was first inspired to paint in 1985 when she was 34. The exhibition features many of her recent paintings, which are imaginative and rich in detail. *The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org* 📍

ABILENE: Through Feb. 21 Gail Norfleet: Luminous Layers Flowers abound on multidimensional, transparent layers of Lucite where Gail Norfleet creates complex "fields" that reveal her love of nature and the forms of flowers. *The Grace Museum, 102 Cypress St. 325-673-4587; thegracemuseum.org* 📍

AMARILLO: Feb. 6 The Amarillo Symphony in Concert: Love Song for Valentine's Soprano Melody Rich and tenor Matt Oglesby, accompanied by pianist Choongha Nam, perform a concert celebrating Valentine's Day. Enjoy a charming evening of love songs and a pre-show talk hosted by High Plains Public Radio. *Globe-News Performing Arts Center, 500 S. Buchanan St. 806-376-8782; amarillosymphony.org/event/love-songs-for-valentines*

AMARILLO: Feb. 27-28 The Amarillo Symphony in Concert: Romance at the Symphony This program features Bernstein's iconic Symphonic Dances from *West Side Story*, John Williams' Cello Concerto with Oliver Herbert, and Tchaikovsky's timeless *Romeo and Juliet* fantasy-overture. Plus, enjoy romantic opera favorites sung by Sarah Beckham-Turner. *Globe-News Performing Arts Center, 500 S. Buchanan St. 806-376-8782; amarillosymphony.org*

LUBBOCK: Feb. 20-22 Mrs. Doubtfire Everyone's favorite Scottish nanny is headed to Lubbock in this internationally acclaimed hit musical. Based on the beloved film, *Mrs. Doubtfire* tells the hysterical and heartfelt story of an out-of-work actor who will do anything for his kids. *The Buddy Holly Hall, 1300 Mac Davis Lane. 806-792-8339; americantheatreguild.com* 📍

SAN ANGELO: Through Feb. 8 Spirit of the Ranch: The Ranch Fellowship Exhibit A curated selection of works by fellowship artists Kirsten Anderson, Zufar Bikbov, Lon Brauer, Durre Waseem, and Jeff Williams is on display. The artists immersed themselves in the authentic ranch culture of West Texas, painting and living on a private ranch for three weeks. *San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. 325-653-3333; samfa.org/en-plein-air* 📍

SAN ANGELO: Feb. 22 Buffalo Soldier Heritage Day Celebrate the contributions of the Buffalo Soldiers to West Texas and the military frontier. The Black soldiers mainly served on the Western frontier after the Civil War. Their duties included helping with westward expansion, building roads and infrastructure, and guarding the U.S. mail. *Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St. 325-234-0316; fortconcho.com* 📍

PINEY WOODS

JEFFERSON: Feb. 6-8 Mardi Gras The Krewe of Hebe presents this year's Jefferson Mardi Gras. The festivities last an entire weekend and feature parades, live music, food, vendors, a carnival, frosty beverages, and, of course, masks and beads. *Downtown. mardigrasupriver.com or visitjeffersonstexas.com/events* 📍

OGLESBY: Feb. 21-22 Rattlesnake Roundup The 56th annual roundup offers fun for the family including rattlesnake-related education and shows, crafts, food and vendor booths, a coloring contest, and a cornhole tournament. *Oglesby Community Center, 118 Main St. 469-450-4973; oglesbyrattlesnakeroundup.wordpress.com*

PALESTINE: Feb. 7 Saturdays on Main Head downtown to enjoy a day full of special shopping opportunities with vendors. *Main Street, 825 W. Spring St. 903-723-3014; visitpalestine.com/mainstreet* 📍

TYLER: Feb. 19 Count Basie Orchestra in Concert The orchestra, a living testament to the enduring influence of legendary pianist and bandleader William James "Count" Basie, thrives under the direction of Scotty Barnhart. Its members continue to uphold the orchestra's unparalleled reputation. *UT Tyler Cowan Center, 3900 University Blvd. 903-566-7424; cowancenter.org* 📍

PRAIRIES AND LAKES

BASTROP: Feb. 5-7 Mardi Gras Experience Cajun culture and Mardi Gras traditions at this cultural exchange event, embracing the spirit and heritage of Evangeline Parish, Louisiana, right in Bastrop. There's a Mardi Gras ball, parade, live music, and kids activities. *Downtown, Pine and Main streets. 512-332-8989; bastropmardigras.com* 📍

BASTROP: Feb. 6-22 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee Six quirky middle-schoolers face off in a spelling competition that's anything but ordinary. With zany antics, catchy tunes, and a dose of audience participation, this hilarious and heartfelt musical captures the awkward charm of adolescence, the pressure to succeed, and the joy of finding your people. *Bastrop Opera House, 711 Spring St. 512-200-3826; bastropoperahouse.org* 📍

BRENHAM: Jan. 19-Feb. 15 Dear Jack, Dear Louise Tony Award-winning playwright Ken Ludwig tells the joyous, heartwarming story of his parents' courtship with humor and poignancy. *Dear Jack, Dear Louise* is an inspiring reminder of the best humans can be, even in the worst of times. *Unity Theatre, 300 Church St. 979-830-8358; unitybrenham.org* 📍

BRENHAM: Feb. 16-21 Fortnightly Club Annual Used Book Sale Shop a selection of gently used books, tapes, and vinyl records. Proceeds from this huge book sale benefit Brenham's Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library. *Washington County Expo, 1305 E. Blue Bell Road. 979-830-5665; facebook.com/thefortnightlyclub* 📍

CHAPPELL HILL: Feb. 14 Wine and Chocolate Stroll Enjoy this annual wine and chocolate sampling in downtown while exploring various shops and restaurants. *Downtown, 5095 Main St. 979-337-9910; chappellhilltx.com* 📍

CORSICANA: Feb. 21 Artist and Writer Residency: Open Studios Open Studios at

the Corsicana Artist and Writer Residency invites the public to explore the 100W studios and meet the resident artists and writers for the winter season. The event offers a behind-the-scenes look at works in progress. *100 West, 100 W. Third Ave. 903-874-7792; corsicanaresidency.org*

DALLAS: Feb. 22–June 21 Meadows/ARCO Artist Spotlight: Rubén Guerrero The Meadows Museum and Fundación ARCO have selected painter Rubén Guerrero for the third edition of an initiative to promote contemporary Spanish artists through exhibitions at the museum. See his visually and intellectually engaging paintings. *Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd. 214-768-2516; meadowsmuseumdallas.org* 🍷

DALLAS: Feb. 22–June 21 Raimundo de Madrazo Born into one of the most important artistic dynasties in Spain, Raimundo de Madrazo was a renowned genre painter and portraitist. This exhibition, the first retrospective dedicated to the artist, explores Madrazo's international career as he became one of the most successful painters in belle époque Paris. *Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd. 214-768-2516; meadowsmuseumdallas.org* 🍷

ENNIS: Feb. 14 Czech Music Festival Join the Czech Polka Bands of Ennis at the 19th annual Czech Music Festival, a family atmosphere filled with great music, dancing, and food. *Sokol Hall, 2622 SH 34. 972-878-4748; ennisczechmusicfestival.com* 🍷

FORT WORTH: Jan. 16–Feb. 7 Stock Show and Rodeo Witness one of the most authentic Western lifestyle experiences anywhere—since 1896. The rodeo action includes the Ranch Rodeo, Best of Mexico Celebración, Cowboys of Color Rodeo, and Bulls Night Out Extreme Bull Riding. There are also livestock and horse shows, kids activities, exhibits, live music, a carnival midway, and food. *Dickies Arena, 1911 Montgomery St. 817-877-2400; fwssr.com* 🍷

GRAND PRAIRIE: Feb. 6–8, 13–16, 21–22 Lunar New Year Celebrate Lunar New Year with Asia Times Square. Enjoy live performances, food, and cultural activities. *Asia Times Square, 2625 W. Pioneer Parkway. 972-975-5100; asiaticimesquare.com*

HILLSBORO: Feb. 21 Fire and Ice Dinner and Dance The annual event is held each February with a live band and a seated dinner. A tribute to Valentine's Day, the night includes TX Whiskey tastings. *The Rusted Chandelier Event Venue, 65 W. Franklin St. 254-582-3271; hillsboromainstreet.org* 🍷

LULING: Feb. 27–28 American Legion Chili and Barbecue Cookoff The Luling

American Legion Post 177 hosts this chili and bean cookoff and barbecue cookoff. Compete in chili, beans, ribs, brisket, an open meat category, margaritas, and bloody marys. *Main Street, East Davis Street. 830-875-9329; facebook.com/groups/1179855522687601* 🍷

MCKINNEY: Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7 Guided Trails Groups led by guides explore the ecology, geology, flora, and fauna of the Heard Sanctuary. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org*

MCKINNEY: Feb. 14 Second Saturday Bird Walks The walks are intended to help beginner and intermediate birders with bird spotting and identification techniques. Prairie, woodland, and wetland habitats are included in these walks. These morning walks last 1.5 hours. *Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place. 972-562-5566; heardmuseum.org*

MESQUITE: Feb. 7 Mesquite Symphony Orchestra in Concert: Trial and Tribulation The concert features Copland's Concerto for Clarinet and String Orchestra, Harp, and Piano, with clarinet soloist Bob Straka. After intermission, experience the dramatic depth of López's Symphony No. 1: "The Travails of Persiles and Sigismunda." *Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. 972-816-9335; mesquitesymphony.org* 🍷

PLANO: Feb. 21 Branford Marsalis Jazz Quartet in Concert Jazz legend Branford Marsalis returns to the Plano Symphony stage, performing with the Branford Marsalis Quartet. The quartet performs songs from its new album, an interpretation of the 1974 Keith Jarrett album *Belonging*, in addition to original compositions to be played with the full orchestra and a selection of jazz classics. *Robinson Fine Arts Center, 1800 Alma Drive. 972-473-7262; planosymphony.org/2025-26-season*

SHERMAN: Feb. 6–22 Lend Me a Soprano It's 1934, and the clever and combustible manager of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company is ready to welcome a world-class soprano for her one-night-only starring role. Alas, the soprano arrives late and it's up to a mousy but determined assistant to save the day. *Finley Theater, 500 N. Elm St. 903-892-8818; scptheater.org* 🍷

TEMPLE: Feb. 6 First Friday, Love! From date-night dinners and Galentine's outings to sweet treats, local shopping, and heart-warming specials, downtown offers cozy vibes and live music pop-ups as part of the Unplugged series that's spreading the love one song at a time. *South Main Street. 254-298-5949; discovertemple.com* 🍷

WASHINGTON: Feb. 27–28 Texas Independence Day Celebration Celebrate the 190th anniversary of Texas independence at the place where Texas became Texas: Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site. The site is reopened with a state-of-the-art history museum, visitor center, and new Washington Townsite. The event includes entertainment, food and drink, cultural organizations, and craft vendors. *Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site, 23400 Park Road 12. 936-878-2214; wheretexasbecametexas.org* 🍷

WAXAHACHIE: Feb. 14 Hachie Gras The "Biggest Little Mardi Gras Celebration" brings New Orleans-style fun to downtown Waxahachie. Enjoy a full-day festival featuring a lively parade, beads, bands, krewe-style energy, and plenty of local flavor. *Downtown. 469-309-4051; waxahachiecvb.com/events*

YOAKUM: Feb. 20–21 Land of Leather Days Celebrate Yoakum's leather heritage with cookoffs and contests for chili, beans, bloody marys, and margaritas; arts and crafts vendors; food vendors; a carnival; reenactments of a Wild West shootout; and live entertainment. *Downtown, 201 W. Grand Ave. 361-293-2309; yoakumarea chamber.com* 🍷

SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS

LAREDO: Feb. 4–7 Birding Festival Offering a variety of full-day, scenic trips for birders led by professional field guides, the event gives birders the opportunity to deepen their avian knowledge of South Texas and explore areas along Laredo's riverfront, creek systems, nature trails, and private ranchland, with nearly 200 species of birds waiting to be spotted. *Various locations. 956-964-4102; laredobirdingfestival.org*

SAN ANTONIO: Feb. 12 Valentine's Painting with Giovanna DiZurita Artist Giovanna DiZurita guides guests in creating a Valentine's Day painting. Materials are included. Beer, wine, and light bites are provided. *Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St. 210-299-4499; briscoemuseum.org* 🍷

SAN ANTONIO: Feb. 21 Full STEAM Ahead: Mary Fields' Pet Eagle Families are invited to listen to the story about Mary Fields, an American mail carrier who was the first Black woman to be employed as a star route postal carrier in the country. She had a pet eagle that traveled with her. Families can learn about eagles and create their own hand-printed eagle artwork. *Briscoe Western Art Museum, 210 W. Market St. 210-299-4499; briscoemuseum.org* 🍷

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