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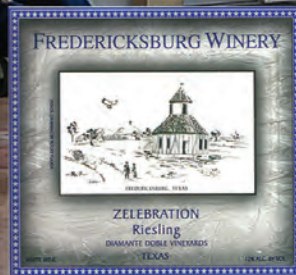
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This bunch of Mourvèdre grapes is from the newly renovated K Estates on the Highway 290 Wine Corridor. Photo by Robert O'Brien

From Polka to Wine Sippin'—We've Got It

Fredericksburg has attractions for every season. In the spring, there are wildflowers, we just finished another delicious summer peach season, and we're heading into our fall party season. We enjoyed another great Gillespie County Fair (the oldest continuous county fair in the state), and we'll soon "Polka, Polka, Polka," as Louis Prima sang, at Oktoberfest. Later that month, we'll return to Marktplatz for the Fredericksburg Food & Wine Festival.

GoFredTX has been there for them all and has been for decades. We've been through iterations, first publishing a newsprint Visitors Guide in 1978 as a supplement to the Fredericksburg Standard. In 2013, we evolved into a magazine and rebranded last spring as GoFredTX, which captures the fun and playfulness of our town as well as our growing digital brand.

Forty-seven years is a long time to tout our special area. Our forward-looking

publishers began doing so just as the first Bed and Breakfasts opened locally. Main Street was filled with shops from Mom-and-Pop businesses, German settler history, and a few watering holes, while Enchanted Rock was more of a local secret.

Like everything else, our downtown business district has changed, and E-Rock has become one of the state parks system's most-visited sites. Also in 1978, there were just two wineries around these parts, compared to the dozens today.

We've helped chronicle all the changes and highlighted the great things about the region. And we've added a digital wing of our magazine at gofredtx.com.

When you're out and about, look for our companion magazine, Rock & Vine, our award-winning magazine which has featured everyone from top winemakers to the Texas Troubadour Robert Earl Keen.

We just marked our 10th year of publishing that magazine.

We hope to see you around town. And drop by 712 W. Main Street if you'd like to take back some copies to your friends. No other magazines capture the Hill Country like we do. So, whether you're in your Lederhosen doing a polka or sipping wines at a festival, we'll see you around.

Prost!



Ken Esten Cooke
Publisher

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The Hill Country is transformed into the savannah in this special place. While a giraffe suite is available, guests can also view tons of wildlife at this unexpected sanctuary.

The nonprofit, conservation foundation has a primary goal to raise awareness and funds for its animals' wild counterparts. Its mission is to ensure the wild animals' survival, but also their habitats.

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Looking for vineyard dining in wine country? The all-new K Bistro, a Members-only vineyard dining

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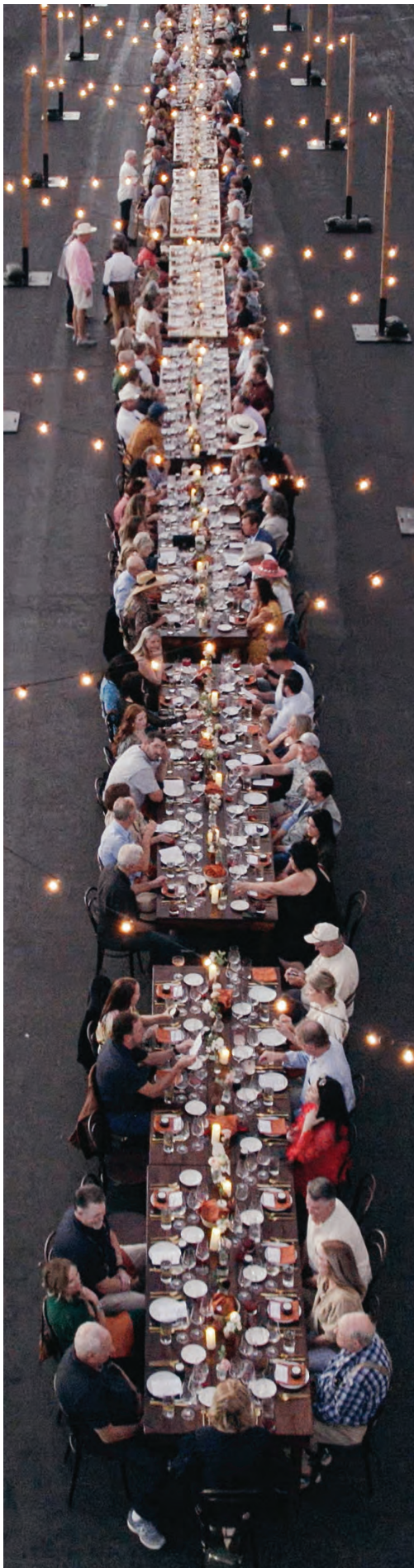
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Grand Tasting tickets and badges are available for the event, set for Oct. 21-26 at Marktplatz and other locations during that week.

A portion of proceeds to the Hill Country Hospitality Relief Fund, supporting local hospitality professionals.

The event, taken over by the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce in 2024, is a revamped look at the best food and wine offerings in the heart of Texas wine country.

A June Preview Week peek at events and offerings helped raise \$40,000 for the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country's Flood Relief Fund. These monies help recovery efforts

for the community's neighbors to the south in Kerrville and Comfort who suffered through devastating floods over the July 4 weekend.

The October festival will be a "Who's Who" of culinary and vinther talents, who will bring a huge variety of foods and wine styles that make this area a popular attraction for more than two million visitors per year. Visit fbgfoodandwine.com/2025talent for the lineup.

For event information (and to buy tickets), see fbgfoodandwine.com/2025schedule.

The heart of the festival is the Saturday, Oct. 25 "Grand Tasting" which features 75-plus tastings from Texas wineries, top chefs, craft distilleries and breweries. Live food demos, Texas music and other curated artisan market experiences are sure to please.





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ICE CREAM

For visitors hoping to cool off from the Texas heat, Fredericksburg has multiple ice cream shops.

- Austin St. Creamery
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- Clear River

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- Hill Country Donuts & Kolaches
- Top Donuts

BAKERIES

Fredericksburg is steeped in German culture due to its roots as a settlement for the Europeans. With the German settlers came the beloved kolache,

among other traditional baked goods.

- Old German Bakery & Restaurant
- Keidel Pharmacy
- Zuly's Bakery
- Fredericksburg Pie Co.
- Quintessential Chocolates
- Pritzer Sweet Shop
- Woerner Café and Catering

COFFEE SHOPS

Visitors can wash down all the sweets with a coffee at one of the many local spots.

- Caliche Coffee
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- Java Ranch Espresso Bar & Café
- RockHaus Coffee

MADE TO ORDER

Visitors here for a special event, can pick up made-to-order cakes and desserts.

- Dawn Makes Cakes
- Sophie's Bakery





IN THE HILL COUNTRY

Abundant BBQ Across County

Barbecue Around the Hill Country

The staff of the Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post hit seven barbecue joints in Gillespie County on its quest to find the best pits in town.

Before heading out, the staff set parameters. It defined barbecue joints as food vendors offering meat by the pound, with one exception.

At each of the seven venues, two people

tried brisket, ribs, sausage and two sides.

As they tasted, the food was labeled according to strengths and weaknesses. Also included was information about pricing and hours of operation.

If a local pitmaster was overlooked or a menu item wasn't tasted, reach out to fbgnews@fredericksburgstandard.com.



BACKWOODS BBQ

Location: 320 FM 2093, Fredericksburg

Hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Price: \$\$

Napkin count: 2

In short: Checks boxes, good for groups.

Backwoods BBQ is a fan favorite in Fredericksburg, showcased by its five consecutive wins in the Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post's Readers' Choice awards.

Their menu has all the barbecue basics, for a wallet-friendly rate. Personal favorites were the jalapeño-cheddar sausage and any of their desserts.

The restaurant is spacious and great for large gatherings, and regularly offers lunch and dinner specials.

Before trying to scratch a barbecue itch on a Friday evening, know that at 4:30 p.m. each week, the restaurant only offers grilled steaks.

EAKER BARBECUE

Location: 607 W. Main St. in Fredericksburg

Hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Price: \$\$\$

Napkin count: 4

In short: Unique flavors, higher prices.

Recognized on multiple occasions by Texas Monthly, Eaker Barbecue is known for its unique fusion of Texan and Korean barbecue styles.

Although its list menu prices can be high, the restaurant offers daily rotating specials, ranging from Korean fried chicken sandwiches to hot honey burnt ends.

While everything on the menu is worth the hype, standouts are the gochujang (red chili paste) ribs and the kimchi fried rice. Alternating bites of each are highly recommended.

Be forewarned, the restaurant regularly sells out and closes early, so arrive early.

DAVID'S OLD FASHIONED PIT BARBEQUE

Location: 809 W. Main St. in Fredericksburg

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Price: \$\$

Napkin count: 2

In short: Breakfast beats lunch offerings.

On the west end of town is David's, which opened in 2006.

What sets this locale apart is its breakfast taco and plate offerings, which include huevos rancheros and migas.

Their afternoon barbecue fare has all the staples, with plate combos and by the pound options.

The recommendation is for a double-dipping barbecue day, check out David's for breakfast and another spot for lunch.



JUNEBUG'S BBQ

Location: 205 E. Austin St. in Fredericksburg, part of Albert Hotel complex

Hours: Thursday and Friday, 5-9 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Price: \$\$

Napkin count: 2

In short: Best for barbecue dinner, classics done well.

A newer addition to the Fredericksburg food scene is Junebug's BBQ, part of the Albert Hotel complex.

Unlike other spots in town, Junebug's focuses on dinner offerings and weekend visitors. Their seating is exclusively outside and is somewhat limited. This isn't a rainy day outing or when the whole family is tagging along. With the outdoor venue and a stage, it's a good spot for live music on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The personal favorite menu items were the mac and cheese and potato salad. While they don't have a particular gimmick or twist, their favorites are done right.

LEROY'S TEX MEX BBQ

Location: 8381 U.S. 290 in Fredericksburg

Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Price: \$\$

Napkin count: 2

In short: It's fun fusion and don't skip the queso.

Calling this particular restaurant a barbecue joint is a bit of a stretch, but it was included for its smoked meats – chopped beef, pulled pork and turkey.

This restaurant takes the Tex in Tex-Mex a little more seriously by adding barbecue offerings, including proper beef cheek barbacoa on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Leroy's also offers breakfast, a slew of taco options and even a limited menu for dogs, but their fan-favorite menu item is the queso blanco, which has won both years of Fredericksburg Food & Wine Festival's Quesöff.



MESQUITE AT THE WAREHOUSE

Location: 305 S. Lincoln St. in Fredericksburg

Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Price: \$\$\$

Napkin count: 2

In short: It's fun fusion and don't skip the queso.

In addition to a full menu with non-barbecue sandwiches and salads, Mesquite at the Warehouse also offers meats by the pound and classic barbecue sides.

The favorites were cornbread and sausage. This is a good place to dine in and enjoy the warehouse's other offerings like a coffee bar and shopping.

TOOTHLESS BBQ

Location: 14352 U.S. 290 in Stonewall

Hours: Friday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Price: \$

Napkin count: 2

In short: This is an affordable hidden gem.

In Toothless BBQ takes a stripped back approach, serving barbecue straight from a food truck right in the middle of Stonewall.

Most impressive were the affordable prices and generous portions.

Toothless took the cake when it came to brisket. It was peppery and balanced without any need for sauce.

While not in Fredericksburg, I think its location makes for a great option for travelers coming down U.S. 290 on a Friday afternoon.

There are some shaded areas near the truck, but no established seating, so bring a lawn chair or take it to-go.



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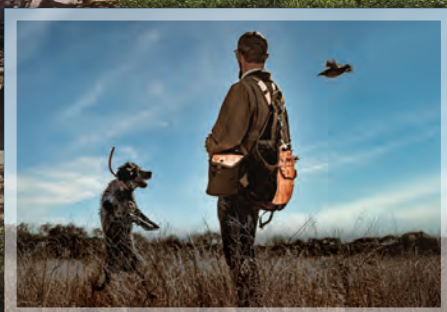


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MARKTPLATZ

Drinking to Gemütlichkeit

Oktoberfest | oktoberfestinfbg.com

What started as a one-day event in 1981 on the "Market Square" has grown into a three-day nationally recognized celebration of German roots at Marktplatz in Fredericksburg.

The 45th Oktoberfest, set for Friday through Sunday, Oct. 3-5, was named by USA Today as one of the 10 Best in the U.S. The 2025 event is again expected to attract 26,000 visitors, along with 1,400 volunteers.

Sponsored by the Pedernales Creative Arts Alliance (PCAA), since its founding, the family-oriented German event will take place at Marktplatz in downtown Fredericksburg.

Pricing/Hours Admission

\$15 for adults

\$1 for children 7-12

Free for children 6 and under.

Two-day passes — \$20

Three-day passes — \$25

Hours — Oct. 3-5

Friday — 6 p.m. to midnight

Saturday — 10 a.m. to midnight

Sunday — 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.





FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 5:45 p.m., OkTubaFest will open Oktoberfest, playing just inside the front gate. Tuba and euphonium players are invited to participate. The tuba performers will play for a half hour.
- 6 p.m., Meet the Shiner, Spoetzl Brewery brew masters in front of the Vereins Kirche.
- 8:45 p.m., The Altstadt Brewery Waltz Contest will take place at the Adelsverein Halle.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 8:30 a.m., 14th annual Rotary Kraut Run/Walk at 110 W. Travis St. sponsored by Fredericksburg Morning Rotary.
- 9 a.m., Hauptstrasse Chicken Dance on Main Street.
- 10:30 a.m., Willkommen the Altstadt brewmaster.
- 1 p.m., Sheryl Yuengling, sixth generation family member meet and mingle at the Hauptstrasse Zelt.
- 2-5 p.m., Samuel Adams Stein Hoist at Hauptstrasse Zelt.
- 3 p.m., Weihenstephan Polka Contest at Adelsverein Halle.
- 3:45 p.m., Keg tap with Altstadt head brewer at Strassen Zelt.
- 5 p.m., Hi-Striker Competition at Kinder Park.
- 6-8 p.m., Spoetzie Brewery, Shiner Spaß Zelt.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 1 p.m., Real Estate Advisory Team 42 Tournament in Strassen Zelt. Registration at 12:30 p.m.
- 2:30 p.m., Oktoberfest/Peterson Health Family Dirndl and Lederhosen Contest at Strassen Zelt.
- 4 p.m., Keg tap with Altstadt head brewer at Adelsverein Halle.

ENTERTAINMENT

Five covered stages will host a continuous rotation of entertainers that feature the German favorites.

There will also be many other attractions for both adults and children to enjoy.

Shopping: Artisans from across the state will fill two tents with their best arts and collectibles.

Art: A select group of Hill Country artists will be selling their art.

Food: An array of German and American food will be offered by over a dozen vendors.

Drinks: Tasters can sample a variety of German, American, Texan and other imported beers.

Children's area: Youngsters can try their hand at the hi-strikers, along with many other games and activities, including a magician and face painter.

PARK AND RIDE

Oktoberfest visitors can take advantage of a park and ride on Friday and Saturday.

Parking will be available at the Gillespie County Fair Grounds from 5:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Oct. 6 and from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. Oct. 7.

The cost is \$10 per person/day for adults and free for children six and under.

Park and ride tickets are available for advance purchase on the Oktoberfest-parkandride.com and will also be available at the fair grounds parking location during the festival.



The Saturday Samuel Adams Stein Hoist competition at the Haupstrasse Zelt on Marktplatz is always a crowd favorite.
— Michaela Rush/Standard-Radio Post



ABOUT

Since its inception in 1981, Oktoberfest has been presented by the Pedernales Creative Arts Alliance (PCAA). Proceeds from the all-volunteer event are used for student scholarships, gifts and grants, the Marktplatz Concert Series and support of local arts.

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MARKTPLATZ

German Festival, the Local Way

Bestfest | bestfest.net

The Knights of Columbus Council 9765 will hold its 16th annual Bestfest celebration this October.

This year's Bestfest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18, at Marktplatz. Gates will open at 11 a.m. and close at 11 p.m.

The entry fee includes "all-you-can-eat" sausage, sauerkraut and German potatoes. Tea and other drinks, including beer, water, soft drinks and wine, will be available for purchase along with a selection of craft beers.

The event features sausage products from Opa's Smoked Meats of Fredericksburg, Slovacek Sausage and Kielbassa and beer from various breweries, including Altstadt Brewery, Real Ale Brewing Company, St. Arnold's Brewing Company and Spoetzel Brewing Company.

Live music will be provided through-

out the afternoon. The polka bands performing will include Off The Grid and Fritz Hodde and the Fabulous Six, along with country crooner Bob Appel that night.

Activities for kids will include pumpkin painting, piñatas and many other games.

The event also includes drawings in which a selection of shotguns, rifles and handguns will be given away along with various other outdoor and hunting-related items. The night's final drawing will be for a camouflage colored 2025 4x4 Kawasaki Mule.

Tickets for these items are \$20 and will be available for purchase before the event and on the day of the event.

Proceeds from Bestfest are given to Knights of Columbus Council 9765 for its charitable work within various organizations.



2025 BESTFEST

Saturday, Oct. 18
11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Marktplatz, Fredericksburg

ADMISSION FEE

\$15 (ages 14+)
\$5 (ages 5-13)
Free for children under 5
Multi-gun drawing (\$20 ticket)
Kawasaki 4x4 drawing (\$20 ticket)

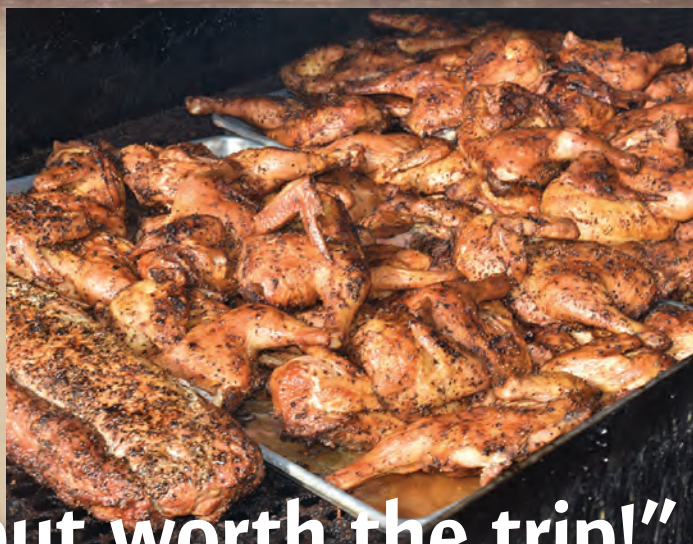
LIVE BANDS AND DANCING

Off The Grid will play 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Fritz Hodde and the Fabulous Six will play from 1:30-5:30 p.m.
Bob Appel will play from 7-11 p.m.

Since the inception of Bestfest, the council has allocated money to help sponsor many local organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, the MOM Center, the Hill Country Community Needs Council, the Golden Hub Senior Citizens Center, Fredericksburg Academic Boosters, Fredericksburg Food Pantry, the Boys & Girls Club of the Texas Hill Country, St. Vincent De Paul, New Horizons and the Nebo Wounded Warrior Project.

They have also donated to St. Mary's Catholic Church ministries such as St. Mary's School and Adopt-A-Family Christmas programs.

In addition, the council also aims to support young men in priestly formation, young men and women in the religious life as well as college Catholic center ministries.



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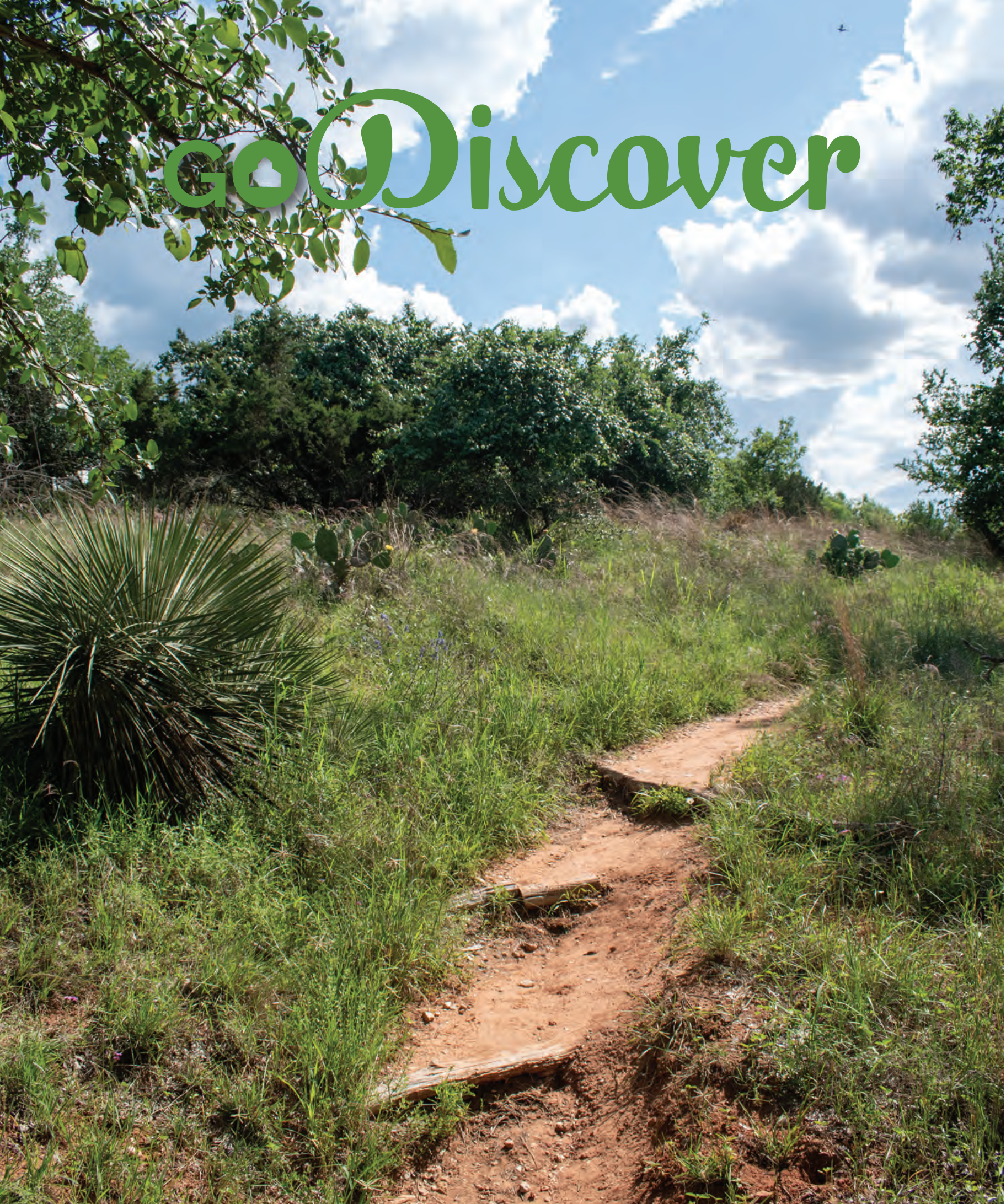






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MAIN STREET

Take Part in a Historical Adventure

Pioneer Museum | pionermuseum.org





Germans looking for a better life risked everything to get to Gillespie County in the mid-1840s. When they arrived, they created a unique German colony in the heart of the Texas Hill Country.

Pioneer Museum and the Gillespie County Historical Society pay tribute to the history of those German emigrants through a series of activities hosted on the museum grounds.

PIONEER MUSEUM

The Pioneer Museum grounds is a combination museum and historical site on 3.5 acres featuring historic homesteads and buildings donated by founding families of Gillespie County.

Among these are a one-room schoolhouse, log cabin, Sunday house, bath house, barn and smokehouse that showcase artifacts and architecture which help to preserve and tell their story.

Also, visitors may browse through the Fredericksburg Volunteer Fire Department Museum which displays pieces of early 20th century firefighting equipment.

ADMISSION

Museum members free
\$12 for general admission
\$7 for military or seniors
\$5 for children
Children under five are free.



MARKTPLATZ

Vereins Kirche

Vereins Kirche |
pioneermuseum.com

Just two blocks away from the main grounds stands the Vereins Kirche ("Society Church"). The Vereins Kirche is located in the middle of the town square, called Marktplatz. This is a replica of the first public building constructed by the pioneers in Fredericksburg.

The original, built in 1847, served as a combination church, school, and community center for decades. A replica was built in 1935, the project that launched the Gillespie County Historical Society.



FIRST WEEKEND AT THE MUSEUM

Pioneer Museum hosts First Weekend at the Museum on the First Saturday of each month.

Activities include:

- Museum open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Spinners demonstration.
- Handworkers demonstration.
- Blacksmithing demonstration.
- Frontier History Company interpretive living historians.
- Scavenger hunt around the museum grounds.
- Museum Store open with a 10% off Book of the Month Friday and Saturday.
- Vereins Kirche Museum open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Historic Gillespie County Jail, 117 W. San Antonio St., with interpretive living historians open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY PUBLIC PROGRAMS

On the Friday before the first Saturday of each month, Pioneer Museum hosts a complimentary public program at the Gillespie County Historical Society Sanctuary at 312 W. San Antonio St.

Doors open at 3 p.m. for a meet and greet. The program runs from 3:30-5 p.m. with a question-and-answer session following. Programs are livestreamed by FBG Live and can be viewed on YouTube. Livestreams are underwritten by a grant from the Hill Country Historical Foundation.

First Weekend activities are sponsored by the Fredericksburg Morning Rotary Club and a Friend of the Gillespie County Historical Society. The program is complimentary, and donations are welcome.

CALENDAR

- Sept. 1-Oct. 11 Traveling Exhibit: Vaquero: Genesis of the Texas Cowboy.
- Oct. 3-4 First Weekend at the Museum.
- Oct. 31-Nov. 1 First Weekend at the Museum.
- Nov. 21 Holiday Market Preview Party.
- Nov. 22 Historic Home Tour and Holiday Market.
- Dec. 6 Kinderfest.
- Dec. 12 Tannenbaum Ball.
- Feb. 6-7 First Weekend at the Museum.
- March 6-7 First Weekend at the Museum.
- March 16-21 Spring Break Living History Week.
- April 3-4 First Weekend at the Museum.



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IN TOWN

Local Home Design on Display

Holiday Home Tour | pioneermuseum.org/home-tour

Eight homes will be showcased in the 2025 Gillespie County Historical Society/Pioneer Museum 66th annual Holiday Home Tour on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

All properties are self-guided with docents available in each home to explain the residences' unique features.

Properties on the 2025 tour include the former home of President Lyndon B. Johnson's grandparents, a home showcasing the art of local artist Lee Ethel, and several homes that have been restored and feature the unique architecture of Fredericksburg. A full list of homes and their descriptions can be found online at pioneermuseum.org/home-tour.



Joseph W. Baines, a lawyer, Texas legislator, Texas Secretary of State, and grandfather of President Lyndon B. Johnson, bought the six-acre block with his wife, Ruth, for \$450 in 1904 on West College Street. The home they lived in will be part of this year's Holiday Home Tour.

TICKETS

- Historic Home Tour - \$40 (Includes Holiday Market and Pioneer Museum admission)
- Holiday Market ONLY - \$12 (Includes Pioneer Museum admission)
- Holiday Market Preview Party ONLY - \$50 (Tickets limited)

THE MARKET

As with previous Home Tours, this year's trek is coupled with the annual Holiday Market, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, in the Historic Sanctuary and Social Hall at 312 W. San Antonio St., Fredericksburg and will feature 20 high-end, artisanal Hill Country vendors.

PREVIEW PARTY

A Holiday Market Preview Party will be held on Friday, Nov. 21 from 6-8 p.m. Tickets for this special event are limited and cost \$50. The Preview Party includes appetizers, champagne and entertainment.



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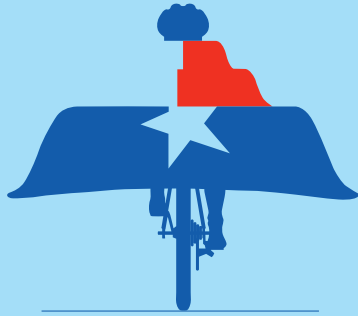
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IN TOWN

Your Information Hub and More



Want to know where all the cool kids (and former kids) hang out?

Guests to Gillespie County can make their first stop at the Fredericksburg Convention and Visitor Bureau (FCVB) to find out.

The FCVB, located at 302 E. Austin St., one block north of Main Street, offers lots of information to learn about the city, from magazines like this one

to brochures, videos and other information in both print and digital form. Two other organizations — the Gillespie County Economic Development Commission and the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce — also are available to help businesses either relocate or improve through a variety of offerings.



CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

Fredericksburg Convention and Visitor Bureau | visitfredericksburgtx.com

The Fredericksburg Convention and Visitor Bureau promotes Fredericksburg and Gillespie County as a leisure destination for group tours, reunions, weddings and meeting sites, as well as for the hundreds of thousands of individuals who visit the area.

The staff also markets the region all over the globe with its popular "Love Fredericksburg" campaign that highlights reasons to love this part of the Texas Hill Country.

The FCVB staffs and operates the Visitor Information Center, which is open

Mondays through Saturdays, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

This organization is funded by a portion of the city and county hotel occupancy taxes paid by those staying overnight.

Visitors can also gather information on activities, accommodations and businesses of interest through magazines and brochures in the lobby area, which includes information on walking tours, historic sites, an events calendar, city and county maps and driving trail maps, to name a few.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Gillespie County Economic Development Commission | gillespiecountyedc.com

The Gillespie County Economic Development Commission has its finger on the economic pulse of the county and helps recruit and ease the transition for new businesses which are the right fit for this special market.

The GCEDC is a collaborative partnership between the city and county and its mission is to encourage, enhance and promote managed economic development throughout the county. The GCEDC is governed by a board of directors with nine voting members and employs an executive director.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce | fbgtxchamber.org

The Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce works on business education, advocacy, communication and business-to-business assistance. It also hosts the Fredericksburg Food & Wine Fest, one of the premiere events for the town that showcases the quality and diversity of food and drink offerings in the region.

Catering to more than 800 members — a huge amount for a town of just over 12,000 — the Chamber works to create a positive business environment. Its staff coordinates events, volunteers and highlights accomplishments at its annual banquet in March.

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MAIN STREET

Encounter the History of WWII

National Museum of the Pacific War | pacificwarmuseum.org

The National Museum of the Pacific War offers close-up encounters with the history of the Pacific and Asiatic theaters of World War II through its permanent collection and events throughout the year.

The Smithsonian Affiliate and American Alliance of Museums accredited museum hosts an extensive collection of artifacts, interactive exhibits and personal stories of those who lived through this pivotal period in world history. This six-acre complex is dedicated to preserving the memory of those who served and sacrificed during the war.

GEORGE H.W. BUSH GALLERY

The state-of-the-art exhibit hall houses media-rich presentations, veteran testimonials, and displays of artifacts, including vehicles, aircraft and authentic military uniforms. Visitors can learn about the causes, significant events and the enduring relevance of the Pacific War.

A new addition to the family-friendly exhibit includes "The Rescue: A Submersive Experience," an interactive submarine exhibit.

ADMIRAL NIMITZ GALLERY

Located in the historic 1890 Nimitz Steamboat Hotel, this gallery honors Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, a Fredericksburg native and the Naval Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific during WWII.

PACIFIC COMBAT ZONE

This two-acre indoor/outdoor exhibit is one of the museum's most popular attractions. Visitors can see:

- A restored PT boat from WWII;
- A TBM Avenger aircraft;
- A large-scale map of the Pacific The-

atre.

The PCZ also hosts living history reenactments showcasing U.S. forces attempting to capture a fortified Japanese position using period equipment and tactics.

NOTABLE EXHIBITS

Submarine exhibit: "The Rescue" is a multi-sensory, immersive experience where the true story of a WWII rescue operation comes to life.

Pearl Harbor: Features a Japanese midget submarine HA-19 that participated in the attack, and a hatch from the *USS Arizona*.

Battle of Midway: A dynamic three-screen presentation with show-controlled lighting and original music.

Iwo Jima: Includes an M2-2 flamethrower and memorabilia from the battle.

Okinawa: Offers a hands-on display of ground-level experiences.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES

Plaza of Presidents: Honors the 10 U.S. presidents who served during World War II.

Japanese Garden of Peace: A symbol of post-war friendship between Japan and the United States.

Memorial Courtyard: Pays tribute to those who served in the Asiatic-Pacific during WWII.

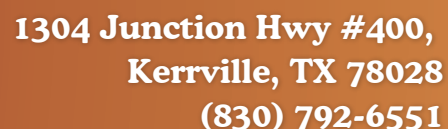


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U.S. HIGHWAY 290

Fort serves as Cornerstone

Fort Martin Scott | thc.texas.gov

The first U.S. Army post on the Texas frontier resides inside the city limits of Fredericksburg — Fort Martin Scott.

The old fort has seen transformation under the Texas Historical Commission, since the state agency partnered with the City of Fredericksburg to manage and maintain the 176-year-old site last year.

The newly minted Fort Martin Scott State Historic Site's five-year plan includes all new programming. Visitors in 2025 will see more oral history programs, military fairs, rotating exhibits, technology programs and archaeological digs.

Long range plans for the fort include bringing in Longhorns and camels and a retail store.

HISTORY

All these programs will showcase the 14-acre property on the eastern edge of Fredericksburg along the old Pinta Trail.

The fort, settled in 1848 on Barons Creek, was built by the U.S. Army two years after John O. Meusebach and German settlers established the town of Fredericksburg.

The citadel, called Camp Houston, was the first in a string of forts established to help protect U.S. citizens moving west.

The camp was renamed Fort Martin Scott in December 1849 after Lt. Col. Martin Scott, who died while fighting in the Mexican-American War.

The infantry units were followed by horse-mounted dragoons, who led scouting patrols and escorts for the settlers.

In 1850, Indian Agent John Rollins,

Army and Rangers representatives and interpreters met with a group of chiefs on the banks of the San Saba River and forged the Fort Martin Scott Treaty of 1850. Today, the Treaty Stone recognizing the pact is displayed in the fort visitor center.

By 1853, Fort Martin Scott became a supply depot and was permanently abandoned by the Army in 1866.

TRANSFORMATION

In 1870, John Braeutigam bought acreage that included the fort guard-house, which became the Braeutigam family home for 90 years. He created Braeutigam Gardens that included a saloon, store, racetrack and the area's first dance hall.

The first four Gillespie County fairs were held in the gardens. But the fairs and gardens ended with the robbery and murder of Braeutigam and his saloon in 1884.

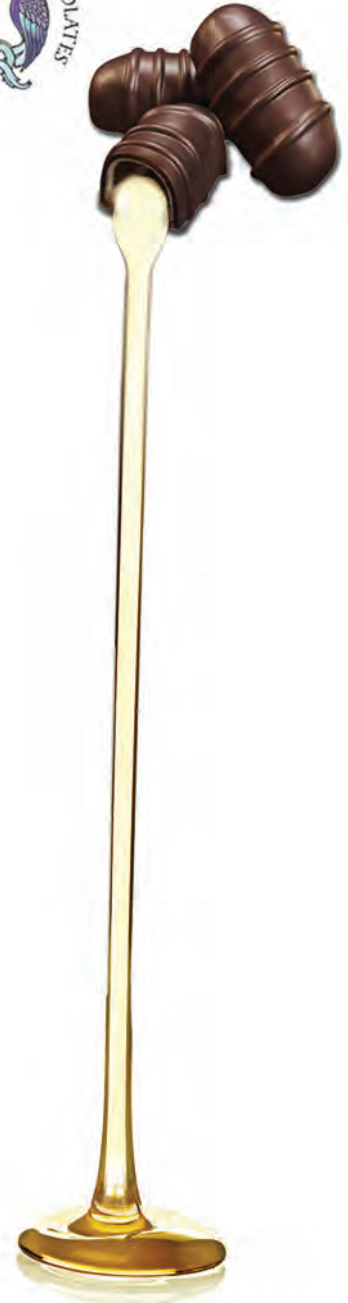
The Braeutigam family farmed the land until 1959 when they sold it to the City of Fredericksburg.

OFFERINGS

The fort is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Although structures are closed Sundays and Mondays, the grounds and walking trail remain open from dawn to dusk.

The site hosts daily 30-minute to hour-long guided tours at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Admission to the park is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages five to 17 and free for those under five. Admission is free for those with a 78624 ZIP code on their driver's license and active duty military.



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U.S. HIGHWAY 290

Nature & History at LBJ State Park

Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site | tpwd.texas.gov

Historians and naturalists come together at the Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site at Stonewall. The site offers plenty of nature trails coupled with interpretive living historians to inform visitors about Texas history.

The park, owned and managed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), features historical exhibits, memorabilia and a living history farm with recreational sports, nature trails, bicycling opportunities and shopping.

Reservations are suggested for day visits and camping by going to texas-stateparks.reserveamerica.com. For park information, visit tpwd.texas.gov/

state-parks/lyndon-b-johnson.

HONORING A PRESIDENT

The LBJ State Park and Historic Site honors Gillespie County native Lyndon B. Johnson, the 36th President of the United States.

A Visitor Center complex houses exhibits and memorabilia focusing on the late president's two terms of office.

LIVING HISTORY

The park is also home to the World War I-era Sauer-Beckmann Farm. Here, rangers care for animals, grow crops and cook meals, all in period clothing.



The farm is named after the Sauer family who moved to the Hill Country in 1869. On their land, they built the two-story home, a smokehouse and tank house.

In 1900, the Sauers sold the property to the other namesake family, the Beckmanns. They lived and worked at the farm, planting cotton, building a new barn and adding a Victorian home before descendants eventually sold the site to TPWD.

PARK FACILITIES

The Visitor Center is the first stop for any tour to the LBJ Ranch which is a part of the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park.

Attached to the Visitor Center is the Behrens Cabin, a two-room dogtrot cabin built during the 1840s by German immigrant Johannes Behrens.

There's also an outdoor amphitheater used for a variety of programs.

Numerous shaded picnic and rest areas, some with bathroom facilities, are available at the state park. Nearby are two lighted tennis courts.

The park's dining hall and group picnic area are available by reservation, and are

located on the banks of the Pedernales River, as well as a separate baseball diamond facility.

Fishing is allowed without a license from the banks of state park lands. However, those who go into the waterways on a boat must have a fishing license.

NATURE TRAILS

Elsewhere in the park, a winding nature trail leads walkers to a larger-than-life bronze statue of the former president overlooking the Pedernales River.

The trail also winds near a wildlife enclosure housing American bison and other areas with members of the Official State of Texas Longhorn Herd.

Another trail approximately a mile long is handicapped accessible and suitable for wheelchairs and strollers. It departs the Visitor Center and travels through fields of wildflowers and past the Texas Longhorns' pen to the Danz cabins.

Every trail in the park is marked with directional signs and markers giving brief highlights of the path. Leashed pets are welcomed but are not allowed inside buildings.

CALENDAR

- Oct. 1 Basics of Gardening at Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm
- Oct. 4 International Observe the Moon Night at Visitor Center Auditorium
- Oct. 11 From Field to Fabric at Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm
- Nov. 11 Fun and Games at the Farm at Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm
- Nov. 29 Deck the Halls at Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm
- Dec. 25 56th Annual Tree Lighting at LBJ State Park Visitor Center



IN THE HILL COUNTRY

Bat Haven

Old Tunnel State Park | tpwd.texas.gov

The smallest, and newest, Texas state park is around 20 minutes away from Fredericksburg.

Old Tunnel State Park is only 16.1 acres. The epicenter of the park is an abandoned railroad tunnel which provides a home to three million bats. The 920-foot-long tunnel was dug out mostly by hand to connect Fredericksburg to San Antonio by rail in 1913. By the 1940s, the railroad tunnel was abandoned.

It was purchased by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in 1991 to protect and manage the Mexican free-tail and cave myotis bats which had settled in the man-made tunnel. Locals discovered the bats after calling the fire department to investigate a plume of smoke. The plume turned out to be clouds of bats leaving the tunnel

to hunt.

The Mexican freetails summer in the Hill Country from May through October before heading south. The cave myotis bats have made the tunnel their home year round. The park also offers a 1.5-mile nature trail.

The tunnel is located at 10619 Old San Antonio Road and is open from sunrise to 5 p.m.

On May 1, visitors can watch the bats emerge from the tunnel for their nightly search for food.

Permits for entry into Old Tunnel State Park and fees for the bat viewing must be purchased online. No permits are sold on-site. Seats fill up fast for the bat viewing.

Contact 866-978-2287, or visit texasstateparks.reserveamerica.com for more hours and information.

BAT FACTS

- There are over 1,300 different kinds of bats found in the world.
- Mexican free-tail bats can fly over 60 miles round-trip in an evening while foraging for insects.
- Mexican free-tail bats are important for keeping crop pests in check as they eat up to two-thirds of their body weight in insects every night.
- Bats can see well and they also use echolocation or bio-sonar to help navigate and find food.
- The oldest living confirmed insectivorous bat lived for 41 years.



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Get Schooled in the Hill Country

Gillespie County Country Schools Trail | | historicschools.org

Hill Country students of the late 19th and early 20th centuries learned the basics of ABCs and arithmetic in their one-room schoolhouses.

Today, students use a variety of high-tech in air-conditioned buildings, but the old schoolhouses are preserved to show students how education evolved.

The old school buildings predate the local school districts but still hold a special place in local history. Volunteers and former students help keep up these grounds and the public can revisit "the way things were" with a trip on the Gillespie County Country Schools Trail.

SCHOOLS TRAIL

The "schools trail" gives visitors and res-

idents, alike, a chance to venture into the early days of Texas, when German settlers came to the Texas Hill Country and established country schools to educate their children.

The driving trail includes schoolhouses such as Cave Creek, Cherry Mountain, Cherry Spring, Crabapple, Grapetown, Junction, Lower South Grape Creek, Luckenbach, Meusebach Creek, Nebgen, Pecan Creek, Rheingold, Williams Creek (Albert), White Oak, Willow City and Wrede.

After the Gilmer-Aiken Laws of the 1950s and 1960s were passed, the schools were consolidated into the Fredericksburg Independent School District.

On Jan. 23, 2006, the Gillespie Coun-

ty Commissioners Court established the Gillespie County Country Schools Trail. This trail links the 16 historic former rural schools with the Vereins Kirche, a replica of the first school in the county.

FRIENDS GROUP

The Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools, along with several organizations, sponsors the trail and various activities throughout the year so that people can learn more about the county's educational history. The Friends consists of former students as well as community residents.

The properties are listed in the Register of National Historic Places and are on the Country School Association of America National Schoolhouse Registry.

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IN TOWN

Parks O'Plenty in Fredericksburg

Fredericksburg Parks and Recreation | fbgtx.org

Fredericksburg is home to nine parks, two outdoor swimming pools, eight ball fields, six tennis courts (with four striped for pickleball), seven soccer fields, nature trails, skate park, basketball pavilion and RV campground.

LADY BIRD JOHNSON MUNICIPAL PARK

The 330-acre Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park is the crown jewel of the City of Fredericksburg's parks system. Admission to the park is free.

Ten acres of the park are dedicated to the Fredericksburg Nature Center, which is home to 11 types of natural habitats. Three trails take hikers across Live Oak Creek, giving visitors a chance to experience the geologic and biologic diversity.

A 17-acre lake offers plenty of spots to fish. Motorboats are prohibited, as are trotlines and swimming.

Reservations for camping, use of the park's pavilions or other facilities can be made by calling the park at 830-997-4202, online, by email at ladybird-park@fbgtx.org.

CROSS MOUNTAIN

Cross Mountain Park is home to a marl and limestone hill with an elevation of 1,951 feet.

The park offers several trails, three picnic areas, an overlook and restrooms.

OLD FAIR PARK

At the corner of East Ufer and South Lincoln streets is Old Fair Park, a facility dedicated to sports.

Facilities include a lighted baseball and softball complex, concession stands, batting cage, skate park, soccer field and playgrounds.

Hours of operation are 5 a.m. to midnight, daily.

OAK CREST PARK

Oak Crest Park, located on Texas 16 South, is another city facility dedicated to sports.

Amenities include lighted baseball, softball and soccer fields, some with covered bleachers, a concession stand and a covered playground.

The playground, dedicated in 2012, is named for fallen soldier Chris Staats.

Reservations for Oak Crest Park can be made online.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARK

Located at Fredericksburg Elementary School, this park is a collaboration between Fredericksburg Independent School District and the City of





Fredericksburg.

Amenities include a playground, pavilion, restrooms, trails, practice fields and an outdoor basketball court.

FRANTZEN PARK

Originally called the Orange Street Park, this quiet lot was donated to the city by Alex and Laura Frantzen in 1956.

The park includes a green space, walking path and picnic areas.

FREDERICKSBURG DOG PARK

The five-acre Fredericksburg Dog Park, located at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park, is fun for canines and humans,

alike.

A separated small dog area is available for dogs 25 pounds or under. Trash bins and dog-waste bags are provided.

All dogs must be up to date on vaccinations, as required by the City of Fredericksburg Code of Ordinances.

LADY BIRD JOHNSON MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

The 330-acre golf course spans over 6,600 yards and offers challenges for golfers of all skill levels.

The course offers private golf lessons and has a 1,660-square-foot banquet room that can host private events such

as anniversaries, wedding rehearsals, work meetings, class reunions and family reunions.

The banquet room has a wall of windows and high open-beam ceilings that provide views of the native landscape.

FREDERICKSBURG SOCCER COMPLEX

Opening soon is an 18-acre soccer field complex that includes six full-sized fields, three are lighted, with an entrance to the facility from Fair Drive.

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Library Goes Beyond Books

Pioneer Memorial Library | pmlfbg.com

Housed in a historic building, Pioneer Memorial Library continues to serve the people of Gillespie County by providing a wide array of resources to enrich the community.

"As a hub for information, education, recreation and culture, we offer a diverse collection of books, periodicals, audiovisual materials and technology," said Librarian Erika Caputo. "Our goal is to promote inclusive learning and offer quality services that enhance the lives of all patrons."

HISTORY

The historic building served as the Gillespie County Courthouse from 1882 until 1939, when the courthouse shifted to its current location next door. Various governmental organizations occupied the building until it was closed in 1963.

Two years later, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McDermott of Dallas funded the preservation of the building so that it could be used as a public library. It was dedicated in May 1967. It was restored and rededicated a second time in 1984.

SERVICES

Adults and children six years old and older who live in Gillespie County can obtain a library card at no charge. All children must have their card signed by a parent or guardian when filling out a card application.

Visitors to Gillespie County who stay for three months or more can receive a card and non-residents of Gillespie County (residents of Blanco, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Llano and Mason counties) can obtain a card for a \$5 fee.

Books may be checked out for two weeks, and if not requested by another library user, may be renewed for another two weeks.

ADULTS

Adult fiction and non-fiction books, books on CD, large print books, reference material, the Texas collection, magazines and newspapers are located on the second floor. Current periodicals, covering a wide range of subjects, are available for reading in the library and for home use. All but the latest issues are circulated. The library subscribes to the Wall Street Journal and the Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post. The library holds back issues of the Fredericksburg papers on microfilm back to 1890.

YOUTH

Children's books can be found in the young people's room on the first floor. Picture books, easy readers, fiction and nonfiction for older children are available. A story hour is offered for preschool and kindergarten children on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. during the school year. The library participates in the Summer Reading Program sponsored by the Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library. Reading certificates are presented to those who complete the program.

LIBRARY BOOK STORE

The library also sells gently used books. Proceeds from the book sales go toward the summer program and other library programs.

FRIENDS OF PML

In addition to being a department of the County of Gillespie, the library is supported by the Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library.

These volunteers support the library through fundraising and advocacy efforts. The programs Friends hosts include: September sidewalk and book store book sales, summer program, staff appreciation, annual library scholarship for seniors and library supplies.



ONGOING EVENTS

Mondays

- 4:30 p.m. PML Writes (first and third Mondays of the month)

Tuesdays

- 10 a.m. Toddler story time
- 2 p.m. Tech help
- 4 p.m. Manga and graphic novel club

Wednesdays

- 10:45 a.m. Storytime
- 10:30 a.m. on first Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. on third Wednesday, Romance Book Club for people 18 and over
- 6:30 p.m., second and fourth Wednesday, Adult Board Game Night, for people 18 and over

Thursdays

- 10:45 a.m. Storytime
- 3 p.m. The Crafty Corner



MAIN STREET

Festival of Literary Champs

Fredericksburg Book Festival | fredericksburgbookfestival.org

The Fredericksburg Book Festival is returning for its second year on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

"With such great attendance at our first festival, it was clear this should become an annual event," said Kathy Shearer, the 2026 festival's co-chair. "Fredericksburg is a literary-friendly town that shows up for a good cause. It's an honor to be a part of this wonderful addition to our town's events calendar."

The second annual festival, free and open to the public, will celebrate 10 Texas authors. There will be a track featuring authors of books for adults, and a second track presenting authors

and illustrators of children's books.

Authors scheduled to attend include: Sandra Cisneros, Elizabeth Crook, Jenny Lawson, Joe Nick Patoski, Christopher Bodmann, David Bowles and Carmen Tafolla.

More authors will be added to the schedule throughout the year.

Author sessions will include readings, panels, interviews and question and answer sessions. Book signings and sales will be with San Antonio's The Twig Book Shop; a portion of sales will be donated to Pioneer Memorial Library.

The festival will be hosted in three locations — the library, St. Joseph's Hall and the Gillespie County Historical



Society's Sanctuary. A complimentary trolley will shuttle attendees among the three venues.

There will be hands-on activities for children and teens, plus a pop-up appearance by Pete the Cat. At the sanctuary, special guest Typewriter Rodeo will be creating free custom, on-the-spot poems on vintage type-writers, based on what-ever topic is requested.

This year, for the first time, many Main Street restaurants will have specials for festival-goers who show their book festival attendee badge.

For information about volunteering at the festival and donating to Friends of the Written Word, email fredericksburgtxbookfestival@gmail.com.



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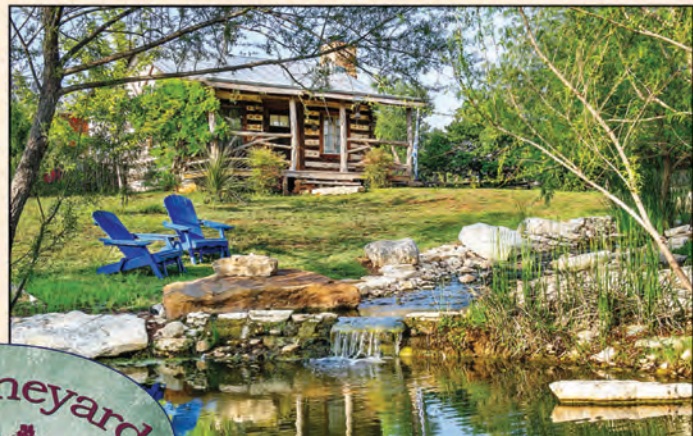


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IN THE HILL COUNTRY

Presidential Residences

Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park | nps.gov/lyjo

The home of the 36th President of the United States, Lyndon Baines Johnson, is sprawled over two visitor areas — in Johnson City and Stonewall. The Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park includes his birthplace, the Texas White House and his boyhood home.

LBJ RANCH

The LBJ Ranch, located at 1472 State Park Road 52 in Stonewall, is the birth and death place of the former president.

Visitors can tour the ranch in their vehi-

cle, with stops along the way, including the president's birthplace, the Johnson Family Cemetery and the president's first school.

The Texas White House and Airplane Hangar are temporarily closed to the public while they undergo restorations.

The ranch remains open seven days a week, and free driving permits and maps can be picked up just down the road at the LBJ State Park and Historic Site Visitor Center, 199 Park Road 52, Stonewall. More information on the state park can be

found elsewhere in the visitor guide.

Driving permits can be picked up between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Ranch entrance gates are open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the ranch exit gate closes at 5 p.m.

JOHNSON CITY

The other half of the park, located in Johnson City, includes the national park visitor center, LBJ's boyhood home and the Johnson Settlement, where the president's grandparents settled in the 1860s.



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IN THE HILL COUNTRY

Be Enchanted at the Rock

Enchanted Rock State Natural Area | tpwd.texas.gov

One of the biggest draws to the Hill Country is the natural beauty. Enchanted Rock State Natural Area (ERSNA) is a towering example of this.

The area, run by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), is one of the most popular parks in the state. Situated 18 miles north of Fredericksburg, it draws an average of 300,000 visitors each year.

Enchanted Rock is the umbrella term for the surrounding trails and camping sites at the foot of the eponymous rock. The pink granite batholith reaches an elevation of 1,825 feet. The most popular of the

area's hiking trails, summit trail challenges hikers with steep inclines.

Including summit, hikers can enjoy the nearly 11 miles of hiking trails, which range in difficulty. Rock climbers can try their hand at conquering the rock, after notifying the park office.

Enchanted Rock is one of the TPWD International Dark Sky Sanctuaries, making it ideal for stargazing.

The natural area announced last year that it will nearly triple in size after acquiring two adjacent land parcels.

ERSNA added 630+ acres to the park's

south and purchased a 3,000-acre ranch on the park's north side. Both promise more future hiking trails and camping opportunities.

Rock climbers also use the park to practice their skills. (Check with the headquarters for details.)

For nature lovers, the park contains more than 500 species of plants, including the light blue basin bellflower found in only three Texas counties.

Friends of Enchanted Rock raises funds to restore trails. Read more or donate to them at friendsofenchantedrock.com.

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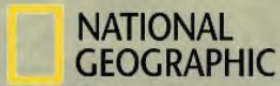
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Raising funds for Local Youth

Scholarship Fest | gillespiefair.com/scholarship-fest

Enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship and prizes at the 29th annual Scholarship Fest on Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Gillespie County Fair Grounds.

Gates open at 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Gillespie County Fair and Festivals Association, the event includes afternoon activities, food, drink, silent and live auctions and a prize drawing for thousands of dollars in prizes donated by local and area businesses and individuals.

Monies raised from the event go toward the Gillespie County Fair Association's scholarship program.

Since 1991, the fair association has awarded over \$750,000 in scholarships to Gillespie County high school

students.

Scholarship Fest entrance tickets are \$20 each for those 15 and older, children 14 and under may attend for free.

Tickets will be sold at the office at the fair grounds, from directors of the Gillespie County Fair and Festivals Association and at locations around the county.

Thousands of dollars in prizes and auction items will be given away during the event, including guns and rifles, hunting and fishing equipment, jewelry, gift certificates and more.

More information on Scholarship Fest, as well as other activities at the fair grounds, is available by calling 830-997-2359 or visiting gillespiefair.com.



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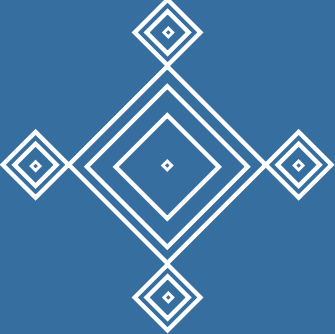
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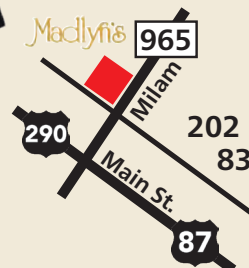
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IN TOWN

Local Visual Arts on Display

Die Künstler von Fredericksburg Art Show | dkfredericksburg.org

Die Künstler von Fredericksburg (the artists of Fredericksburg), or DK for short, is an all-volunteer, non-profit artist group founded in 1993; its name honors the city's German heritage.

DK provides exhibits of local artists for the community to enjoy, which encourages artists at every level of experience to develop their talent. They also support the Gillespie County schools' art programs.

Monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month from Sep-

tember through June at the Gillespie County Historical Society Sanctuary, 312 W. San Antonio St. Most meetings feature a live demonstration by an area art professional.

Anyone interested in making art, learning about art, or just appreciating art is encouraged to attend the free meetings and sample the organization's outreach to the arts community.

More information about the group and its monthly meetings can be found online at dkfredericksburg.org.

CALENDAR

- Oct. 3, 5-8 p.m., First Friday Art Walk at Blue Oak Trading Company, 116 N. Crockett, St., Fredericksburg
- Nov. 7, 5-8 p.m., First Friday Art Walk at Blue Oak Trading Company
- Nov. 7-9, 32nd Fall Art Show and Sale of Die Künstler von Fredericksburg at the historic St. Joseph's Halle, 212 W. San Antonio St., Fredericksburg.
- Dec. 5, 5-8 p.m., First Friday Art Walk at Blue Oak Trading Company Museum.

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NOVEMBER ART SHOW:

November 14, 15 & 16, 2025

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Fri: 5pm-8pm Sat: 10am-4pm Sun: 11am-4pm

SPRING FLING ART MARKET:

Saturday, April 11, 2026, 9am-5pm

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Fine Arts in Fredericksburg

Across Fredericksburg, art lovers can find works from nationally-acclaimed creators and local favorites, alike.

Each month, local galleries participate in First Friday Art Walk with extended hours and receptions. Visitors can view art demonstrations and meet artists alongside enjoying light refreshments.

Charles Morin Fine Art

244 W. Main St.

830-307-3019

vintagetexaspaintings.com

Charles Morin's gallery displays some of Texas' most collected historical artists, with an emphasis on early Texas oil paintings. Morin has been a collector of vintage items since he was 14 years old.

Charles Morin Fine Art is a must-see for art and vintage collectors. Morin's collection includes a display of pottery, Native American and European art.

Fredericksburg Art Guild

308 E. Austin St.

830-997-4949

fredericksburgartguild.com

Fredericksburg Art Guild is a non-profit organization with a mission to educate, encourage, promote and cultivate the creation of fine arts throughout the Texas Hill Country.

Many local artists are members of the guild. Each month, the Art Guild features an artist.

The gallery also features an all-member show during the year. Dates for their events can be found on the gallery website.

Vaudeville Gallery

230 E. Main St.

vaudeville-living.com

In the heart of Fredericksburg is Vaudeville, a renovated three-story historic landmark with a third-floor gallery looking onto Main Street. The Hill Country artists present work in contemporary and modern styles. Vaudeville also has a bistro and a home and giftware showroom. Artisan jewelry and accessories are available on the main floor, featuring periodic designer trunk shows, including the likes of Vannesa Tosoni.

Good Art Company

218 W. Main St.

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goodartcompany.com

Good Art Company opened its doors in 2008 and predominately shows contemporary Western and landscape paintings.

Located in the historic Schmidt-Dietz building, the gallery features a highly diverse collection of paintings in both traditional and modern styles.

The gallery also maintains an assortment of home décor pieces.

InSight Gallery

214 W. Main St.

830-997-9920

insightgallery.com

InSight Gallery represents Texas artists — many of whom are based in the Hill Country. The gallery represents about 40 artists and regularly rotates the works in the showrooms.

With a variety of styles from still life to

figure, InSight features an esteemed inventory of Western art from some of the industry's top artists, such as Robert Pummill, Billy Schenck and Michael Ome Untiedt.

Larry Jackson Fine Arts & Antiques

201 E. San Antonio St.

830-997-0073

larryjacksonantiques.com

The Larry Jackson gallery features a collection of original fine art, from oil paintings to sculpture. The gallery carries a significant inventory of collectible antiques, home décor, heirloom furnishings, silver and crystal items and one-of-a-kind treasures.

The gallery is housed one block off Main Street in Fredericksburg's Warehouse District.

Purple Shack Makers Gallery

7991 Ranch Road 965

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enchantedfredericksburg ranch.com

The Purple Shack Makers Gallery is located at the Enchanted Fredericksburg Ranch, north of town near Enchanted Rock State Natural Area.

The gallery features a collection of Texas artists, with an emphasis on functional art. Fiber art, jewelry, glass art, pottery and photography can all be found at this eclectic gallery.

Purple Shack Makers Gallery is a worthy visit for anyone seeking a unique art experience. Visitors are encouraged to call to set an appointment for viewing.





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Hand-Crafted Mesquite Fest

Texas Mesquite Arts Festival | texasmesquiteartfestivals.com

The 2025 Texas Mesquite Arts Festival returns to Fredericksburg Friday through Sunday, Oct. 10-12.

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Items range from large furniture items such as beds, dressers and chairs made entirely from mesquite to craft and gift items such as beautifully turned lamps, delicate scroll work, handsome pen and pencil sets, unique Christmas tree ornaments and sculpted vases.

Artists from across the country will gather on Marktplatz downtown for a

three-day celebration of the exquisite and attractive mesquite.

The Texas Mesquite Arts Festival is free and open to the public.

Hours are Friday, noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Items are available for purchase, with food and drink sold on the grounds. Free parking surrounds Market Square in downtown Fredericksburg.

More information on the Texas Mesquite Arts Festival is available at www.texasmesquiteartfestivals.com, or by calling the Fest Office at 830-997-8515.





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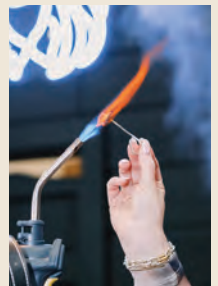
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IN TOWN

Arrowheads for History Heads

Hill Country Indian Artifacts Show | hillcountryindianartifacts.com

Historians and naturalists come together The Hill Country Indian Artifact Show will be open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Pioneer Pavilion at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park. This is one of three exhibitions hosted throughout the year.

After October's show, there will be another opportunity to attend the Hill Country Indian Artifact Show from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026, at Pioneer Pavilion at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park.

Collectors from across Texas come to display Native American artifacts for buyers, sellers, traders and shoppers at the pavilion during each show event.

Collections will feature a wide variety

of some of the finest Native American Artifacts from Texas, including arrowheads, pottery, beads, artifact cases, books, Indian jewelry and many other collectibles.

Consignments and appraisals are available at the event.

Admission is \$5 for everyone 15 years of age and older, while children 14 and under are admitted free of charge. Door prizes will also be distributed.

Beverages, snacks and food will be available for purchase.

Set-up time will be Friday, Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For additional information, contact Rob Bartell at 830-329-2636 or email rob@hillcountryindianartifacts.com.



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IN TOWN

Gems and Minerals Galore

Gem and Mineral Show | fredericksburgrockhounds.org

Pet rock owners can bring their minerals to the 56th Hill Country Gem and Mineral Show in January to have geologists classify and identify them.

On Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 17-18 inside and outside of Pioneer Pavilion at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park, rockhounds will converge to talk and sell fossils, geodes, gems and minerals.

Admission and parking are free for those two days. There will be door prizes hourly, a silent auction and hourly drawings during the show.

Mineral and fossil dealers and vendors will give demonstrations of gem faceting, rock cutting and polishing.

There will be a club geologist on site to identify any mystery rocks.

Founded in 1968, Fredericksburg Rockhounds is an organization devoted to the study and enjoyment of gems, minerals and fossils.

GEM AND MINERAL SHOW CALENDAR

- Saturday, Jan. 17
9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 18
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Pioneer Pavilion at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park, Texas
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IN THE HILL COUNTRY

Shrine to the Good Times

Luckenbach, Texas | luckenbachtexas.com

Hill Country travelers frequent Luckenbach, just like Willie, Waylon and the boys did in 1977.

Known for its "Everybody's Somebody" attitude and live entertainment, Luckenbach Texas is a popular destination for music fans, bikers and all those interested in discovering the tiny town in the tune heard by millions.

With its store, dance hall and picnic tables underneath arching live oak trees, Luckenbach (a sign jokes "Population 3") is a destination in its own.

Open daily at 9 a.m., the family-friendly store offers visitors an old-fashioned experience and merchandise ranging from the nostalgic to items bearing the town's oval-shaped logo.

The town also hosts regional and national acts. During quieter times, one can find a picker's circle for those who want to swap tunes and musically mingle with

the locals.

With nearly daily performances on the outside stage or in the dancehall, visitors can sit back and enjoy a beverage of choice while enjoying the musicians who provide tunes with a Texas flair.

HISTORY

Luckenbach began in 1852 when Jacob Luckenbach and his brothers, William and August, moved to the area from Fredericksburg and began farming. William Luckenbach opened a post office under the name of South Grape Creek in 1854 which operated for 11 years.

In 1886, August Engel Jr. reopened a post office for the community along with a general store in the Engel homestead. It was named Luckenbach by Minna Engel, who had recently married Carl Albert Luckenbach.

Engel and his descendants later moved

the post office and general store down the street and added a blacksmith shop, dance hall and cotton gin.

In the 1970s, the Engel family sold the town to Hondo Crouch, Kathy Morgan and Guich Kooch. During the years that followed, Luckenbach gained national attention as a "metropolis of mirth," thanks in large part to Crouch's far-reaching humor and charismatic personality.

Jerry Jeff Walker later enhanced the town's reputation by recording his live album, "Viva Terlingua," there 50 years ago.

From 1995-1999, Willie Nelson held his storied Fourth of July Picnic at Luckenbach.

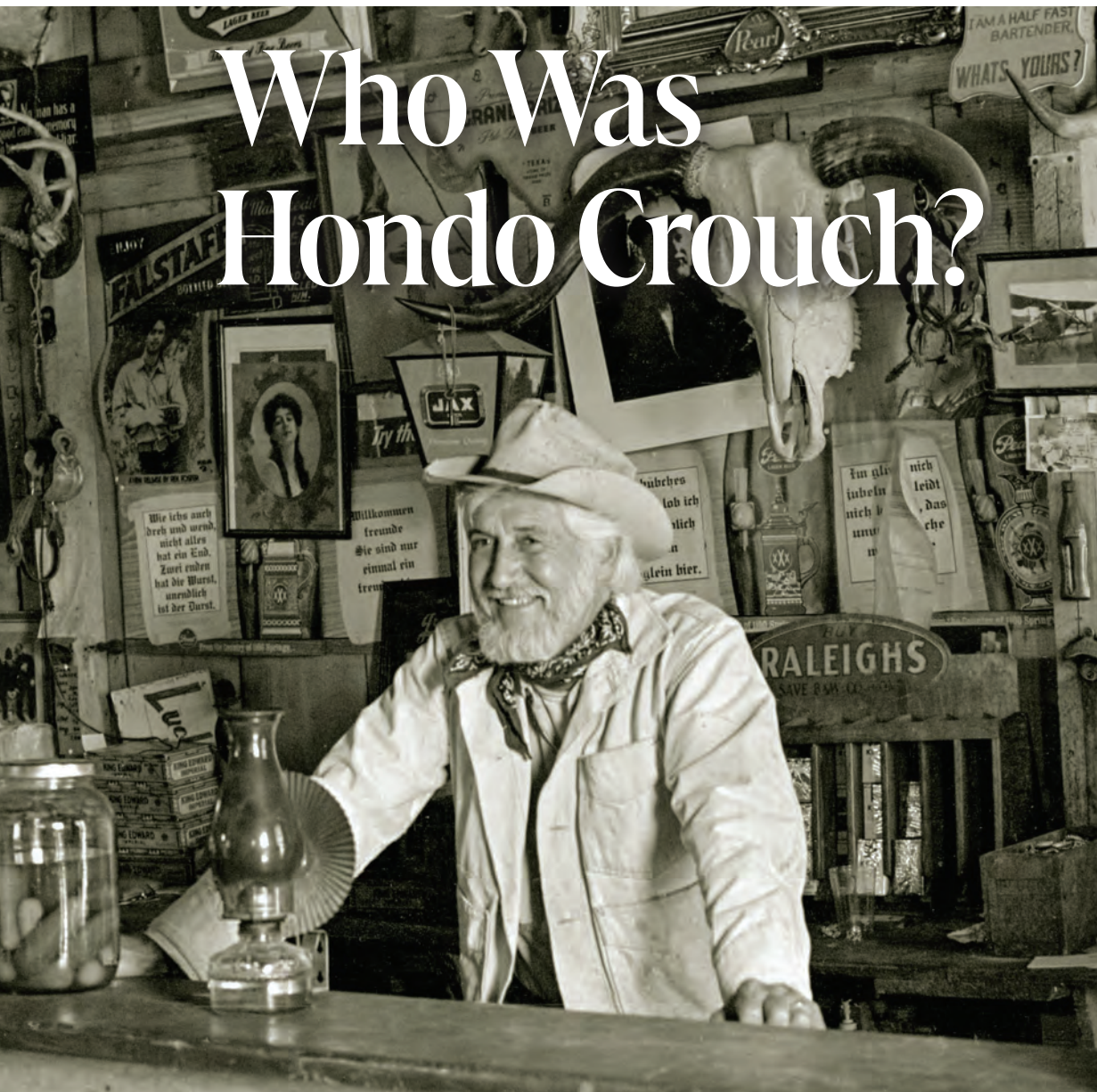
Today, one can find local and traveling musicians on stage or at the Picker's Circle. Hundreds frequent the dance hall or enjoy other calendar events each day.

Check luckenbachtexas.com for performer and event info.

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Who Was Hondo Crouch?

The "Crown Prince" and "Mayor of Luckenbach," Hondo Crouch was more than a rancher, writer and swimming coach — he was the freewheeling spirit who put Luckenbach Texas, on the map. Born John Russell Crouch in 1916, the Hill Country native grew up in Hays County and earned the nickname "Hondo" along the way. He served in the Navy during World War II, then returned home to ranch and coach swimming, becoming a well-loved figure for his humor and tall tales.

In 1970, with friends Kathy Morgan and Guich Kooch, Crouch bought the tiny town of Luckenbach — a general store, dance hall and post office wrapped into one. What started as a whimsical purchase turned into a legendary gathering spot. Crouch declared himself the "mayor" and "Imagineer," spinning offbeat proclamations and hosting events like the Luckenbach World's Fair and the Mud Dauber Festival.

His easygoing charm and knack for storytelling drew musicians and dreamers, helping transform the sleepy community into a Texas cultural landmark. Though he died in 1976, Crouch's influence lived on. Luckenbach became immortalized in song and spirit, standing for the kind of laid-back, slightly offbeat Texas lifestyle he embodied.

For many, Hondo Crouch wasn't just from Luckenbach — he was Luckenbach.

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The Fredericksburg Music Club is preparing eight monthly concerts for Texas Hill Country area residents, offering a diverse range of instrumentation, genres and perspectives.

Beginning at 3 p.m. the third Sunday of each month in the sanctuary of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, 1800 N. Llano St., the 2025-2026 season's programs will run from September through May.

VITALY STARIKOV CONCERT PIANIST SEPT. 21

Starikov, a Cliburn International Piano Competition silver medalist, began his musical career at age 3. He then attended the Ural Musical School for Gifted Children, before making his concerto debut at age 10 with the Ural State Russian Folk Orchestra.

DANIEL PARDO FLUTIST OCT. 19

Pardo's program combines classical music with Latin jazz and world music for audiences of all ages. Pardo is a former U.S. military musician, and is a professor of flute at Prairie View A&M University. His 2024 recording of Central American Boleros with the Czech National Symphony Orchestra and rhythm section was awarded Gold medals in the Instrumentalist and Album categories by the Global Music Awards.

AGARITA CHAMBER ENSEMBLE NOV. 16

Founded by Daniel Anastasio, piano; Marisa Bushman, viola; Ignacio Gallego, cello, and Sarah Silver Manske, violin, the ensemble is known for its artistic collaborations and community engagement.

TEXAS GUITAR QUARTET JAN. 18

Formed in 2009, the Grammy Award-nominated Texas Guitar Quartet was called "impeccable in every respect" by Classical Guitar Magazine. The group has performed throughout the United States, Central America, Spain and China.

LINDSAY AND JASON VIOLIN AND PIANO DUO FEB. 15

Lindsey Deutsch and Jason Stoll are known for their wide range of musical interests, from classical to jazz to today's hits.

SERAPH BRASS QUINTET MARCH 15

The quintet, now in its 11th season, was founded by trumpet soloist Mary Elizabeth Bowden to highlight women brass players and highlight musicians from all backgrounds. Other group members include Raquel Samayoa, trumpet; Layan Atieh, French horn; Layan Casey-Clyde, trombone, and Robyn Black, tuba.

CARION WIND QUINTET APRIL 19

The award winning Danish-Latvian ensemble seeks to bring an innovative chamber music experience to audiences. Carion is composed of flutist Dóra Seres, oboe player Egils Upatnieks, clarinetist Egils Šēfers, French horn player David M.A.P. Palmquist and bassoon player Niels Anders Vesten Larsen.

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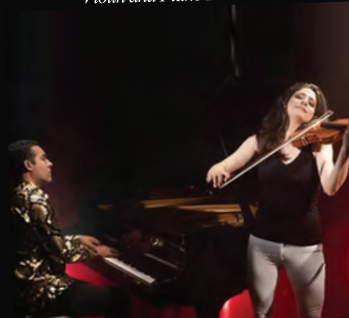
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IN TOWN

Joyful Noise of German Choirs

German Choirs of Fredericksburg | facebook.com/GermanChoirsFbgTX

The song-filled German tradition and heritage are kept alive in Fredericksburg by two local choirs — the Arion Men's Choir and the Hermann Sons Mixed Choir.

This year's Herbstfest (Harvestfest) is Saturday Nov. 9, starting at 7 p.m., with a social hour, or Gemütlichkeit, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Arion Männerchor (Arion Men's Choir), founded in 1908, and the Hermannsöhne Gemischter Chor (Hermann Sons Mixed Choir), founded in 1934, have weekly rehearsals and performances throughout the year.

Membership is voluntary and adults

who enjoy singing are invited to join in and participate at any time.

The choirs' repertoire ranges from sacred music to classical masterworks to folk songs.

The choirs will sing at Fredericksburg's Oktoberfest from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 in the Kinder Halle.

The German Choirs' annual Fall Concert will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1 in the Holy Family Center of St. Mary's Catholic Church, 306 W. San Antonio St.

Both choirs also give performances from time to time during the year at nursing and retirement homes.



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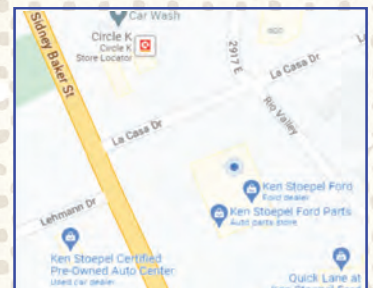


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TICKETS

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Donors can order tickets three weeks prior to opening. Tickets can also be purchased by calling the FTC office at 888-669-7114 or online at fredericksburgtheater.org.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tickets may also be purchased online at fredericksburgtheater.org.

All main stage productions are on weekends, with Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday performances at 2 p.m. The schedule of Main Stage productions and Special Events can be found on the FTC website.

THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940 OCT. 10-26, 2025

The creative team responsible for a recent Broadway flop — in which three chorus girls were murdered by the Stage Door Slasher — assemble for an audition of a new show at the estate of an angel donor. The house is equipped with sliding panels, secret passageways and a Ger-

man maid who is apparently four different people, all of which figure into the comic mayhem that follows when the infamous Slasher makes his reappearance. Rated PG-13 for mild adult language.

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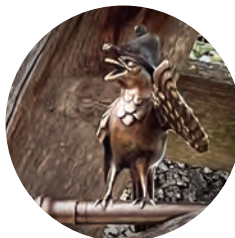
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Gillespie County 4-Hers and FFA members know their way around a show ring. With the fall stock show season in full swing, hundreds of youth in the area compete in the numerous shows around the state.

Officially kicking off the 2025 stock show season for all the county's youth are the Gillespie County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show and Auction and the Harper Stock Show.

For more information on the stock show schedule, the Gillespie County 4-H website can be accessed at Gillespie.agrilife.org.

STOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

- State Fair of Texas in Dallas — Sept. 26-Oct. 19, 2025.
- Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo in Waco — Oct. 2-12, 2025.
- Harper Stock Show – Dec. 20, 2025.
- Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show and Auction — Jan. 7-10, 2026.
- Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo in Odessa — Jan. 7-17, 2026.
- Hill District Grandstand Show — Jan. 11-17, 2026.
- Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo — Jan. 16-Feb. 7, 2025.
- San Angelo Stock Show — Feb. 7-22, 2026.
- San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo — Feb. 12-March 1, 2026.

Nice Ice at Marktplatz

Eisbahn | heritageschool.org/eisbahn

Since 2008, Eisbahn has been a Fredericksburg Christmas tradition.

Eisbahn offers ice skating to hundreds of visitors to Fredericksburg and skaters and spectators from Fredericksburg and the local area.

The rink is located on Marktplatz at Kinder Halle. The 2025 rink will run from Saturday, Nov. 22 to Sunday, Jan. 4.

Eisbahn is run by Heritage School volunteers and a portion of the proceeds from Eisbahn is donated to two local charities and needs-based tuition assistance for qualifying families at Heritage School.

More information on this year's Eisbahn, including hours, is available by calling 830-992-8492 or visiting their website at heritageschool.org/eisbahn.



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MAIN STREET

Kick off for the Christmas Season

Light the Night Christmas Parade | fbgtxchamber.org

The Fredericksburg Light the Night Christmas Parade will kick off the holiday season on Friday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

The parade is presented by H-E-B and produced by the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce.

The annual parade is expected to feature over 150 floats this year.

The procession will travel on Main

Street, from Washington to Bowie streets. Free seating is available along the parade route. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets.

Reserved bleacher seating in front of Pioneer Memorial Library will be available for purchase in the fall. Float entry forms will also be available at that time.

In case of inclement weather, the parade

will be rescheduled for Friday, Dec. 12.

AFTERGLOW

AfterGlow will host post-parade festivities at Marktplatz. Santa will be present for free pictures, in the Peppermint Platz area of the Adelsverein Halle. There will also be food, beverages and holiday music.



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MAIN STREET

Choir-Filled Christmas Tree

Singing Christmas Tree | pioneermuseum.org

Every December, singers climb bleachers to make a 30-foot tall singing Christmas Tree. Together the 65-person choir put on an hour-long concert of traditional music, German carols and holiday classics.

The annual Singing Christmas Tree concert will be Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6-7 at Pioneer Museum, located at 325 W. Main St.

In German, the tradition is called Der Singende Weihnachtsbaum.

The concert is free, but donations are appreciated. Attendees will enter the museum grounds through the Milam Street gate. For seating, bringing lawn chairs is recommended.

The Gillespie County Historical Society and Fredericksburg United Methodist Church are co-sponsoring the event. It is funded through a grant from the Pedernales Creative Arts Alliance.

For more information, visit www.pioneermuseum.org.



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MAIN STREET

A Day Just for Santa

Santa Day Parade and Kinderfest |
pioneermuseum.org

One parade is not enough. Along with the Light the Night Christmas parade, Fredericksburg hosts a Santa Day Parade. This year the parade and following Kinderfest event will be Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The holiday celebration is co-hosted by Pioneer Museum and the Fredericksburg Jaycees.

Old St. Nick will ride through downtown atop a Fredericksburg Fire Department engine to start the event.

He will end his ride at the museum to visit with local children, for the annual Kinderfest. There he will pose for photos and hear their Christmas wish lists. Children 10 and under are encouraged to bring a stocking to hang on a giant fireplace to be filled by Santa. The day is filled with music, stories, treats and crafts.

The event is sponsored in part by Bethany Lutheran Foundation and H-E-B.



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IN TOWN

Nativity Scenes at Holy Ghost

Holy Ghost Lutheran Nativity Displays | holyghostfbg.org

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church will hold its annual display of hundreds of nativity sets, Friday through Sunday, Dec. 5-7. Hours will be announced as the event nears.

The free event displays nativity sets from its church members. Some of the sets are from other countries, homemade or family heirlooms that have been passed down. The tradition has

been running since 2007.

The displays will be set up in the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, at the corner of San Antonio and South Adams streets. Refreshments will also be served during the viewings.

For more information on the Holy Ghost Nativity Display, view the church's website or call the church office at 830-997-2288.

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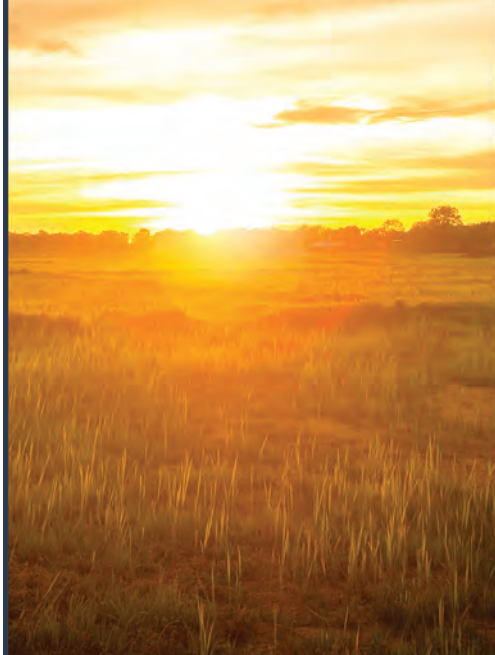
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IN TOWN

An Immersive Christmas Story

Bethany Lutheran Church "A Christmas Journey" | bethanyfbg.com

Bethany Lutheran Church will hold its annual, "A Christmas Journey," on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12-13.

This event tells the Christmas Story to visitors, while in the comfort of their vehicle. Drivers move along Town Creek seeing performers reenact the story. The church pulls out all the stops, with 200 volunteers from the congregation participating.

This year's performances will be Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 12-13, from 6-8:30 p.m.

The 10-minute drive-thru presentation features special lighting, music and effects, live characters, animals and professionally hand-painted props.

On both nights, cars will be greeted by volunteers who will cover their headlights and then safely guide them to the tour's start.

Cars will line up on Schubert Street, turn right onto Adams Street and then take another right into Bethany Lutheran Church's back parking lot. Drivers will then follow the lighted pathway through the Journey.

Occupants will get to see performances on both sides of the vehicle to feel immersed in the Christmas Story.

Those wishing to walk will also be permitted along a designated walking trail. A Bethany Lutheran bus which stops in front of Marktplatz on Main Street, will take groups through the performance, as well.

The event is free, however, monetary donations will be accepted to benefit the Fredericksburg Food Pantry following the tour.

Bethany Lutheran Church is located at 110 West Austin Street.



IN THE HILL COUNTRY

Presidential Christmas Cheer

LBJ State Park Tree Lighting | tpwd.texas.gov

The 55th annual LBJ Tree Lighting event will be held Sunday, Dec. 15, at 5:30 p.m.

Taking place at the Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site in Stonewall, the event will give locals and visitors a chance to enjoy carolers, a live nativity, Santa Claus, refreshments and, of course, the tree lighting itself.

The evening event is a holiday tradition begun by President Lyndon B. Johnson and his family.

The annual celebration takes place in the courtyard of the state park's visitor center, located just east of Stonewall off U.S. 290 East.

Members of the Johnson family traditionally are on hand that night at the park, which is named for the 36th U.S. president, to take part in the ceremony.

In conjunction with the tree lighting, a short program is held in which representatives from Stonewall community churches participate.

Elsewhere on the grounds, members of the Catholic Youth Organization will present a live nativity scene.

Following the ceremony, the visitor center will host a variety of activities,

including ornament making, holiday music and visits with Santa Claus.

Light refreshments will also be available, and the park store will be open for shopping.

In addition to the tree lighting, the Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm inside the state park will be open to visitors.

At the Sauer-Beckmann Farm, state park personnel dressed in the style of the early 1900s will greet visitors for a walking tour through the houses.

There, visitors will see a traditional German Christmas scene. Standing in the parlor will be a Christmas tree decorated with cutout cookies, popcorn chains, apples, oranges and lighted candles.

The tradition of lighted candles on Christmas trees started in Germany, which eventually turned into today's electric lights.

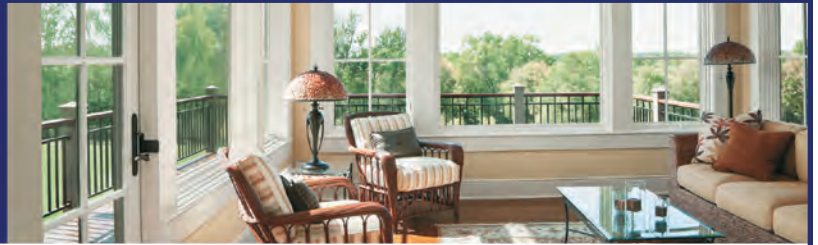
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IN TOWN

Twice as Nice Christmas

Zweite Weihnachten | Fredericksburg German Club

Visitors looking to experience the German culture of the Hill Country will enjoy Zweite Weihnachten.

Translating to "Second Christmas" in English, this German tradition focuses on sharing food and fellowship with the people in the area.

The annual tradition is a way to keep the festivities going. Where Dec. 25 is a time for close friends and family, Zweite Weihnachten takes place every year on Dec. 26 as a way to connect with the larger community.

The Fredericksburg German Club will host a free event at the Gillespie Coun-

ty Historical Society sanctuary hall (old First Methodist Church building), 312 W. San Antonio St., from 2-5 p.m.

Christmas carols will be sung in both German and English. And there will be the traditional baked Stollen, Christmas cookies and warm Glühwein.

This year's Zweite Weihnachten will fall, naturally, on Friday, Dec. 26. Young and old are invited to join in the fun and festivities.

Sponsoring entities are the Fredericksburg German Club, Pioneer Museum (GCHS) and the Fredericksburg - VG Montabaur Sister City Verein.



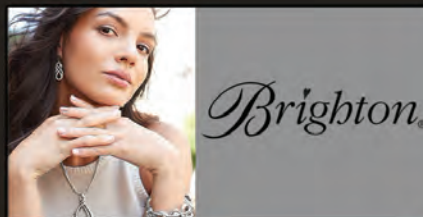
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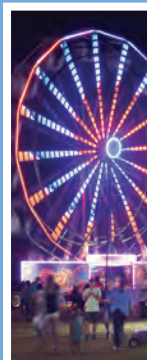
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April 19.....	Monster Truck Wars*
May 17.....	Antique Tractor & Engine Show
July 5-6.....	Pari-Mutuel Horse Races*
July 18-19.....	Lone Star BBQ Cook-Off
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