Howdy Partners!

Once again it’s easy to see that Texas has just about everything a person could ever want. A little of everything. This month’s calendar is full of festivals and food events, Farmer’s markets and fun. Read on to find carousel & helicopter rides, rodeos, music & farmer’s markets a-plenty, and some great community theater.

Belton is our featured town with BBQ, rodeo and a 4th of July Parade that was voted by USA Today as “One of the Nation’s Top 10 Places to Fly Your Flag on the 4th.” The Live Music Capital of Bell County, Belton hosts many events throughout the summer with local and big name artists. Music to our ears and hearts.

- See you on the Trail -

**Keeping the Tradition Alive in Belton, TX**

The **4th of July in Belton, Texas** is a tradition that means shared memories and a little something different to nearly everybody. Some may remember sitting in grandpa’s lap watching floats pass by, or eating a turkey leg by Nolan Creek or even sneaking a first kiss at the Rodeo. Whatever it may be is the reason that the Belton Chamber keeps the tradition alive. Whether you are 16 or 61, it is never too late to make Belton’s 4th of July a tradition.

To set the tone for the celebration is the Kick-Off BBQ in Yettie Polk Park. People from the community gather together and enjoy a delicious meal under the shade trees with live music playing in the background.

Of course it wouldn’t be a 4th of July without a parade. Always
starting promptly at 10 a.m., the floats, bands, antique cars, decorated bicycles and other unique entries make their way down Main Street.

The first parade was held in 1850 with groups and organizations marching patriotically through downtown and became an 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. Staying true to its roots, the parade continues to draw families back year after year.

The parade’s long-lasting heritage has not gone unnoticed by both local and national media. In 2008, USA Today named Belton’s 4th of July Parade as one of the nation’s “Top Ten Places to Fly Your Flag on the 4th.”

Following the end of the parade, attendees make their way down to Nolan Creek for a festival complete with arts & crafts activities, water slides and a variety of local favorite foods. Although it may be warm, there is always a vendor that sells fresh squeezed lemonade or homemade sweet tea to help you cool off.

Belton’s 4th of July is rich in history and memories and of course lots of fun. As if a parade, festival and BBQ aren’t enough for a celebration, the Bell County Expo Center hosts three nights of PRCA rodeo.

Whether you are looking to start a new tradition, bring back old memories 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.

Not only is Belton nationally known for the 4th of July, but it has been dubbed the Live Music Capitol of Bell County. During the summer, several venues all over the city host live music ranging from local to big name bands.

Every Thursday night starting at 7 p.m., Schoepf’s backyard fills with thousands of people who come from all over Texas to enjoy live music, eat mouthwatering BBQ and have a cold drink. This free music series last till August and you won’t want to miss it.

The Gin on Nolan Creek also hosts a free family concert series every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. till 10 p.m. featuring bands from all over Texas. Bring a lawn chair and a friend and come relax under the stars.

The Bell County Expo Center is the host of many big name concerts throughout the year.

Another local favorite are Market Days in the streets of downtown Belton. Every third Saturday of the month food vendors, home décor booths and canopies covering goodies line the streets from 8 a.m. till 4 p.m.

Between the 4th of July, live music and shopping, Belton is a favorite summer destination for many.
There are Many Notes on a Piano

It’s a red-letter day for tiny Round Top, Texas, when two major events – one musical and one artistic – kick off the summertime schedule.

The Round Top Music Festival, one of the major summer music festivals in the United States, is celebrating 42 years with its annual six weeks of musical performances. Founded by renowned concert pianist James Dick, it gathers more than 90 talented young artists – accepted after auditions – for an intensive 6-week program. They are mentored and coached by more than 40 distinguished faculty members and participate in more than 20 orchestral and chamber music concerts performed in the outstanding 1,000-seat Festival Concert Hall.

On June 9, two performances can be enjoyed, the first at 3:30 p.m. when the chamber music group performs a variety of classical selections. At 7:30 p.m., founder James Dick will join the Texas Festival Orchestra for its opening performance.

On the same date, from noon-8 p.m., The Gallery in Round Top will host an opening reception for an international exhibition of watercolor paintings by four distinguished, award winning contemporary artists from the United Kingdom who are sharing their incredible vision. In addition to Round Top, this exhibition is showing in London, Edinburgh and Aldeburgh, U.K., as well as Shanghai and New York City.

“Art of the Real” consists of works by Angus McEwan, RWS, ARWS; David Poxon, RI; Denis Ryan, FWS; and Sandra Walker, RI. Their works have common threads beyond the watercolor medium, featuring many other facets that bind them together as a group.

"There are many notes on a piano, but you don’t need to strike them all simultaneously to play a good tune,” commented artist David Poxon. “It does, however, help to know where they all are and what they mean. My fellow artists in “Art of the Real” know how to make that stretch for the hidden keys, know how to put the notes together to convey meaning and depth.” The exhibition will be shown in The Gallery in Round Top from June 9-July 8, 2012.

Round Top Festival Institute is located at 248 Jaster Road in Round Top, Texas 78954, halfway between Houston and Austin off Hwy. 290. For performance schedules and to purchase tickets, call 979-249-3129 or visit http://festivalhill.org. For additional information, e-mail vickieh@festivalhill.org.

The Gallery at Round Top is located at 203 East Austin, Round Top, Texas, 78954. For more information, call 979-249-4119 or visit www.thegalleryatroundtop.com. Email: ARTtgart@aol.com.

For a visitor’s guide or more information about all of the events in Washington County, call 1-888-BRENHAM (273-6426) or visit www.VisitBrenhamTexas.com.

Lee County Fair & Rodeo, Giddings

Lights, Laughter and Fun sparkled at the Lee County Fair and Rodeo in Giddings this May. Children enjoyed the carnival while parents danced to the music of Kevin Fowler, Stony LaRue and the original Triumph, browsed the many arts & crafts booths or cheered at the rodeo.

Sheriff’s Posse Rodeo will return on July 7th with Championship bull riding and the Josh Abbott Band Concert.

Brenham/Washington County is located halfway between Houston and Austin. Home of Blue Bell ice cream, Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site – “The Birthplace of Texas,” more than 40 bed and breakfast inns, wineries, Brenham’s Main Street District and more.
The town of Iraan located in Pecos County covers about .6 square miles and houses a population of less than 1500.

The town was named for Ira & Ann Yates, the owners of the Yates Oilfield. The proper way to pronounce its name is “Eye-ruh-ann.” Ira Yates donated 152 acres of his ranch to the town of Iraan to encourage its growth around 1930.

The oil boom brought many people to Iraan and among them was V.T. Hamlin. Originally from Iowa, Hamlin took a job for an oil industry publication. As he wandered the desolate landscapes of the oil fields he daydreamed about prehistoric times and dinosaurs who walked there millions of years ahead of him. It was here in Iraan he got the idea for his famous comic strip “Alley Oop”. The strip was first published in 1932 and inspired a park named after the cartoon.

Hamlin’s wife and high school sweetheart Dorthy became the model for “Ooola” Alley Oop’s beautiful girlfriend. Alley himself rode around the Kingdom of Moo on his pet, Dinny, accompanied by his best friend the rhyme-talking Foozy. Despite its prehistoric setting, the cartoon was often a satire of suburban America, entertaining with fantasy and humor.

The name “Alley Oop” comes from the French phrase “Allez, hop!” which means – Let’s go!

So allez hop to Iraan for the Alley Oop Day Celebration, which occurs annually on the second Saturday in June (9th).
A Miracle is Coming to
Unity Theatre!
Performances of "The Miracle Worker"
begin June 14

Unity Theatre in Brenham is proud to present the final show of their 2011-2012 Gems from the Past season with William Gibson’s masterpiece The Miracle Worker playing June 14 – July 1, 2012. The 1960 Broadway premiere won five Tony Awards including Best Play, and starred Patty Duke as Helen Keller and Anne Bancroft as Annie Sullivan. The 1962 film version earned an Oscar nomination for William Gibson’s adaptation.

Set in the American South in the 1880s, The Miracle Worker tells the story of real-life Medal of Freedom winner Helen Keller, who suddenly lost her sight and hearing at the age of 19 months, and the extraordinary teacher who taught her to communicate with the world, Annie Sullivan. Trapped in a secret, silent world, unable to communicate, Helen is violent, spoiled and almost sub-human, and is treated by her family as such. Only Annie realizes that there is a mind and spirit waiting to be rescued from the dark, tortured silence. Between the emptiness and the miracle comes a violent struggle of wills, between Helen in her darkness and stillness on one side and the fiercely determined Annie Sullivan on the other.

The Miracle Worker will be directed by Unity Artistic Director Kate Revnell-Smith. “This play is a journey from darkness to light on many levels, and not just for Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan, but also for the cast and audience,” says Kate. “It is a touching story of strength and hope and truly highlights the potential of those who are faced with exceptional difficulties.”

Helen Keller said, “When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life or in the life of another.”

The stellar cast features a wealth of Brenham talent, with Sadie Sink as Helen Keller, Jamie Ward as Annie Sullivan and Abby DeBolt as Kate Keller. Also appearing from the Brenham area are Sophie Jones/Beatrice, Lois Kate Kolkhorst/Alice, Moriah Renken/Laura, Thayley Thompson/Martha, Mitchell Sink/Jimmie, Garrett Briggs/Percy, Jordan Gaskamp/James, Ralph Hackemack/Doctor and,
making his stage debut, Gus Moncrieff as *Gus the dog*. Houston theatre professionals include Joel Sandel as *Captain Keller*, Lisa Morrison as *Aunt Ev* and David Chapin as *Dr. Anagnos*.

**The Miracle Worker** will have a three-week run at Unity Theatre, previewing on Thursday, June 14, opening on Friday, June 15, and playing through Sunday, July 1, 2012. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m.

Tickets are $25 and they are reserved. However, $15 tickets are available for the preview and for any unsold seats 15 minutes prior to each performance. Reservations can be made through the Unity Theatre box office at 300 Church Street, open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., by phone at 979-830-8358, or visit the web site at [www.UnityBrenham.org](http://www.UnityBrenham.org).

For additional information, contact Tammy Diehl at [Tammy@UnityBrenham.org](mailto:Tammy@UnityBrenham.org) or 979-830-1460, ext. 11.

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**Rockport-Fulton Unveils Free Smartphone App For Visitors**

Rockport-Fulton has unveiled its new Tour Rockport-Fulton Smartphone application, where visitors can go to get information on lodging, dining, local attractions, historical and birding sites, kayak launch areas and much more. The free app is available to download at the iTunes App Store or Android Market, or on the web site [www.rockport-fulton.org](http://www.rockport-fulton.org).

Known as the Charm of the Texas Coast, the Rockport-Fulton area has much to offer all types of visitors. The app features a number of self guided tours that provide unique insight and suggested stops to make the visitor’s experience to Rockport-Fulton more memorable.

The new app “Tour Rockport-Fulton” offers many visitor friendly features including:

- Interactive, zoomable GPS maps that indicate a visitor’s current location and selected points of interest around them (must have already downloaded app or have connectivity to the Internet).
- A description of each location.
Texas Word Wrangler Festival
Giddings Public Library & Cultural Ctr
www.texaswordwrangler.com

Wharton Chamber
www.whartontexas.com

BBQ Drive in Texas

The June issue of Texas Monthly includes a great BBQ Drive starting in Luling and ending in Giddings. Stops in our Partnering towns along the way include:

- City Market – Luling
- Gonzales Food Market – Gonzales
- City Market – Schulenburg
- And
- City Meat Market – Giddings

Be sure to pick up a copy of Texas Monthly for the complete list as well as “16 Summer Drives,” from the mountain to the coast, off the beaten path and onto the open road.

The app was created using the Smartphone App Platform software by BarZ Adventures. The software allowed us to create our own visitor guide applications that include maps, images, video, event listings, ads and more.

The Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce and the Aransas Pathways Project worked together on this project to make it a combined joint effort to share costs. “The Chamber is pleased and honored to work with Aransas Pathways to create this app that visitors can use to discover the wonderful things to see and do in and around the Rockport-Fulton area. We look forward to bringing this technology show off our attractions, events, businesses and Pathways information to the more technical minded of our visiting public,” says Diane Probst, President/CEO of the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, contact Diane Probst at the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce president@1rockport.org or Phil Stranahan, volunteer for Aransas Pathways at philstranahan@gmail.com

No. 1 British Flying Training School Museum
of Terrell, TX

The No. 1 British Flying School Museum is a popular destination for World War II history buffs, aviation enthusiasts, and veterans. Visitors of all ages enjoy the museum's hands-on exhibits that explain how and why airplanes fly.

During World War II thousands of British pilots learned to fly at six civilian training schools in the United States. The first and largest of the schools was in Terrell.

After the United States entered the war, American Aviation Cadets also trained at the school. More than 2,000 Royal Air Force and American Army Air Force pilots earned their wings over North Texas between 1941 and 1945. Terrell's citizens welcomed the student pilots to their community, and many life-long bonds were forged. The museum celebrates this little known chapter of World War II history. The museum's archives contain the most extensive record of the British Flying Training School that exists.

Visit the No. 1 British Flying Training School Museum at Terrell Municipal Airport.
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**Calendar of Rural Texas Events**

**Longer Running & Month Long Events**

- **Aransas Pass** – (Tuesdays) Rialto Rhythms Jam Session, Rialto Theater, 327 S Commercial, Open to all musicians
- **Bastrop** – (Fridays) - Lumberyard Music Hall, [www.musicinbastrop.com](http://www.musicinbastrop.com), 512-303-0558
- **Belton** – (Saturdays) **Farmers Market**, Enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables from local farmers. 7am–1pm, 254-778-2104.
- **Blanco** – (Fridays) - Real Ale Tasting Room & Brewery Tours, 2pm-5pm. Tours at 3pm and 4pm.
- **Blanco** – (1-8) "Classic Chrome Has Come Again", art of Amanda Furr, Rain Bird Art Gallery, 103 Main St.
- **Blanco** – (1-Aug 9) Paintings by Dan Gilroy, Redbud Café, 410 1/2 4th St., 830-833-0202, [redbud-cafe.com](http://www.redbud-cafe.com)
- **Bowie** – (Mon & Sat Night) Texas Swing Music & Dance< Silver Strings Country Entertainment Ctr, 500 N. Smythe St.
- **Brenham** – (Sat’s) - Brenham Farmer's Market 2012, 8am-noon, 307 South Park St., Produce, food products, salsas, jams
- **Burton** – (Fridays) - Live Music at Pig & Whistle, Gene Hackemack, every Friday at 7pm!, 979-289-2319
- **Burton** – (Sundays) - Live Music at Saddlehorn Winery, 3-6pm, 958 FM 1948, live music and wine tasting!
- **Cochran** – (Thursdays) - Great Picking & Grinning, Cochran Store, 979-865-2544, 10711 Highway 159 East.
- **Comfort** – (Thursdays) - Guenther’s Biergarten Grill live music of Stewfish & The Couch Potatoes
- **Comfort** – (Fridays) - Guenther’s Biergarten Grill live music (7-9 pm)
- **Comfort** –(Fridays) musical group “Rose &Thistle” 1-5 pm. 830-995-3559 706 High Street [www.sweetcomfortshop.com](http://www.sweetcomfortshop.com)
- **Comfort** – (Saturdays) - Comfort Area Farmers Market at Comfort Park from 8 am until noon , 830-995-3368
- **Eagle Lake** – (May-Nov) Farmers Market, Wednesday 4PM to 6PM, Saturday 9AM to 1PM
- **Ennis** – (7-24) God's Favorite by Neil Simon at the Ennis Public Theatre: [www.ennispubictheatre.com](http://www.ennispubictheatre.com)
- **Gonzales** – (Fridays) Main Street Concert Series, [www.cityofgonzales.org](http://www.cityofgonzales.org), 830-672-2815
- **LaGrange** – (Fridays-Saturdays)(1-23) Concert at The Bugle Boy, [www.thebugleboy.com](http://www.thebugleboy.com), 979-968-9911
Rockport – (Wed’s) A Quick Trip to the Past, Aransas County Historical Society Lab, (Rockport Schi) 619 N Live Oak Rm 15
Rockport – (Tues-Sat) Science on a Sphere, The Bay Education Center
Round Top (June 9-July 14) Music Festival, 100 young artists from around the world study and perform
Round Top – (9-Jul 8) “Art of the Real” (Angus McEwan; David Poxon; Denis Ryan & Sandra Walker) The Gallery
Schulenburg – (Thursdays) Acoustic Jam Session, Ole Moulton Bank, bring your instrument & play til you can’t!
Schulenburg – (Fri-Sun) (1-24) Sengelmann Hall Music, sengelmannhall@gmail.com, 979-743-2300
Wharton – (Saturdays) Farmers Market and Craft Show

Dates Not Known
Dimmit County - Wintergarden American Petroleum Institute Chapter-Annual Golf Tournament 830-876-5958
Dimmit County - Dimmit County Youth Rodeo Buckle Series

June 1, Fri
Brenham - Music Jamboree, brenhamctr@sbcglobal.net, 979-836-6556
Brenham - Free Carousel Rides, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Fireman's Park, 910 N. Park Street, 979-337-7250
Burton - Pig and Whistle of Burton presents Gene Hackemack, 12607 W. Washington, 979-289-2319
Brownwood – (1-2) Heartland Rod Run! Poker Run, Car Show and Cruise on Saturday night. Cars, vendors, food, games
Canton – (1-3) First Monday Trade Days, free, 903-567-1849, Largest Trade Days in the USA--An Adventure as Big as TX
Round Top - Live Music at The Stone Cellar, 7 p.m. - 11 p.m., 204 E. Mill St, by Sam Murski., 979-249-3390

June 2, Sat
Bowie - Art Exhibit at Davis & Blevins Gallery, 108 S. Main, Saint Jo TX 76265, 940-995-2787
Bowie - Gene Watson w Lone Stat Troubadours. 7-10 pm. Bowie Community Center, 314 Pelham Drive, 940-872-3785
Brenham - Washington County Historical Juneteenth Assc, 8pm, Knights of Columbus Hall, WCHJA Formal Ball, fee
Burton - County Market Days at Ellison's Greenhouses, 9am-4pm, 2107 E. Stone St., Come treasure hunting
Brenham - Brenham Farmer's Market, 8am-noon, 307 South Park St, Produce, food products, salsas, jams and jellies
Brownwood – (1-2) Heartland Rod Run! Poker Run, Car Show and Cruise on Saturday night. Cars, vendors, food, games
 Burton - Farmers and Artisans Market, 9am-noon, 507 North Railroad St.
Canton – (1-3) First Monday Trade Days, free, 903-567-1849, Largest Trade Days in the USA--An Adventure as Big as TX
Canton - Helicopter Rides, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Old Millmarket Place 302 E. Dallas (Hwy 64) fee 903-567-5445
Chappell Hill - Fishing Rodeo, 8:00-2:00pm, 7301 Hwy. 290 E., Kids, let's go fishing! Bring rod, reel & bait for fishin fun!
Comanche - Routes of 10, 22, 28 & 42 miles w scenic views. Com. High School. E-mail: comanchechamber@verizon.net
Fayetteville - Fayetteville Good Old Summertime Classic, www.fayettevilletx.com, 888-575-4653
Fulton - Fulton Farmers Market, 9am – 2pm, Fulton Harbor Park, Products grown and/or made locally
Oakland – (2-3) Oakland Fireman’s Festival, 979-725-9511
Port Lavaca – Market Days, 8am-3pm, Bauer Community Center parking lot located at 2300 Hwy. 35 N
Round Top - The Stone Cellar presents Andrew Waelder, 1-4pm, 204 East Mill Street, a thirteen year old pianist
Stonewall - 7pm-11pm. “The Grapes of Wrath,” LBJ Ranch, 1426 Park Road 49, 830-868-7128 x231

June 3, Sun
Burton - Live Music at Saddlehorn Winery, 3-6pm, Saddlehorn Winery, 958 FM 1948, 979-289-3858
Canton – (1-3) First Monday Trade Days, free, 903-567-1849, Largest Trade Days in the USA--An Adventure as Big as TX
Kingsville – Bring Your Chairs & Shade Ranch Rodeo, 3pm – 4pm, E. County Rd. 2150
Magnolia – Craft Market
Nocona – Youth Rodeo Series
Oakland – (2-3) Oakland Fireman’s Festival, 979-725-9511

June 4, Mon
Brenham - Putt to Cure MS!, 6:00pm(registration), Horseshoe Junction, Hwy. 290 West, A Miniature Golf Tournament
Giddings - Lone Star Opry 7:30pm, www.lonestaropry.com, Performers Briana Adams, Jake Kellen, Ken Brothers
Kenney - Square Dancing 979-865-0068
Rockport - Young Life Golf Tournament, 8am – 2pm, Rockport Country Club 729-0099 or rockportyounglife@gmail.com

**June 5, Tues**
Giddings – Farmer’s Market near the intersection of Hwy 290 & Hwy 77, 3pm-6pm, every Tuesday

**June 7, Thu**
Brenham - **Movie in the Park-DOLPHIN TALE**, 10 minutes after sunset, Hohlt Park - 2425 North Park St.
Brownwood – (7-9) 49th Annual Brown County Rodeo. Earl Q. Wilson Arena/Brown County Youth Fair Grounds Hwy 377
Fulton - (7-9) 2nd Annual Rockport Music Festival, 4pm – 5pm, Fulton Harbor Park, [www.rockportmusic.com](http://www.rockportmusic.com)
Round Top - **Warrenton Trade Days at Renck Hall Field**, 9:00am-6:00pm, 4123 Hwy. 237, 979-249-3141
Snyder - 15th Annual **West Texas Western Swing Festival** - The Coliseum, 900 E. Coliseum Dr. 325-573-3558

**June 8, Fri**
Bastrop - Bull Riding, [www.brentthurman.com](http://www.brentthurman.com), 512-560-4018
Bellville – 3rd Annual Chamber Classic Golf Tournament / Four Person Scramble, Hwy 36N, Bellville. 979-865-9058.
Blanco – (8-10) 8th Annual Blanco Lavender Festival, tour lavender farms [Blanco Lavender Festival](http://www.blanolavenderfestival.com) 830-833-5101
Brownfield – (8-9) Annual Cookoff, Coleman Park, Knights of Columbus, 505-870-3424
Brownwood – (7-9) 49th Annual Brown County Rodeo. Earl Q. Wilson Arena/Brown County Youth Fair Grounds Hwy 377
Brownwood - Hobby and craft fair, Live music by George Allison, 325-646-7410 for more information
Canton – (8-10) Lewis Auto Swap Meet, 8:00 AM, 4500 Pavilion Hwy 19 Canton. Free, 8 am til dark, 903-567-6762
Fulton – (7-9) 2nd Annual Rockport Music Festival, 4pm – 5pm, Fulton Harbor Park, [www.rockportmusic.com](http://www.rockportmusic.com)
Giddings – Relay for Life, High School on Hwy 77, 7pm-7am, It’s about being a community that takes up the fight
Livingston/Polk – (8-9) Summer Kick off TX Music Fest, live Texas Music & boot scoot’n, Rock’n E RV Park, (936) 653-8024
Magnolia – (8-10) Love Bug Fest, Unity Park, 19450 Unity Park Dr, Dockdogs, TX Bubble bumpers, waterslide, volleyball
Nocona – (8-9) Chisholm Trail Rodeo and Parade
Smithville – (8-23) “Balderdash”, melodrama, Playhouse Smithville, [www.playhousesmithville.com](http://www.playhousesmithville.com) or call 512-360-7397
Wharton – (8-9) 4th Annual City-Wide Garage Sale

**June 9, Sat**
Anderson – Music Makes a Celebration, 1850’s character & activities, period music & cowboy poetry, Fanthorp Inn
Anderson - **StageCoach Days-Music makes a celebration**, 11:00am-3:00pm, Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site, 579 Main St
Bastrop - Texas Adventure Day [outdoorprograms@lcra.org](mailto:outdoorprograms@lcra.org), 512-303-5073
Bastrop - Salebration on Main Street [www.bastropdb.org](http://www.bastropdb.org), 512-303-0558
Blanco – (8-10) 8th Annual Blanco Lavender Festival, tour lavender farms [Blanco Lavender Festival](http://www.blanolavenderfestival.com) 830-833-5101
Bowie – (9-10) Second Monday Trade Days
Brenham – (9-10) Summer Antiques Show, furniture, pottery, glass, silver, linens, jewelry, Knights of Columbus Hall
Brenham - **Farmer's Market 2012**, 307 South Park St., Brenham, Produce, food products, salsas, jams and jellies
Brenham – (9-10) **Brenham Summer Antiques Show**, 9:00am-4:00pm, Knights of Columbus Hall, Loop 577 @Blue Bell Rd
Brownfield – (8-9) Annual Cookoff, Coleman Park, Knights of Columbus, 505-870-3424
Brownwood – (7-9) 49th Annual Brown County Rodeo. Earl Q. Wilson Arena/Brown County Youth Fair Grounds Hwy 377
Canton – (8-10) Lewis Auto Swap Meet, 8:00 AM, 4500 Pavilion Hwy 19 Canton. Free, 8 am til dark, 903-567-6762
Elgin - Juneteenth Festival [www.elgintx.com](http://www.elgintx.com), 512-285-4515
Fayetteville - Texas Pickin’ Park, [www.texaspickinpark.com](http://www.texaspickinpark.com), 888-575-4653, 979-378-2753
Fayetteville - **All That Jazz!**, 7pm-9pm, Ross Gallery at Arts For Rural Texas,114 N. Live Oak Street
Fulton- (7-9) 2nd Annual Rockport Music Festival, 4pm – 5pm, Fulton Harbor Park, [www.rockportmusic.com](http://www.rockportmusic.com)
Iraan – Alley Oop Day Celebration
Lexington – Market Days, Dowdy House, Food Produce, Crafts, Antiques and Collectibles. 979-773-2763
Livingston/Polk – (8-9) Summer Kick off TX Music Fest, live Texas Music & boot scoot’n, Rock’n E RV Park, (936) 653-8024
Magnolia – (8-10) Love Bug Fest, Unity Park, 19450 Unity Park Dr, Dockdogs, TX Bubble bumpers, waterslide, volleyball
Matagorda – Conservation is not for the Birds, Learn about birds by examining bird wings, feet and bills, 800-776-5272
Matagorda: Adventures in Beachcombing & Riparian Discovery, Be amazed at what is on the beach, 800-776-5272
Nocona – (8-9) Chisholm Trail Rodeo and Parade
Weimar - Juneteenth Celebration weimarcc@cvtv.net, 979-725-9511
Wharton – (8-9) 4th Annual City-Wide Garage Sale
Wharton – Farmer’s Market and Craft Show

**June 10, Sun**
Brenham – (9-10) Summer Antiques Show, furniture, pottery, glass, silver, linens, jewelry, Knights of Columbus Hall Blanco – (8-10) 8th Annual Blanco Lavender Festival, tour lavender farms Blanco Lavender Festival 830-833-5101
Bowie – (9-10) Second Monday Trade Days
Canton – (8-10) Lewis Auto Swap Meet, 8:00 AM, 4500 Pavilion Hwy 19 Canton. Free, 8 am til dark, 903-567-6762
La Grange - Showcase Sunday at The Bugle Boy, www.thebugleboy.com
Magnolia – (8-10) Love Bug Fest, Unity Park, 19450 Unity Park Dr, Dockdogs, TX Bubble bumpers, waterslide, volleyball
Magnolia- Farmer’s Market
Weimar - Juneteenth Celebration weimarcc@cvtv.net, 979-725-9511

**June 12, Tue**
Cuero - CHM Reamer Exhibit, See the largest collection of Reamers (juicers) in America. Reception from 4:30 - 6 PM
Giddings – Farmer’s Market near the intersection of Hwy 290 & Hwy 77, 3pm-6pm, every Tuesday
Fulton - Music at the Mansion - Free Concert, 7:00pm – 8:30pm, Fulton Mansion, Reggae sounds of Flat Broke
La Grange - Flag Day Celebration 979-968-8701

**June 14, Thu**
Brenham – (14-1) “The Miracle Worker”, Unity Theater, the Helen Keller, 979-830-8358 or www.unitybrenham.org

**June 15, Fri**
Brenham – (14-1) “The Miracle Worker”, Unity Theater, the Helen Keller, 979-830-8358 or www.unitybrenham.org
Brenham - **Concert in the Park**, 8PM-12AM, Fireman’s Park, 910 N. Park Street, Eugene Band, Neil Kulhanek, Real Deal.
Brownfield – Annual Event in Coleman Park, Relay for Life , from 08:00 to 08:00, 806-637-2564
Brownwood – (15-16) Juneteenth Celebration, Rob Holbert group, Cecil Holman Park, 325-646-8188
Ennis - 3rd Annual Black Music Festival Music Under the Son ...free event at Bluebonnet Park in Ennis
Livingston – (15-17) Trade Days, Pioneer Bird Show, 925 US 59 bypass north, 936-327-3656

**June 16, Sat**
Bastrop – (16-17) Juneteenth Celebration, Doc.jackson@yahoo.com, 512-303-0950
Bastrop – (16-17) River Runner Chili Cookoff www.bastropchamber.com, 512-844-6668
Bastrop – Car & Cycle Show, Blueflamecruisers@gmail.com, 512-577-0706
Bay City: Market Day on the Square, over 100 vendors, 1700 7th Street, 8:30am-4pm, toys, candles, wood crafts, food
Belton - **Market Days**, along Central Avenue, DBMA at 254-939-2661 or 254-913-0340 or visit downtownbelton.com
Blanco – Market Day, 9am-4pm. 300 Main St., 830-833-2211, info@historiblanco.org
Brenham - (14-1) “The Miracle Worker”, Unity Theater, the Helen Keller, 979-830-8358 or www.unitybrenham.org
Brenham- Summer Harvest lu@brenhamtexas.com, 888-brenham
Brenham - **Juneteenth Celebration**, Downtown Brenham, 281-256-6162
Brenham - **Brenham Farmer’s Market 2012**, 307 South Park St., Brenham 979-836-9466
Brownwood – (15-16) Juneteenth Celebration, Rob Holbert group, Cecil Holman Park, 325-646-8188
Fulton - Fulton Trade Days, 10am – 5pm, Fulton Navigation Park, Product home grown, home made and commerical
La Grange - Juneteenth Parade & Celebration
Livingston – (15-17) Trade Days, Pioneer Bird Show, 925 US 59 bypass north, 936-327-3656
Livingston – Book Sale Day, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Murphy Memorial Library, 601 W. Church St., 936-327-4252
Matagorda – Guided Wetland Kayak Trip, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Matagorda Bay Nature Park, 6421 F.M. 2031.
Matagorda: Friends, Furs & Feathers, Meet amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, 800-776-5272, 1pm-3pm
Matagorda: Guided Wetland Kayak Trip, total tranquility and nature at its finest, 9am-1pm, 800-776-5272

Nocona - Roots and Boots Festival, Old Settler's Roots and Boots Festival

Onalaska – Eagle Family Festival, Waterfront Lodge, 10am to 8pm,

Rockport/Fulton – Go Fish, Saturday, Goose Island State Park, Youth & families learn to fish, 361 729 2858

Rockport - Sidewalk Sale - Rockport Heritage District

Round Top – Great American Beer Festival, 1-6pm, 204 East Mill St., Black Cat Choir and Earlywine, 979-249-3390

Schulenburg – (16-19) Wright’s Park 64th Annual Juneteenth Celebration, horseshoes, parade, kids, talent show, raffle

Sealy – (16-17) KC Summer Polka Fest, www.sealycvb.org, 979-885-6786


Smithville - Smithville Swing Golf, Pine Forest Golf Club, 2:00pm - 03:00pm, Pine Forest Golf Club, 512-237-3282 ext 7.


Weimar – (16-17) Juneteenth Celebration www.weimartx.org, 979-725-6207

Wharton – Juneteenth Celebration, 979-282-1070, James Ray, Terrence Scarlet, Harmonizers, James Fortune

**June 17, Sun**

Bastrop – (16-17) Juneteenth Celebration, Doc.jackson@yahoo.com, 512-303-0950

Bastrop – (16-17) River Runner Chili Cookoff www.bastropchamber.com, 512-844-6668

Brenham – (14-1) “The Miracle Worker”, Unity Theater, the Helen Keller, 979-830-8358 or www.unitybrenham.org

Cameron – Father’s Day BBQ Brisket & Sausage Dinner, 11am-2pm, Legion Hut, Wilson Ledbetter Park

Sealy – (16-17) KC Summer Polka Fest, www.sealycvb.org, 979-885-6786

Livingston – (15-17) Trade Days, Pioneer Bird Show, 925 US 59 bypass north, 936-327-3656

Schulenburg – (16-19) Wright’s Park 64th Annual Juneteenth Celebration, horseshoes, parade, kids, talent show, raffle

Weimar – (16-17) Juneteenth Celebration www.weimartx.org, 979-725-6207

**June 18, Mon**


La Grange - Country Music Opry vzraz@verizon.net, 979-968-5123

Schulenburg – (16-19) Wright’s Park 64th Annual Juneteenth Celebration, horseshoes, parade, kids, talent show, raffle

**June 19, Tue**


Giddings – Farmer’s Market near the intersection of Hwy 290 & Hwy 77, 3pm-6pm, every Tuesday

**June 20, Wed**


**June 21, Thu**

Brenham – (14-1) “The Miracle Worker”, Unity Theater, the Helen Keller, 979-830-8358 or www.unitybrenham.org

Brenham - Friends of Bluebonnet Opry, 5:30-10:00pm, Silver Wings Ballroom, 979-836-4347


Luling – (21-24) Watermelon Thump, parade, live entertainment, world championship seed spitting contest, carnival

Mexia – (21-23) 82nd Annual Mexia Rodeo, Flyer, Ribbon Roping, Youth Breakaway, Mutton Bustin’


**June 22, Fri**

Brenham – (14-1) “The Miracle Worker”, Unity Theater, the Helen Keller, 979-830-8358 or www.unitybrenham.org

Bastrop - Stargazing at the Roughs www.bastropchamber.com, 512-303-0558

Bowie – (22-28) Jim Bowie Days Rodeo, Parade & Festival, bass tournament, car show, food, music, Indian artifacts


Livingston – A Round to Remember Golf Tournament, Livingston Golf Course, Tee Times at 8am and 1pm, 936-366-4960
Luling – (21-24) Watermelon Thump, parade, live entertainment, world championship seed spitting contest, carnival
Mexia – (21-23) 82nd Annual Mexia Rodeo, Flyer, Ribbon Roping, Youth Breakaway, Mutton Bustin’
Rockport/Fulton – (22-23) Salty Dog Fishing Tournament, Paws & Taws

June 23, Sat
Bastrop - Light o the Moon Float Trip outdoorprograms@lcra.org, 512-303-5073
Bellville - Music Fest & Bull Blowout www.sealycvb.org, 979-865-5995
Bellville - Bluegrass Concert & Jam Session, Coushatta Recreation Ranch, starts at 5 pm, 979-865-5250
Bowie – (22-28) Jim Bowie Days Rodeo, Parade & Festival, bass tournament, car show, food, music, Indian artifacts
Brenham – (14-1) “The Miracle Worker”, Unity Theater, the Helen Keller, 979-830-8358 or www.unitybrenham.org
Brenham - Brenham Farmer's Market 2012, 307 South Park St., Brenham, 979-836-9466
Brownsville (23, 30) schedule, guide & meeting place, E-mail: mlatigo@valleynaturecenter.org
Fulton - Fulton Farmers Market, 9am – 2pm, Fulton Harbor Park, Products grown and/or made locally
Luling – (21-24) Watermelon Thump, parade, live entertainment, world championship seed spitting contest, carnival
Matagorda: Cast Away, explore the importance of wetlands to healthy water, crabs, fish and shrimp, 800-776-5272
Rockport/Fulton – (22-23) Salty Dog Fishing Tournament, Paws & Taws
Round Top –(23-24) Summer Creative Market turnyshows@aol.com, 281-493-5501
Round Top - Round Top Summer Antiques, 9:00am-5:00pm, 512-237-4747

June 24, Sun
Bowie – (22-28) Jim Bowie Days Rodeo, Parade & Festival, bass tournament, car show, food, music, Indian artifacts
Brenham – (14-1) “The Miracle Worker”, Unity Theater, the Helen Keller, 979-830-8358 or www.unitybrenham.org
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Plum - Plum Feast
Rockport - Gumbo Palooza Scholarship Benefit, 10am – 6pm, Park Rd 13, Pop’s Tavern & Cafe’ live auction, raffle, events
Round Top –(23-24) Summer Creative Market turnyshows@aol.com, 281-493-5501
Round Top - Round Top Summer Antiques, 9:00am-5:00pm, 512-237-4747
Sealy - Polka Fest www.sealycvb.org, 979-885-6786

June 25, Mon
Bowie – (22-28) Jim Bowie Days Rodeo, Parade & Festival, bass tournament, car show, food, music, Indian artifacts

June 26, Tue
Bowie – (22-28) Jim Bowie Days Rodeo, Parade & Festival, bass tournament, car show, food, music, Indian artifacts
Giddings – Farmer’s Market near the intersection of Hwy 290 & Hwy 77, 3pm-6pm, every Tuesday

June 27, Wed
Bowie – (22-28) Jim Bowie Days Rodeo, Parade & Festival, bass tournament, car show, food, music, Indian artifacts

June 28, Thu
Bowie – (22-28) Jim Bowie Days Rodeo, Parade & Festival, bass tournament, car show, food, music, Indian artifacts
Brenham – (14-1) “The Miracle Worker”, Unity Theater, the Helen Keller, 979-830-8358 or www.unitybrenham.org
Canton – (28-30) First Monday Trade Days, free, 903-567-1849, Largest Trade Days in the USA- Adventure as Big as TX
June 29, Fri
Brenham – (14-1) “The Miracle Worker”, Unity Theater, the Helen Keller, 979-830-8358 or www.unitybrenham.org
Belton – (29-Jul 4) 88th Annual 4th of July Celebration & PRCA Rodeo
Canton – (28-30) First Monday Trade Days, free, 903-567-1849, Largest Trade Days in the USA- Adventure as Big as TX
Giddings – Quilt Show, vendors, country store, StitchNRip Cafe, Giddings High School, 2337 N. Main Street, 979-542-2782
Wharton – (29-30) Wharton County Freedom Fest

June 30, Sat
Angleton – (30) Freedom Festival, 7pm-9:30pm, Freedom Park, fireworks, music, food, bring a lawn chair
Brenham – (14-1) “The Miracle Worker”, Unity Theater, the Helen Keller, 979-830-8358 or www.unitybrenham.org
Brenham - Brenham Farmer's Market 2012, 307 South Park St., Brenham, 979-836-9466
Brownsville (23, 30) schedule, guide & meeting place, E-mail: mlatigo@valleynaturecenter.org
Canton – (28-30) First Monday Trade Days, free, 903-567-1849, Largest Trade Days in the USA- Adventure as Big as TX
Flatonia – 2nd Annual Freedom Fest, 9am-4pm, 361-865-3920, South Main St.
Giddings – Quilt Show, vendors, country store, StitchNRip Cafe, Giddings High School, 2337 N. Main Street, 979-542-2782
Matagorda: Friends, Furs & Feathers, Meet amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, 1pm-3pm, 800-776-5272
Port Lavaca - Roger Creager concert benefiting the Port Lavaca Main Street Theatre., 7-11pm, Hwy. 238 & Commerce St
Wharton – (29-30) Wharton County Freedom Fest

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