Enjoy the Texas summer with Farmer's Markets, Flea Markets, Barbecue and quaint local fests of Lavender, Western, Kolaches and Jim Bowie

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Howdy Friends & Partners,
No doubt about it, summer is in full swing. There's Farmer's Markets in Ennis, Bay City, Burton and Cuero - Rodeos in Bellville, Port Lavaca and Mexia - and the odd Fest here and there: Lavender (Blanco), Western (Elgin), Jim Bowie (Bowie), Cotton (Buckholts), Funtier Days (Centerville), Watermelon (Luling), Sealybration (Sealy).

We'll also take a peek into July and all the great towns you can celebrate the 4th with fun, fests and fireworks in Texas.

See you on the Trail

Note to ALL READERS: If you find events you're interested in, please double check them with their local Chamber, Visitors Center or business of origin's websites. Events can be subject to change, cancellation and rescheduling.

Fourth of July in Belton

The 4th of July in Belton is a tradition that is shared by many and means a little something different to everyone. Some may remember watching the floats pass by with your family, celebrating with the festivities down at Nolan Creek, or even sharing cotton candy while stealing a kiss at the rodeo. Whatever it happens to be, YOU are the reason the Belton Chamber keeps the tradition alive.

Each year the 4th of July celebration is kicked off with a

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BBQ at Yettie Polk Park. Folks from all around the community gather under the shade trees with live music playing in the back ground while chowing down on a delicious meal.

You can't have a 4th of July without a parade. The first parade was held in 1850 with different groups and organization marching patriotically through downtown and it became and annual event in 1919. From its humble beginnings, the parade now draws over 30,000 spectators, is broadcasted live on television, streamed instantly on the internet, and has become a social media savvy event. The parade's long-lasting heritage is both recognized by national and local media bringing families that return back year after year. Always beginning promptly at 10 a.m. , the floats, bands, antique cars, decorated bicycles, and many more unique entries head south making their way down Main Street stating at 10th Ave., turning east onto Central Ave., as they finish at Birdwell.
As the parade concludes, attendants make their way down to Nolan Creek for a festival that is complete with water slides, arts and crafts, and a variety of local favorite foods. And to help beat the heat there are vendors who sell freshly squeezed lemonade and homemade sweet tea.

Belton's 4th of July is rich in history, memories that are cherished and ones yet to be made, and always a ton of fun. And if a parade, festival, and a BBQ are not enough of a celebration, the Bell County Expo Center host three nights of the PRCA rodeo.

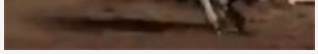
No matter if you are looking to create a fresh new family tradition, bring back old ones, or see what all the buzz is about, the Belton Area Chamber of Commerce 4th of July Celebration and PRCA has something to offer you. For full information or to learn more visit rodeobelton.com.

The Lavender Festival in Blanco

June 13 - 15, 2014
Fri. 12-6 / Sat. 9-6 / Sun. 10-4
Free Tours of Local Lavender Farms

Visit beautiful Blanco, in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, for the 10th annual Blanco Lavender Festival.

A Lavender Market will be held on the grounds of the Old Blanco County Courthouse featuring arts and crafts from the finest local artisans and local lavender products.



16th Annual Summer Music Festival and CPRA Rodeo in Bellville on June 27-28 at the Austin County Fair Grounds at Hwy 159 East. Enjoy music and a BBQ cookoff. Call979-865-5995 for more information.

Angleton, TX

Bartlett, TX
Bastrop, TX
Bastrop County, TX
Bay City, TX
Bellville, TX
Belton, TX
Blanco, TX
Bowie, TX
Bridgeport, TX
Brenham, TX
Brownfield, TX
Brownwood, TX
Burton, TX

Opening Day-Downtown Farmers Market Bay City 14 June 2014

Our community farmers market will open in June and continue through August, rain or shine, from 10am to 2pm. Opening day is June 14th. Vendors will provide fresh local produce and home baked goods along with many other treats. Come join our community in an effort to provide healthy and unique alternatives to add to your daily lives.

Cameron, TX
Canton, TX
Centerville, TX
Clute, TX
Columbus, TX
Comfort, TX
Cuero, TX

Diboll, TX

Enjoy music from the Hill Country's finest musicians in Bindseil Park, adjacent to the square.

Tour local lavender farms where you will experience the beauty of lavender in the fields and share the unique vision of each farmer.

Boot scoot at the Lavender Dance, Saturday Night with Music from the Almost Patsy Cline Band and the Jim Raby Band.

- **Visit Local** Lavender Farms
- Lavender Market **on the Grounds of the Historic Old Blanco County Courthouse**
- Speakers' Pavilion **Featuring Lavender Information and Cooking Demonstrations in the Courthouse**
- **Enjoy Lavender** Special Events, Meals, and More **at the Festival.**

Park for FREE at Yett Memorial Park
Ride the FREE Shuttle to the Square on Saturday and Sunday. Shuttle Hours: Saturday, 6/14: 8:30 am - 6:30 pm. Sunday, 6/15: 9:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Yett Memorial Park is located at 1813 US Hwy. 281, Blanco, TX 78606

Western Days Festival in Elgin

The 45th Annual Western Days Festival hits historic Elgin June 24-28, 2014. The Queens Revue & Tiny Tot Pageant start off the week's activities on Tuesday night. Then on Thursday, the carnival hits town with lots of family fun. A free dance will be held on Friday night in Memorial Park. The Grand Finale, Saturday the 28th, is filled with events including a Parade, Carnival, Volleyball, Horseshoe, Washer and Softball Tournaments; Art, Crafts and Food Vendors; and live entertainment throughout the day. Proven as one of Elgin's best festivals and annual homecoming, this year's Western Days celebration will be our biggest and best ever. Come out and be a part of this unique and affordable event in Bastrop County which thousands attend.

Dimmit County

Elgin, TX
Emory, TX
Ennis, TX

Brenham Flea Market

June 27-29, 2014
Fri 5-7pm, Sat 8-5, Sun 8-3
Washington County Fairgrounds, Blue Bell Rd, Brenham

Come shopping for great treasures of all kinds at the Brenham Flea Market! Now featuring a special sneak preview night on Fri plus full days on Sat & Sun. FREE

Giddings, TX
Gonzales, TX

Hallettsville, TX
Hamilton, TX
Henderson, TX
Honey Grove TX
Iraan, TX

Jefferson, TX
Jewett, TX
Lee County Fair, Giddings
Lexington, TX
Livingston Polk County
Luling, TX

Fireworks on the Brazos

July 4th 10am-10pm
Washington on the Brazos, 23400 Park Road 12, Washington, TX 77880

Celebrate our nation's independence where Texas declared hers! Live patriotic concert, a fireworks extravaganza, plenty of Blue

Freedom Fireworks in Angleton on Saturday June 28 at 9:15pm.

Patriotic Festival in Bastrop - July 5

The Bastrop Chamber of Commerce invites everyone from throughout the state to participate in the annual Patriotic Festival. Join us in Fisherman's Park on July 5, 2014, beginning at 6 p.m., to pay tribute to our honored traditions of Freedom and Liberty. Can you think of a better way to end this very special week than with a free Patriotic celebration and fireworks display along the banks of the Colorado River? The Historic Old Iron Bridge makes a perfect backdrop for the spectacular fireworks and serves as another reminder of our heritage.

Juneteenth Celebration in Bastrop - June 21

Join historic downtown Bastrop in the Juneteenth Celebration for food, music, dancing and an emancipation program. Food and vendors will be avaliable throughout the day at Kerr Community Park. Bring your lawn chairs to the events. No coolers or open containers allowed during the celebration.
Parade: 10AM
Emancipation Program: Kerr Community Center 11:30AM
Blue Flame Cruisers Car Show: Bastrop City Hall Parking Lot 8AM-3PM
Downtown Main Street Dance (free): 8PM-11PM

Jim Bowie Day Festival and Rodeo in Bowie

In these days of speeding through our busy lives, it is wonderful to return to a period when the pace was slower. Jim Bowie Days is like stepping back in time remembering when fun was affordable, children were entertained without technology, and memories involved the whole family.

Bell ice cream, and plenty of fun for the whole family.

FREE

Madisonville TX
Magnolia, TX
Matagorda County
Mexia, TX
Mineral Wells, TX
Mt Enterprise, TX
Munday, TX

Nocona, TX
Onalaska, TX
Point, TX
Plummer Printing
Port Lavaca, TX

13th Annual Great American Cook Off in Brownfield- June 13-14th. Money is awarded from 1st to 10th place in all three meats contests. Enjoy the Friday night concert of Landon Scoggins Band at 7:00pm

Rockdale, TX
Rockport-Fulton, TX

Schulenburg, TX
Sealy, TX
Smithville, TX
Smithville Cottage
Spoiled Doves of Texas

Taylor, TX
Texas Word
Wrangler Book Fest
Wharton, TX
The Village Bakery

Brownwood Gun & Blade Show in Brownwood on June 28-29th at the Brownwood City Coliseum, 500 East Baker. There will be a variety of vendors, local

June 21-28th in honor of our western heritage is the Jim Bowie Days Festival and Rodeo. Bowie, which has been given the name of 'Cattle Country', reverts back to the days of when the West was cowboys. The week begins with a Bass Tournament, followed by the Youth Rodeos, Parade, Day time Activities and more.

June 24th is our youth rodeo events which is held for those cowboys and cowgirls under the age of 19. There is also the Jim Bowie Days UPRA Championship Rodeo, on June 26th, 27th and 28th, which has bull riding, bronco riding, barrel racing, mutton bustin' and the calf scramble, to name a few. This is one of the largest draws with thousands of people attending the UPRA sanctioned rodeo in 3 days.

Also for those who aren't interested in rodeos, do not fret. Because there are more things to do, more things to see and more food to eat than you could imagine! There is never a boring moment at Jim Bowie Days, I can assure you! Daytime activities include: the parade on Saturday morning followed by the hamburger feed, games for young and old (such as frog jumping, turtle racing and the kiddie parade), a Rodeo Queen Contest, Quilt Show, Indian Artifact Show, and for the first time this year, a vendor show featuring thirty vendors, at the Bowie Community Center located directly behind the Rodeo Grounds.

If you don't feel as if you can take that all in on one day, there are more than enough motels and B&B's in Bowie to fit the bill. If you come traveling in your RV, no problem! There are area campgrounds; one is on the Pelham Park site for easy access to some of the festival activities being held at our new state of the art Bowie Community Center. You will have a lifetime of wonderful memories after spending a day or two at the Jim Bowie Days Festival, Parade and Rodeo!

Cruise Night in Canton, around the Square on June 10th from 5:30-8pm
Great Cars, Food, Music and Family Fun! Starts on Corner of Buffalo St., Tyler St. and around courthouse. Come out and see the feature vehicle every month. Hosted by: All-Star Ford, The Flooring Junction of Canton, and H & M Meat Company of Wills Point, Texas. For more information visit: www.rgcarshows.com
*FEATURED CAR: MUSTANG

First Monday Trade Days on July 3-6 in Canton.
Largest Trade Days in the USA--An Adventure as Big as Texas, sun-up til sundown, rain or shine, 7,000 dealer spaces, 200 Acres, indoor Antique & Collectibles with H/AC, Covered Pavilions, Clean Restrooms, RV Hook-ups. Parking $5.00 depending on location. Admission: Free! For more information contact: 903-567-1849 or 877-462-7467. www.visitcantontx.com

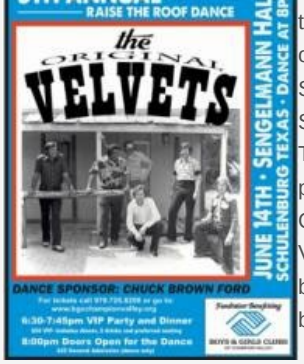
The Original Velvets at

and traveling. If you are looking for out of the ordinary, you are sure to find it here.

Burton Farmers and Artisan's Market on July 5th from 9am-noon in Burton at the Railroad Depot. Here are some of the goods you will find: Farm Fresh Organic Produce, Fresh French Country, Mini Pies, Jewelry, Burton T-Shirts, Wood Crafts, Cutting Boards, Furniture, Wine Racks, Sock Monkeys, tote bags, dolls and cards.

27th Annual Cotton Festival in Buckholts on June 7th. There will be lots to do for the entire family. There will be Arts & Crafts and Food booths, contests, tournaments, entertainment, and other attractions. For more information please contact 254.300.7673.

July 4th - Leon County Funtier Days in Centerville.
All day long entertainment and plenty of food along with fun and games for kids and adults alike. Parade, marathon, talent show, quilt show, arts & crafts.



the Raise the Roof Dance on Saturday, June 14th at Sengelmann Hall in Schulenburg! Tickets are available for purchase via the Boys and Girls Club of Champion Valley website at bgcchampionvalley.org or by calling (979) 725-8208.

July 4th in Cuero

Cuero is a town filled with American stories of which the community gets together to celebrate. Each year, the festivities include a carnival hosted by Grace Episcopal Church, followed by a parade, many traditional July 4th fun and ends with a spectacular fireworks show courtesy of the City of Cuero. The celebration in Cuero is as traditional and old fashioned as they come, filled with watermelon seed spitting contests, cake walks, dunking booths, great barbeque, ice cream, face painting and of course fireworks. Come to Cuero for July 4th and enjoy!

Houston East & West Texas Railway Directors' Record, 1889-1891 Donated to Diboll's History Center

The History Center in Diboll recently received a Houston East & West Texas Railway Company (HE&WT) Director's Record for the years 1889-1891.

The HE&WT railroad probably did more to shape the cultural and environmental landscape of Angelina County than any other development. Its tracks crossed Angelina County in 1881-1882, making an eventual connection between Houston, Texas and Shreveport, Louisiana. The railroad soon gave rise to the new communities of Lufkin and Diboll, which have been the largest population centers in the county ever since. The tracks still operate today under Union Pacific ownership.

The journal contains minutes of board of directors' meetings in New York City between the dates January 5, 1889 and May 12, 1891. Directors included John C. Short, Edward L. Bremond, and John C. Chew. William A. Miner was the secretary. Some of the pages include an impressed seal of the company, depicting a lone pine tree.

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WESTERN DAYS ~ ELGIN

At the Brazosport Planetarium in Clute enjoy a children's workshop on the Summer Solstice Celebration (June 21); Black Holes: a Journey into the Unknown (Tuesdays June 3, 10, 17 & 24) and The Wildest Weather in the Solar System (Fridays June 13, 20 & 27)

June in Columbus, vendors will host Friday markets from **4 to 7 p.m.** The **Farmer's Market** will be located on the vacant lot corner of Old 90 (Fannin St.) and Travis

Comfort's Annual 4th of July Celebration
Parade in the morning travels thru Downtown Historic District and ends near Comfort Park where a BBQ Dinner is served. Arts & Crafts Booths. Live Music. Fun Games for Children.

Butterfly Enthusiastics in Dimmit County...The BAMONA database currently includes verified sighting records for 75 butterfly and moth species from Dimmit County.

Western Days in Elgin

The Annual Western Days Festival hits historic Elgin the fourth week in June (June 24-28) with the peak of festivities occurring on the fourth Saturday in June. The day is filled with fun beginning with an enormous Grand Parade. After enjoying the Grand Parade down Main Street, make your way over to Elgin Memorial Park on the corner of Main Street and Hwy 95N to enjoy the Volleyball, Softball Horseshoe and Washer tournaments as well as the Carnival. Spread throughout the park will be many children's activities, a multitude of Arts and Craft vendors as well as a variety of food vendors! Enjoy the live music throughout the day. Proven as one of Elgin's best festivals and annual homecoming events, come out and be a part of this unique and affordable event in Bastrop County which thousands attend.

"Fabric of Our Lives" Quilt Show in Giddings

Happy Hearts Quilt Guild presents "Fabric of Our Lives" Quilt Show on Friday and Saturday, June 27-28, 2014 from 9 am - 5 pm at the Giddings High School located at 2337 N. Main St. (Hwy 77N). There is free parking and a two day pass is $5.

Featuring Vendors, Scissor and Blade Sharpening, "Scrappy Sensation" Donation Quilt, Country Store, Stitch 'N Rip Cafe, Demonstrations, Fabric Bingo For more information call: 979-542-2782

Watermelon Thump in Luling

It's nutritious, auspicious, and nothing says fun like WATERMELON in the summer time. The world famous Luling Watermelon Thump is always held the last Thursday-Sunday in June 26-29 in downtown Luling, Texas.

*Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest
*Watermelon Eating Contests
*Food Booths
*Concerts & Street Dances
*Beer Garden / Free Entertainment
*Giant Parade
*Carnival & Rides
*Exhibitors Market, Arts & Crafts

Ennis Public Theater- Heads will roll in this updated twist on the classic Lewis Carroll story. Join Alice as she follows the White Rabbit and meets the Mad Hatter, March Hare, Queen of Hearts, and other zany inhabitants of Wonderland!

Farmer's Market - every Saturday in Downtown Ennis from 8-1.

1897 Lavaca County Courthouse in Hallettsville was designed by Eugene Heiner, famed Architect who could have rivaled J. Reily Gordon if he hadn't died at age 42. Only Hallettsville and Columbus have representative Heiner structures as all others have been altered. The closest example of Heiner's other work is the Old Jail Museum in Gonzales. Gordon's work is represented on the square in the old Renger Bar now called Englein Haus. Before it was renovated the upper floor reportedly contained bat guano four feet deep.

Fireworks display in Henderson on July 4th at Lake Forrest Park (1005 Hwy 64 W.). Show starts at 9:30pm. Call 903-657-6551 for more information.

For a complete schedule of events & entertainers:
www.watermelonthump.com

The Jungle Book at the Hamilton Civic Theater

Jungle Book story was adapted by Patrick McDonald and based on the stories by Rudyard Kipling. Show directed by Melissa Craig. All shows begin at 7:30 pm on Thursday June 19th • Friday June 20th • Saturday June 21st.

Show will be presented in Julie's Garden (behind McMullen Law Offices at 100 W. Main Street). Audience Drop-Off at McMullen Title Company (107 S. Rice Street) with Safari Guides to lead you to the Parking Spot. Bring your own lawn chairs and picnic supper! Handicap Accessible.

Friday the 13th Aboard Jefferson's Ghost Train

Have a haunting good time aboard our special Friday the 13th train ride through the eerie woods along the Big Cypress Bayou. Is the tale of the Bigfoot sightings along the railroad track fact or fiction? What else awaits you in the dark and scary woods? You'll have to ride the train to find out! Includes a stop at the Alligator Observation Pit. You'll get a chance to feed them, too.

July 4th is Jefferson's Celebration downtown and July 5th the Historic Jefferson Railway hold their celebration and fireworks, offering a special weekend with a celebration of flags along the Big Cypress Bayou as the history of Independence Day unfolds in the Narrated Historical Day Tours. Come see the Support Our Troops display that honors the United States Military. For our evening train, we will have a fireworks show. (Note: HJR will be closed on Friday, July 4, so that they don't conflict with City of Jefferson activities).

See an item of "hair raising experience" for many women at the Jewett Historical Museum, located at 111 N. Robinson. Museum hours are Monday-Friday from 12-5pm.

Also see a Desert rose rock formation from Africa, Original edition of *Deutschland, Erwacht!,* a Third Reich propaganda book with numerous photos and

Honey Grove History- According to legend, in 1836 as Davy Crockett was traveling to join the Texas Army at San Antonio, he camped in a grove just west of the present town square, on the bank of Honey Grove Creek. In letters he wrote to Tennessee, he told of the ideal place where he had camped, the "honey grove." It was so named due to the abundance of honey in the hollow trees.

Lexington Market Days on Saturday, Jun 14 at the Dowdy House. Food Produce, Crafts, Antiques and Collectibles. Contact Jean Dowdy at 979-773-2763 for more information.

I-45 Corridor Association Geocaching in Madisonville. Just download the passport to begin your adventure. Plug the coordinates into your smart phone or GPS, and follow along. Once you've completed your journey, you can enter the drawing for the grand prize, valued at up to $1,000, with gifts from all members of the I-45 Corridor Association. All of the instructions can be found in the geocaching passport.

84th Annual Mexia Rodeo! June 26 - 28, 2014 Mexia. Ribbon Roping-Youth Breakaway-Mutton Bustin'

maps, Century old event invitations from Texas A&M and their Antique quilt display.

Picnic in the Park at Livingston

For a memorable Independence Day, join Main Street at downtown Livingston's Anniversary Park on Tyler Street (next to Melbo's) on July 4th. Listen to the Steve Evans Band playing as you enjoy a car and Motorcycle show. The F.A.I.T.H Military support group will be there with active duty personnel mingling with the crowd telling true life war stories. Any donation to the F.A.I.T.H Group will get you a free hot dog and Coke. Bring a lawn chair and come celebrate the 4th of July in Downtown Livingston. call 936-327-1050 for information 11am-1pm

Reviews are good for the Village Bakery in West!

Drop by next time you're in town to sample a kolache, klobasniki™, strudel, and buchta as well as a variety of pies, breads and cookies.

113 E Oak St., West, TX

Magnolia Summer Fest

Join the fun and real life music at Magnolia Summer fest on June 13-15 at Unity Park. At the Midway: Carnival, Vendors, Concessions Friday music by Sibling Rivalry, Mark Jones and XX Paces, Jesse Raub Jr.. Saturday, Lincoln Durham, Folk Family Revival, Uncle Lucius. Sunday -Cowboy Church Service and Rick Trevino

Matagorda: Day on the Bay Wetland Kayak Trip

Join us for a unique experience on June 28, enjoying tranquility and the nature at its finest in stunning Matagorda. Our guided wetland kayak tours accommodate all skill levels and provide paddling instructions for the beginner. This is a wonderful way tp relax and commune with nature. Come hang out with fish and birds for a day. Advanced reservations required. Trips capped at 15 people. Ages: Adults and children age 13 and older

Little Rock Schoolhouse Museum in Mineral Wells, the first public school building in Mineral Wells, the building that is now the Little Rock Schoolhouse Museum was erected in 1884. The museum is devoted to the preservation of the historical memorabilia of the city of Mineral Wells. Tours by appointment only. Call (940) 325-2726, 105 N.W. Fifth Ave

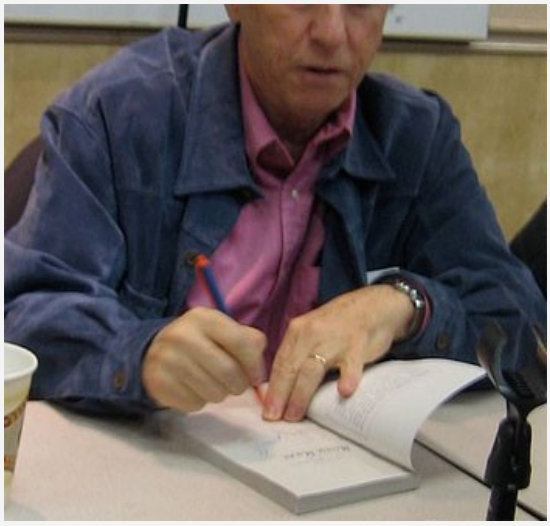
Sonic Drive-in Car & Bike Show in Nocona on Saturday, June 21, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Sonic Drive-in. There will be half Price Burgers, Drinks & Slushes from 5 to 10pm, Bounce House - Dunking Booth - Hula Hoop Contest - Limbo Contest and Awards for the top 3 participants - Prizes for kids! Sonic Cruise 8pm

Onalaska Fireworks over Kickapoo on July 4th after 9pm. Shuttle buses available. Viewing and Parking at Waterfront Lodge. Bring your own chair, no alcohol. Pontoons on the Lake Restaurant and Club.

Open Youth Rodeo in Port Lavaca is scheduled for June 27 and 28th at the CCYRA arena, CR 101.

Palacios: LaSalle Landing Reenactment & Fireworks

Celebrate the 4th of July with us by learning about the history of Matagorda County and how it was founded with a little reenactment performance of the LaSalle Landing and La Belle ship. The celebration will end with fireworks over the bay at East Bay Park.



3rd Annual Rockport Writers Roundup on Sat, June 21, 5pm – 7pm at the Estelle Stair Gallery, Downtown Rockport. Readers will read selections of their book and be on hand to sign books and answer questions

Look Ahead: Sealybration in Sealy

On July 11-13 join the folks in Sealy for the annual Sealybration. Enjoy many activities throughout the weekend such as the BBQ Cookoff, tractor and car show, vendors, fireworks, bean bag tournament, chicken poop bingo, patriotic parade, 5 alarm 5K, ASA Fast Pitch softball tournament and carnival. Friday, July 11 The Original Triumphs and Saturday, July 12 Fred Rusk & The Zydeco Hi-Steppers, The Washers and Steve Wariner.

Casino Night in Smithville Saturday, July 26

Smithville Rec Center, 106 Gazley
6pm buffet 7-10pm gaming 10pm-12am live music & dance

Only 300 players allowed! Get your tickets quickly. From 6 p.m. to midnight, the Smithville Recreation Center will

The Cotton Pickin Theater in Point has a Saturday Nite Shindig Show every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. (except 4th Saturday). Then there's the Rural American Music Revue on the 4th Saturday Nights - 7:30 p.m.

Sho'Nuff Soul Food Diner in Rockdale has a history rooted in faith and purpose. It was envisioned in 1989 and founded in 2012. Since it's opening, it has become a favorite destination for hundreds of people. The Diner is a piece of history, that melds the childhood experience of many people. It's a combination of culture & heritage, family & community, food & life.

Wright's Park 66th Annual Juneteenth Celebration in Schulenburg on June 15 at 2:00 pm. There will be a Juneteenth Parade,Youth Talent Show, Juneteenth Celebration Raffle and D.J. "Body Rock" of Weimar, TX from 3:00 p.m.-until ?

Taylor Annual 4th of July Festival on July 4 at Murphy Park. Old fashioned festival with picnic games, food vendors, and arts & crafts...ends with a big fireworks display.

10th Annual Thunder in the Dirt on June 27-28 from 5-9pm

be transformed into a casino style party you don't want to miss.

Here's what you get: All your favorites - blackjack, roulette, craps and slot machines, plus the popular Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament. General admission tickets also include all-you-can-eat buffet and $10,000 in gaming chips.

NEW! A wine toss! and LIVE MUSIC and dancing from 10 p.m. to midnight!

Get your group (family, friends and co-workers) together and mark your calendar. Silent auction to help billboard account. This event is brought to you by the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce and our Title sponsor, Covert Chevrolet/Buick/GMC.

Casino and Buffet GENERAL ADMISSION
$30 in advance ($35 at the door)

at East Williamson County Events Center is a Truck and Tractor Pull.

Great events in Wharton with the:
24th Annual Kolache-Klobase Festival on June 14
5th Annual Wharton County Juneteenth Festival on June 14
Sixth Annual Wharton Citywide Garage Sale on June 20
Java Jam on June 27
Houston Brass Band on June 29

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