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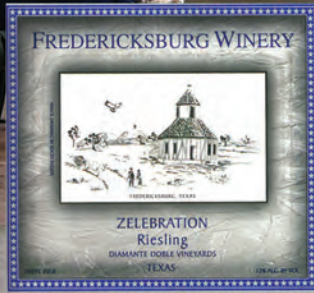
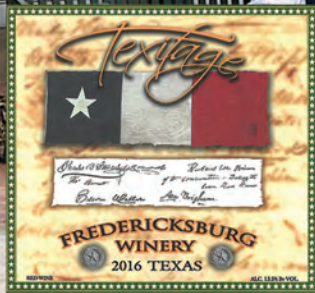


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BIG-TOWN ATTRACTIONS IN A SMALL-TOWN PACKAGE

Welcome to our fall/winter edition of GoFredericksburg. Our Fredericksburg Publishing Company has promoted this town and Gillespie County for the past 46 years, starting this magazine in 1978 as the first bed and breakfast operations opened, antique stores lined Main Street, Waylon and Willie sang a song about Luckenbach, and Volkssport was a key attraction.

It's much different today. Gillespie County has become the fastest-growing wine region in the U.S. and the quality of its winery offerings have improved to compete with the best in the world. The culinary scene here has also improved and, as of this writing, several more top-notch dining attractions are in the works. But in addition to these fanciful offerings, things like a small-town fish fry that benefits local fire departments and old-time dance hall nights are part of what makes this town so special and connected.

This town continues to amaze and attract, through all the economic changes, pandemics, booms and busts. Fredericksburg and Gillespie County, thanks to its founders and tough and smart people who led it over the years, has become a top location for those seeking big-town amenities, but with the small-town charms.

Fredericksburg is growing, sure, but it's still filled with natural attractions and Gillespie County has plenty of wide open spaces to breathe in the Hill

Country. That's why generations of family members have stayed and lots of others have decided to invest in their piece of the good life.

Today, we enjoy the fruits of our predecessors' labors. The Hill Country is a beautiful part of the Lone Star State and we want to keep it that way. Please be mindful of your impact, whether on the highway or at a beautiful natural area like Enchanted Rock or Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park. Like generations of scouts have been taught, "Leave it better than you found it."

For nearly half a century, GoFredericksburg has been there to highlight this town's spectacular offerings that draw attention from both visitors and locals.

We also have a companion website at gofredericksburg.com that will highlight all the content included in these pages, plus updates on events, attractions and more.

Like literally millions of visitors over these 46 years, we invite you to take a copy of this magazine back to your town for friends and neighbors who want to visit. Let them know how special it is to GoFredericksburg.

Ken Esten Cooke
Publisher



ABOUT THE COVERS

FRONT

A long exposure photograph of Main Street at night, featuring the neon sign of the Keidel Pharmacy and the lit front of the White Elephant Saloon.
Photo by Riley Taber.

EXPLORE

A view of Enchanted Rock from a lower trail. Photo by Russell Viers

ENJOY

Sunrise over Augusta Vin Winery on harvest day. Photo by Jenna Kessel.

AUTUMN ADVENTURES

Then four-year-old Jack Briscoe, of Fredericksburg, sliding at Bestfest

WINTER WONDERLAND

The Marktplatz Nights of Lights tradition on display.

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FIRST STOP FOR FREDERICKSBURG VISITORS

Guests in Gillespie County should make the Fredericksburg Convention and Visitor Bureau their first stop.

Located at 302 E. Austin St., just one block north of Main Street, visitors can gather all the information they need to learn about the city and the two other organizations that serve the community – the Gillespie County Economic Development Commission and the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce.

Fredericksburg Convention and Visitor Bureau

The Fredericksburg Convention and Visitor Bureau promotes Fredericksburg and Gillespie County as a leisure destination for group tours, reunions, weddings and meeting sites.

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/motel occupancy taxes.

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

For more information visit <https://www.visitfredericksburgtx.com/contact/> or call 830-997-6523.

Gillespie County Economic Development Commission

The Gillespie County Economic Development Commission keeps its finger on the economic pulse of Gillespie County and helps recruit and ease the transition for new businesses who are right for the market to locate here.

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.

Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce

The Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce works on business education, advocacy, communication and business-to-business assistance.

Catering to more than 900 members – a large amount for a town of roughly 12,000 – the Chamber works to create a positive business environment. Its staff coordinates events, volunteers and highlights accomplishments at its annual March banquet.

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Fredericksburg has a variety of museums and historic sites for people of all ages to visit. From an overseas war zone to the schools that educated the early settlers to this region, there is something for everyone to learn about.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PACIFIC WAR

Formerly known as the Nimitz Museum — in honor of Fredericksburg's Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz — the National Museum of the Pacific War sees visitors from all over the world.

The museum teaches the history of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II through educational platforms,

connecting to current and future national security issues and facilitates programs to memorialize and support all veterans.

A 33,000-square-foot exhibition area features 40 media installations, approximately 900 artifacts in 97 climate-controlled cases, 15 macro-artifacts and hundreds of photographs.

General Information

- The Pacific Combat Zone is open Wednesday through Monday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the Nimitz Gallery and George H.W. Bush Gallery are open Wednesday through Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The museum is closed Tuesdays, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
- Admission is free for WWII veterans.
- Senior citizens 65 and older are \$16; adults are \$24; teachers and military members (active or retired) with an I.D. are \$14; children six and over, along with students who have ID, are \$10; children five and under are free.
- For more information about rates, along with questions about volunteering at the museum, call 830-997-8600 or visit the museum online at pacificwarmuseum.org.



Museum volunteers demonstrate the use of field communications during World War II as part of the museum's Outpost: Communications exhibit last summer.



The Pacific Combat Zone re-enactment of a Pacific Island World War II battle is a crowd favorite.

PIONEER MUSEUM

In the mid-1840s, Germans looking for a different life risked everything to get here, faced every obstacle and created a unique German colony in the heart of the Texas Hill Country.

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

General Information

- Day Passes are exclusively sold at the Pioneer Museum and the Vereins Kirche Museum. Day Passes are good for 24 hours from the time of purchase and provide entrance to the Pioneer Museum, Vereins Kirche Museum, and Historic Jail (when open for programs).
- **Admissions - Day Pass Cost**
Members: Free
General Admission: \$12
Military and Senior: \$7
Student: \$5
Children ages 5 and under: FREE

Among the structures is a one-room school house, log cabin, Sunday house, bath house, barn and a smokehouse. Artifacts and architecture help to preserve and tell stories.

The Fredericksburg Volunteer Fire Department Museum, which displays pieces of early 20th century fire-fighting equipment, is also housed at the location.

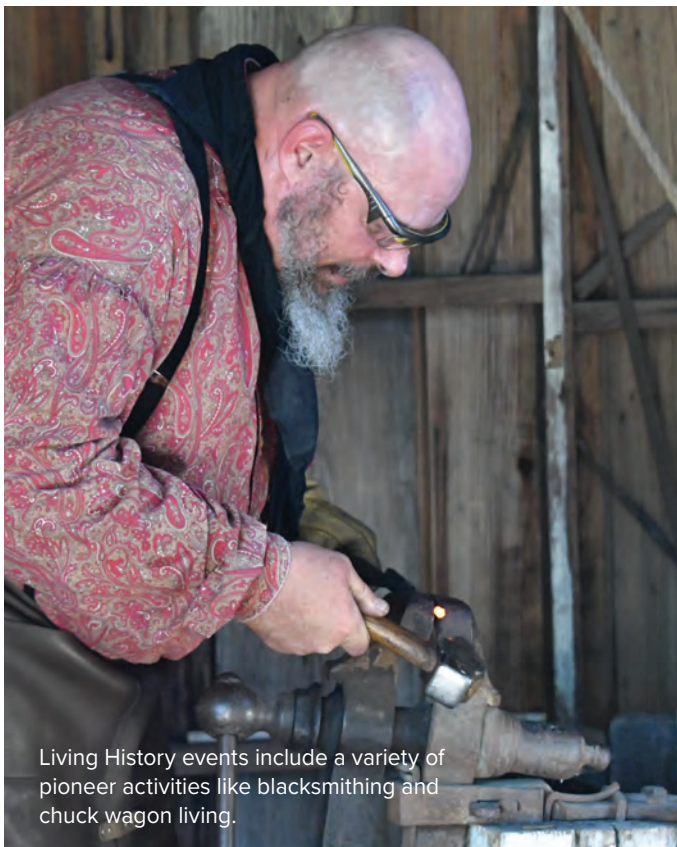
Monthly Events

- *Living History Days* - First Saturday of each month
- *Historic Jail* - First Saturday of each month
- *Handworkers on Pioneer Museum Grounds* - First Saturday of each month
- *Spinners on Pioneer Museum Grounds* - Second Saturday of each month
- *Fredericksburg Farmers Market at the Pioneer Museum* - Every Thursday in October

CALENDAR

- Sept. 16** – Little Pioneers Program - Bread and Butter
- Oct. 21** – Little Pioneers Program - Hand-dipped Candle Making
- Nov. 11** – St. Martin's Day Celebration
- Nov. 22** – Holiday Market Preview Party
- Nov. 23** – Historic Home Tour and Holiday Market
- Dec. 7** – Kinderfest
- Dec. 7-8** – Singing Christmas Tree
- Dec. 13** – Tannenbaum Ball
- Dec. 26** – Zweite Weihnachten (Second Christmas)
- Jan. 20** – Little Pioneers Program - Blacksmithing
- Feb. 17** – 10:15 a.m. - Little Pioneers Program - Quilting
- Mar. 17-22** – Spring Break Living History Week
- Apr. 19** – Easter Egg Hunt
- May 2** – Lenz Fest

*Please check Events page to see the dates and details for these programs.



Living History events include a variety of pioneer activities like blacksmithing and chuck wagon living.



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Many of the schools are still meeting places for local communities. The Rheingold School meets to play dominoes regularly and puts together holiday events, like an egg dying demonstration with natural dyes.

General Information

- 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.
- The properties are listed in the Register of National Historic Places and are on the Country School Association of America National Schoolhouse Registry.
- For more information, including a calendar of open house events, call the Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools at 830-685-3321, email them at info@historicschools.org or visit them online at www.historicschools.org.

GILLESPIE COUNTY COUNTRY SCHOOLS

Hill Country students of the late 19th and early 20th centuries were educated on everything from the ABCs to arithmetic from one-room schoolhouses.

These structures predate Fredericksburg ISD, Harper ISD and Doss Consolidated Common School District, but still hold a special place in local history.

The sites and memories can still be revisited by taking a trip on the Gillespie County Country Schools

Trail.

In 2006, the Gillespie County Commissioners Court established the Gillespie County Country Schools Trail. This trail links the 16 historic former rural schools with the Vereins Kirche.

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.

FORT MARTIN SCOTT STATE HISTORIC SITE

Fort Martin Scott, on the eastern edge of Fredericksburg on the old Pinta Trail, has a rich history of diverse groups of people that shaped Fredericksburg, Gillespie County and the Texas Hill Country.

Through the end of the year, Fort Martin Scott is celebrating its 175th anniversary with special events

honoring its heritage.

Throughout the year, the fort comes alive with reenactments, storytelling, education days for schools and special events.

For more information about Fort Martin Scott, contact the Texas Historical Commission at 830-304-1848

General Information

- The Grounds are open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- The Site is open from Thursday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- At this time, Fort Martin Scott is not providing guided tours, only self-guided tours. Stay tuned for updated information on tours and future programming.



For the 175th anniversary of the fort, a living history event was held, including a cannon firing and a doctor's tent.



VEREINS KIRCHE

The Vereins Kirche (Society Church) is a unique landmark in the center of downtown Fredericksburg. The octagonal building is owned and managed by the Gillespie County Historical Society (GCHS).

The Vereins Kirche features the history of the building in a permanent exhibit that begins with German immigrants' trip to Texas in the 1840s.

In January 1934, GCHS was formed to rebuild the Vereins Kirche. Since then, it has continued to preserve the history and culture of Fredericksburg and Gillespie County through exhibits and educational programs, and outreach. The building last underwent extensive restoration in 2019.

The original Vereins Kirche was used primarily as a church and school for Catholic and Evangelical Protestants. School districts were created in Gillespie County in the 1850s and students stopped using the Vereins Kirche. As with the schools, church congregations began building their own churches in town and slowly leaving the Vereins Kirche empty

most days.

By the town's 50th anniversary in 1896, the stone walls were removed to make the Vereins Kirche a pavilion for the celebration. The building was torn down in 1897 after it fell into disrepair.

When GCHS received its charter in 1934, it began working to rebuild the Vereins Kirche as a pioneer memorial. Fundraising by citizens and help from the New Deal Public Works Administration supported the construction of the Vereins Kirche. At a celebration in May 1935, the Vereins Kirche Pioneer Memorial officially opened.

The first use of the new Vereins Kirche was to house Pioneer Memorial Library and a small historical museum. The first exhibits included memorabilia and collectibles from early pioneer days.

When the Gillespie County Historical Society purchased the Kammlah Homestead in 1955, most of its artifacts were moved and displayed in the Kammlah House. A small exhibit space remained in the Vereins Kirche.

General Information

- The Vereins Kirche is open six days a week, year-round, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., closed on Sundays.
- There is an admission fee of \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the Vereins Kirche or at Pioneer Museum, 325 West Main Street.
- Admission to the Pioneer Museum includes the Vereins Kirche.



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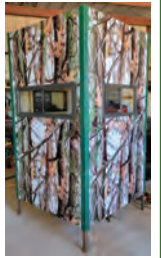
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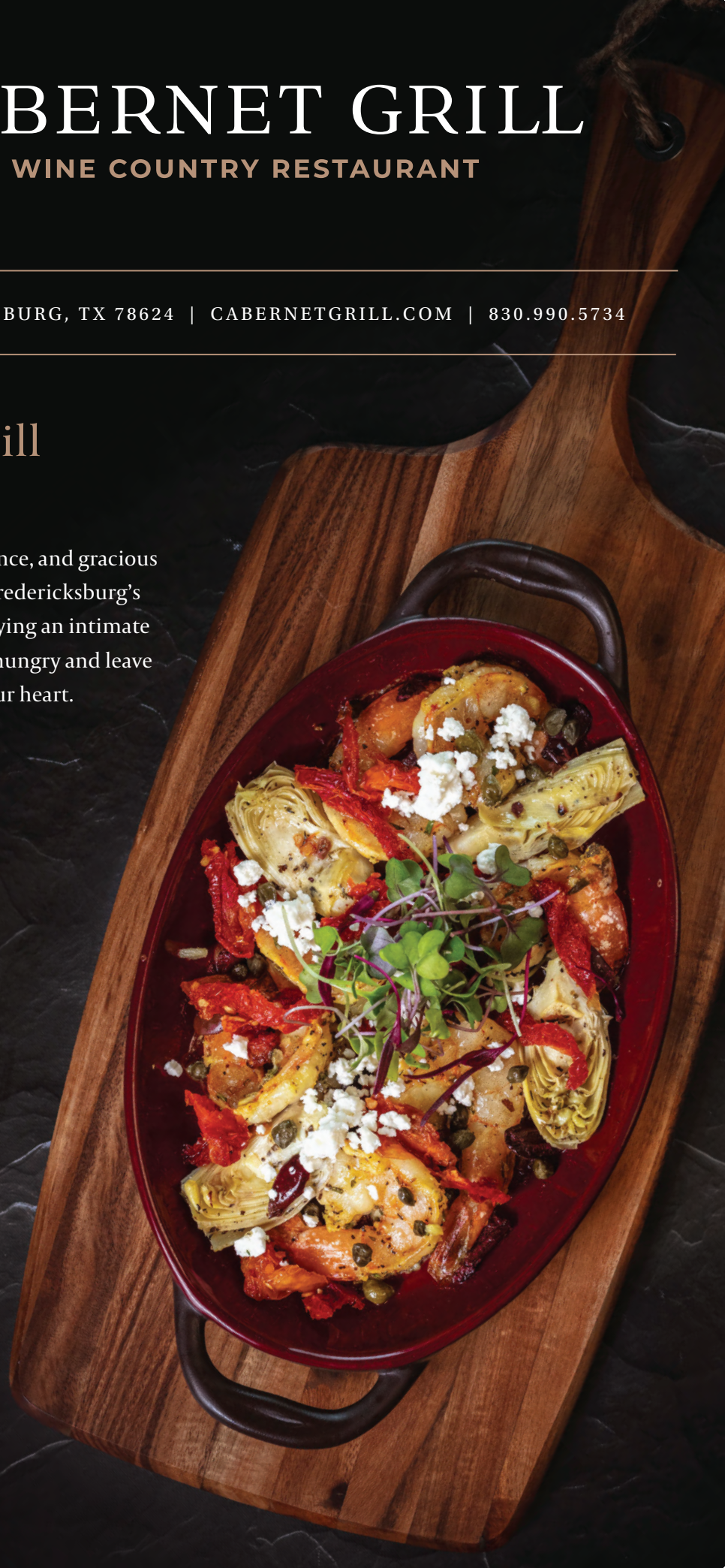
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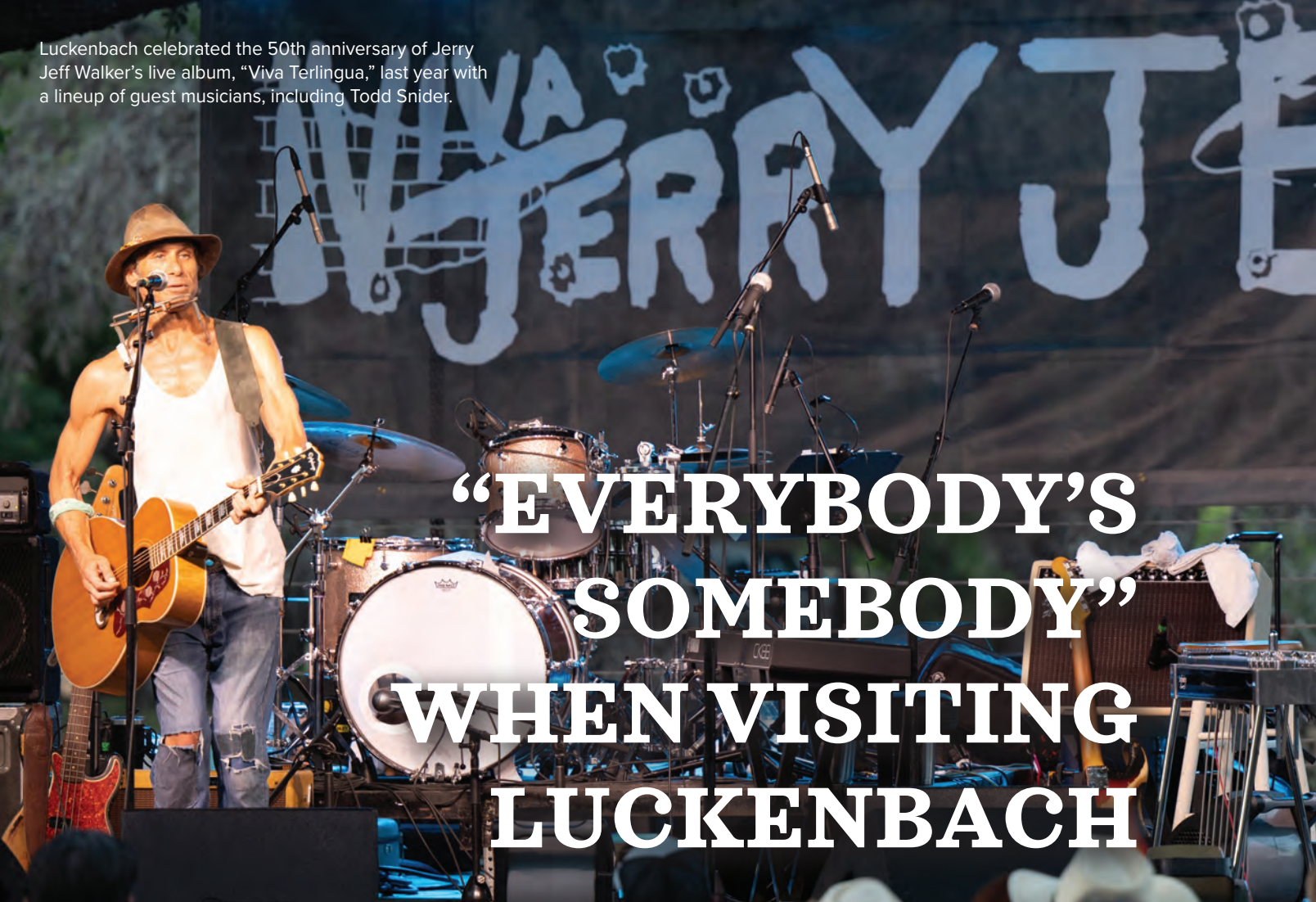


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Luckenbach celebrated the 50th anniversary of Jerry Jeff Walker's live album, "Viva Terlingua," last year with a lineup of guest musicians, including Todd Snider.



“EVERYBODY’S SOMEBODY” WHEN VISITING LUCKENBACH

Hill Country travelers frequent the attractions Luckenbach has to offer, much 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 Koock.

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 through 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, a weekend dance in the hall or one of the many events on the calendar.

Check luckenbachtexas.com for current performer and event info.

BEHIND THE NAMES: FREDERICKSBURG'S STREET NAMES

To most, it's just two signs on a corner. But have you ever wondered how Fredericksburg named its streets?

In the early days, town planners encoded friendly messages when selecting names for the thoroughfares.

Most of the city byways have large signs showing the name of the street and an illustration of the Vereins Kirche, a symbol of Fredericksburg that stands in the center of the city on Marktplatz.

Among the more German names of streets is Ufer, which runs parallel to Main Street, three blocks south. In English, Ufer means stream bank and undoubtedly was named because it runs along the southern bank of Barons Creek.

Originally, the street that runs along the north side of the creek was likely called Bach Strasse, but was translated to Creek Street when the city incorporated in 1933 and the streets were officially named.

The Fredericksburg Lions Club took on the naming of all the streets and its members purchased and installed street signs.

They decided to name the streets running north and south across Main to spell out words.

Starting at Courthouse Square, all the streets crossing Main to the east were named so that their first letters would spell out "All Welcome" — Adams, Llano, Lincoln, Washington, Elk, Lee, Columbus, Olive, Mesquite and Eagle.

Traveling west from the square, the streets spell out "Come Back" — Crockett, Orange, Milam, Edison, Bowie, Acorn, Cherry and Kay.

Many streets are namesakes of trees — Mesquite,

Cherry, Cottonwood, Hackberry, Liveoak, Mulberry, Apple, Orange, Plum, Pear, Pecan, Poplar, Spruce, Sycamore and Walnut. Naturally, there is a street named Peach, in honor of the county's most popular and prolific fruit.

There is an Elk Street and a Deerwood Street, but no deer street.

Several streets are named for famous native son Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, including Nimitz Street, Nimitz Drive, Nimitz Circle and Nimitz Parkway.

There is a Bunny Drive, in the shadow of Cross Mountain, which was named for the city's Easter Fires characters.

There are also some unusual street names, such as Kraupahen, a contraction of the names of Mayor Edward Krauskopf and Commissioners Willie Pape and Max T. Henke, who were in office in that era.

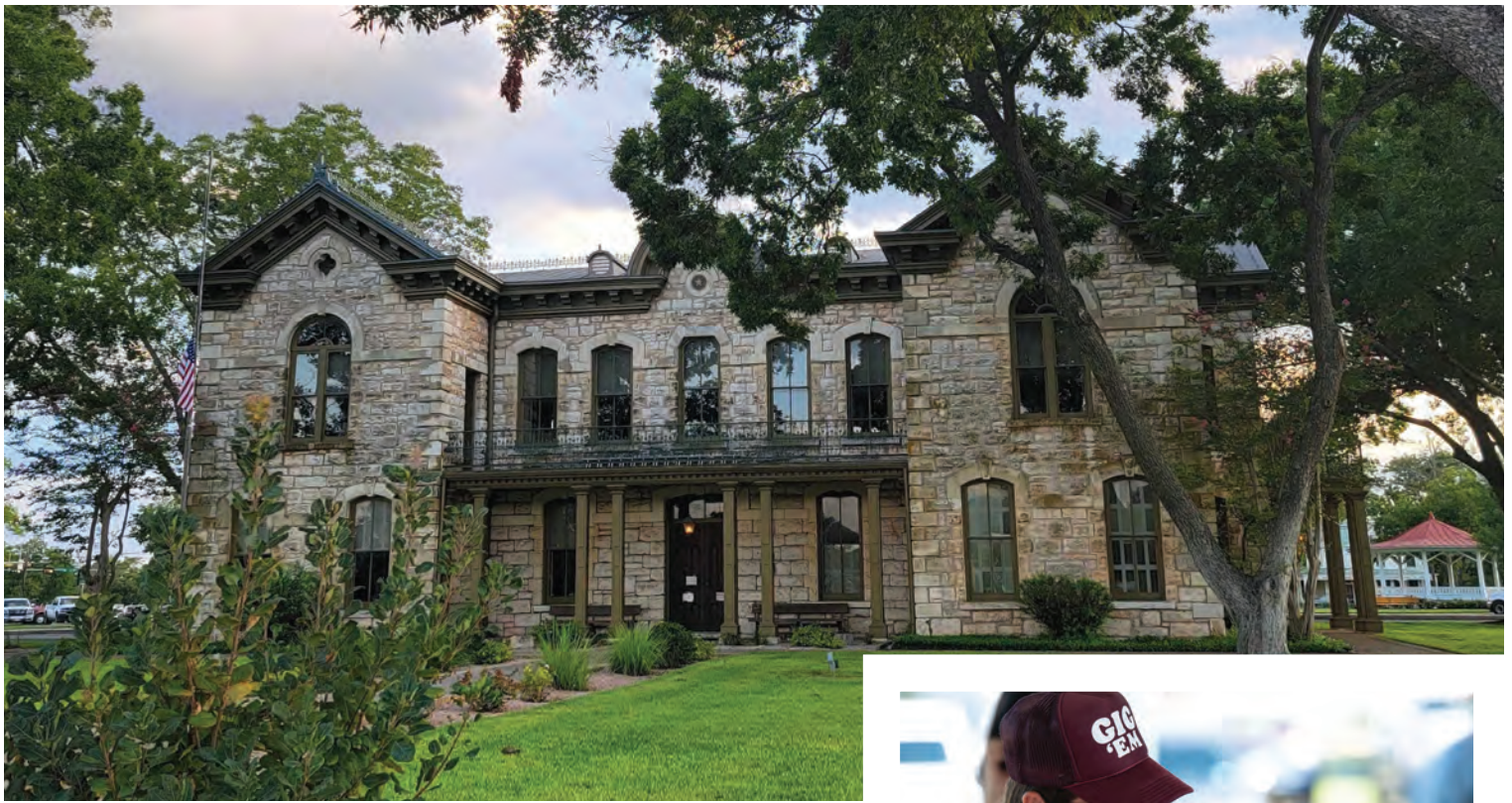
And when the new Fredericksburg Post Office was built, the city named a street there "Theodore Specht Drive" in honor of the city's first postmaster.

Some streets were named before the project began in the early 1930s, among them San Antonio, Travis and Austin Streets, which retained their names. What is known today as Main Street was originally San Saba Street.

Despite gaining metropolitan ways over the decades, Fredericksburg still thinks of itself as a small town, where most people know each other and where people live.

Fredericksburg maps are available at the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce office at 306 East Austin Street and the Fredericksburg Information Center next door.





LIBRARY GIVES RESIDENTS A PLACE TO GATHER

Housed in the former Gillespie County Courthouse, the historic two-story Pioneer Memorial Library building has transitioned into a hangout spot for the community.

Located next to the Gillespie County Courthouse at 115 West Main Street, the library, which was built in 1882 and renovated twice in the 1900s, welcomes guests of all ages to read and explore thousands of books.

Library cards are free of charge to residents of Gillespie County with proof of residency – such as a driver’s license.

Children, ages six and over, can get their cards with a parent or legal guardian’s signature.

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

Residents of the immediately surrounding counties (Kimble, Mason, Llano, Blanco, Kendall and Kerr) are also eligible to use the library’s resources for a \$5 fee.



Booklovers are drawn to Fredericksburg to look through the books put out by the Friends of the Library at their Annual and Monthly Book Sales

Fall Events

- Storytime at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday and Thursdays;
- Manga and Graphic Novel Club for pre-teens and teens meets on Tuesdays;
- Tech Help Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. (for basic computer help with logins and passwords, etc.);
- Crochet class meets on Thursdays;
- Writing program meets two Mondays a month;
- Lego day is the last Saturday of every month;
- Friends of the Library sidewalk book sale is the first Saturday of the month.

Library Hours

- Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. -2 p.m.
- Sunday – Closed

VISIT THE NATION'S LARGEST WORKING WILDFLOWER FARM

Wildseed Farms in Fredericksburg has over 35 years of wildflower seed production experience.

Wildseed Farms is now one of the largest plant nurseries in Central Texas.

The farm is located at 100 Legacy Drive and is open every day from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wildseed Farms was founded in Eagle Lake, Texas in 1982, by John and Marilyn Thomas after they spent seven years in Eagle Lake working on a family rice and cattle farm.

John Thomas' knowledge of farming led him to plant wildflowers initially on his property in Eagle Lake as a fun project.

In 1982, curious passersby noticed his beautiful wildflowers growing on his property. His farm attracted people from near and far, clogging the small roadways in Eagle Lake.

In 1993, Wildseed Farms was created in Fredericksburg on 217 acres with the intention to make beautiful wildflowers more accessible at a cheaper rate for businesses and the residents of Fredericksburg.

The farm currently has more than 1,000 cultivated acres in Texas between the two facilities.

Wildseed Farms touts itself as being the "Nations Largest Working Wildflower Farm."

Speaking of seeds, Wildseed Farms offers high-quality non-GMO wildflower seeds and hard-to-find native grasses inside of their on-site gift shop.

Wildseed Farms is one of the world's largest producers of Texas Bluebonnets.

Additional fruit, vegetable and culinary herb seeds are sold on site.

Visitors to the farm and market center will see fields of wildflowers blooming from March through October. The farm also offers a boutique, the Lantana Nursery and the Brewbonnet Biergarten, with a little bit of everything for the whole family.

Visitors to the farm can explore the walking trails and take photos while sipping on a glass of cold wine or any other refreshment.

The farm also began growing grapes in 2015 to help with the growing Texas Hill Country grape business. The farm now boasts a tasting room, featuring a variety of Hill Country wines.

Over 40 acres of grapes are on site with future expansions in the works.

For more information, log on to their website at www.wildseedfarms.com.



Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park offers nature trails near Live Oak Creek that get you close to nature without having to leave town.



PLAY, PICNIC AND PUPS: EXPLORE THE CITY'S PARKS

Whether you're looking to lounge in the shade, catch a baseball game or play with your canine companion, the City of Fredericksburg has a park for you.

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 wet a line. Motorboats, however, are prohibited, as are trotlines and swimming.

Play a pickup game on the outdoor basketball courts or a volleyball match on the sand court. Baseball and softball fields can be reserved or used as available. Though the pool is closed during fall and winter, guests can catch a tennis or pickle ball game at the courts nearby.

Five acres of the park are a dedicated dog park, the result of a collaboration between the City of

Fredericksburg and the Fredericksburg Dog Park Association.

The park asks all visitors to clean up after their pets.

Visitors who plan large gatherings may want to use one of two indoor sites, the Tatsch House or Pioneer Pavilion or one of the park's five large outdoor covered pavilions.

Each of the five outdoor pavilions is available on a first-come first-served basis or by reservation.

For those looking for a longer stay, there are 98 RV spaces available for travel trailers with 30-50 amp electrical hookups, water and sewer, cable TV, free wireless Internet and shade trees.

All campers must check in at the park office to receive a camping permit.

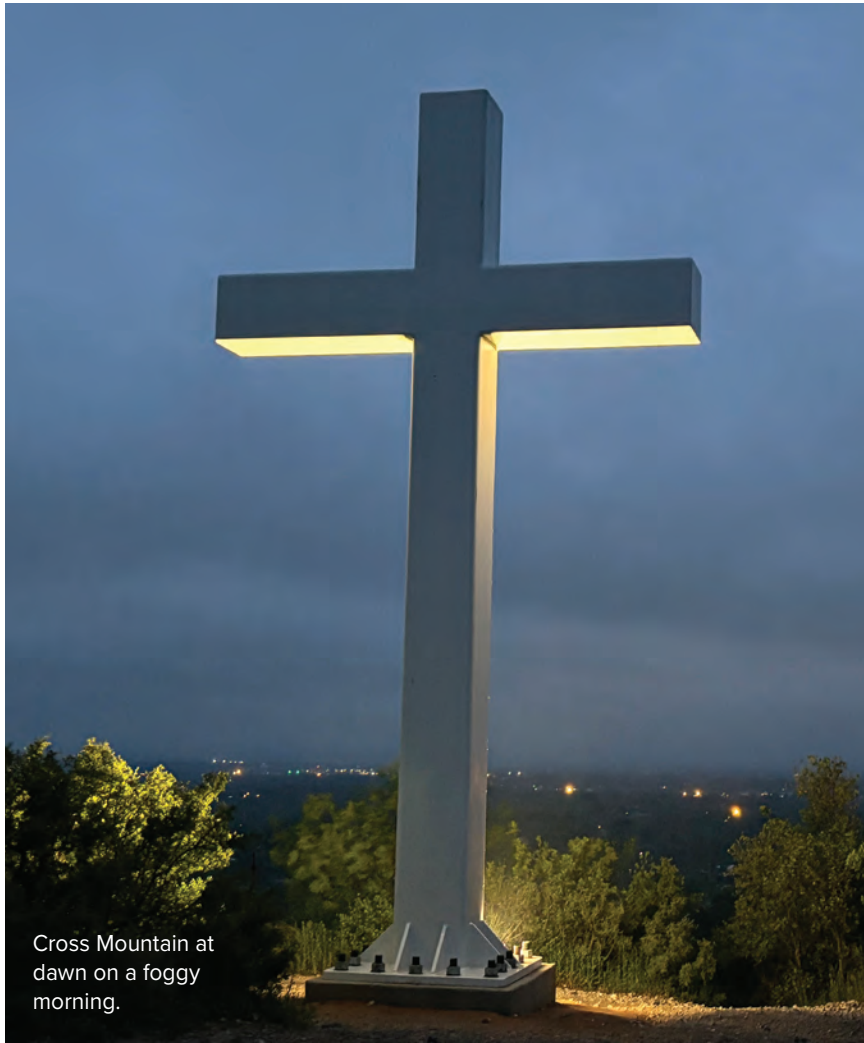
There are nine comfort stations to serve visitors, and three bathhouses.

Pets are welcome but must be kept on a leash.

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 ladybirdpark@fbgtx.org.

Cross Mountain

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



Cross Mountain at dawn on a foggy morning.

**Lady Bird Johnson
Municipal Park**

Address: Lady Bird Drive,
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Phone: 830-997-4202
Hours: Daily, 8 a.m. to 10
p.m.

Cross Mountain Park

Directions: 1510 N. Milam St.,
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Hours: Daily, dawn to dusk.

Old Fair Park

Address: 412 S. Lincoln St.,
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Hours: Daily, 6 a.m. to 10
p.m.

Oak Crest Park

Address: 2926 S. State
Highway 16, Fredericksburg,
TX 78624
Hours: 8 a.m. to midnight.

Elementary School Park

Address: 1608 N. Adams St.,
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Hours: Outside of school
hours, 3:35 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Frantzen Park

Address: 400 S. Orange St.,
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
Hours: Daily, dawn to dusk.

The nickname “Kreuzberg,” Cross Mountain, was given to the landmark during the settling of Fredericksburg. A cross, originally made of wood, has existed in some form on the mountain since 1847.

The cross was replaced in February 2024, as a collaboration between the city and the Nimitz Rotary Club.

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

The park is open from dawn until dusk and is free to enter. Pets are welcome, but must be kept on a leash.

Old Fair Park

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

Facilities include lighted baseball and softball fields, concession stands and playgrounds.

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

Guests are welcome to use the fields when not reserved. Reservations can be made online, or by emailing Katelyn Brazell, recreation superintendent, at kbrazell@fbgtx.org.

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 can be made online or by contacting Katelyn Brazell, recreation superintendent, at kbrazell@fbgtx.org.

Elementary School Park

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

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.

For more information on city parks, contact the City of Fredericksburg Parks & Recreation Department at 830-997-4202 or fbgparks@fbgtx.org.

HILL COUNTRY NATURE SHOW

Old Tunnel State Park Bat Cave is home to three million bats. The Mexican Free-tailed and cave myotis bats funnel out of the old railroad tunnel located 11 miles south of Fredericksburg on the Old San Antonio Road between May and October.

The 16.1-acre park is open daily from sunrise to sunset to visitors for hiking, bird watching and wildlife viewing. The half-mile nature trail opens daily at sunrise and closes at 5 p.m.

General Information

- 10619 Old San Antonio Road, Fredericksburg, TX 78624
- Cost for an educational bat program on Thursday through Sunday evenings, as well as admission to the lower trail and lower viewing seats, is \$5 per person. Observation deck viewing and biological display viewing is free.
- Phone 866-978-2287 for a recording that details expected show times for bats to take flight. Or email the staff for information at Old.Tunnel@tpwd.texas.gov.





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The Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site at Stonewall is an outdoor walk-through history site.

It's where historians, naturalists, recreationalists, wildlife viewers, political enthusiasts, wildflower lovers, walkers, anglers and others can find something of interest.

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 and bicycling opportunities and shopping.

Reservations are suggested for day visits and camping by going to texasstateparks.reserveamerica.com. For updated 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.

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.

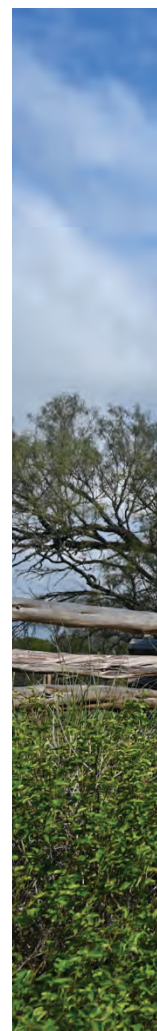
Attached to the Visitor Center is the Behrens Cabin, a two-room dogtrot cabin built during the 1840s by German immigrant Johannes Behrens.

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



Living History events at the farm include knitting circle events with great views of nature to reconnect to the past.



state park.

From early June through the summer, a large pool facility — complete with a children's wading pool and a covered pavilion — is manned by certified lifeguards.

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.

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.

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.

More information on specially planned park events, as well as rental of the park facilities, is available by contacting the park headquarters at 830-644-2252 or visiting the park's website.

Current park information is also posted on Facebook at facebook.com/LBJSTATEPark and on the park's Instagram, [@lbjstatepark](https://instagram.com/lbjstatepark).





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Those that desire to take their wine venture beyond the tasting room can reserve a winery tour where they'll learn about the winemaking process from the tank room, taste aging wine straight from the barrels, then finish with a sampling of Invention Vineyard's current vintages. Six wines of which scored 90+ points in their very first vintage.

Owners Brian and Jennifer Heath are not new to the Texas wine industry. Invention Vineyards is the latest addition to Heath Family Brands, known for its quality, innovation, and excellence in the wine industry.

The family-owned company boasts a rich legacy rooted in crafting exceptional wines with over 150 90+ point scores across their brands which include Grape Creek Vineyards, Heath Sparkling Wines, Jenblossom Cellars, and now, Invention Vineyards.



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"Every guest can truly savor the essence of our wines, enjoy the stunning surroundings, and feel like they're part of our winemaking family."

Heath Family Brands offers a unique wine club membership, granting exclusive access to patios and lounges at all locations. Other membership perks include discounts on wine, invitations to Member events, and access to the vineyard dining experience and wine country cuisine served at Stout's Signature at Grape Creek. Anyone can enjoy tastings and tours at their properties with no membership required.

Seeking a Napa-style wine adventure closer to home? Drive down Highway 16 to discover Invention Vineyards, where vineyard vistas, exceptional wines, and a captivating winery experience await.



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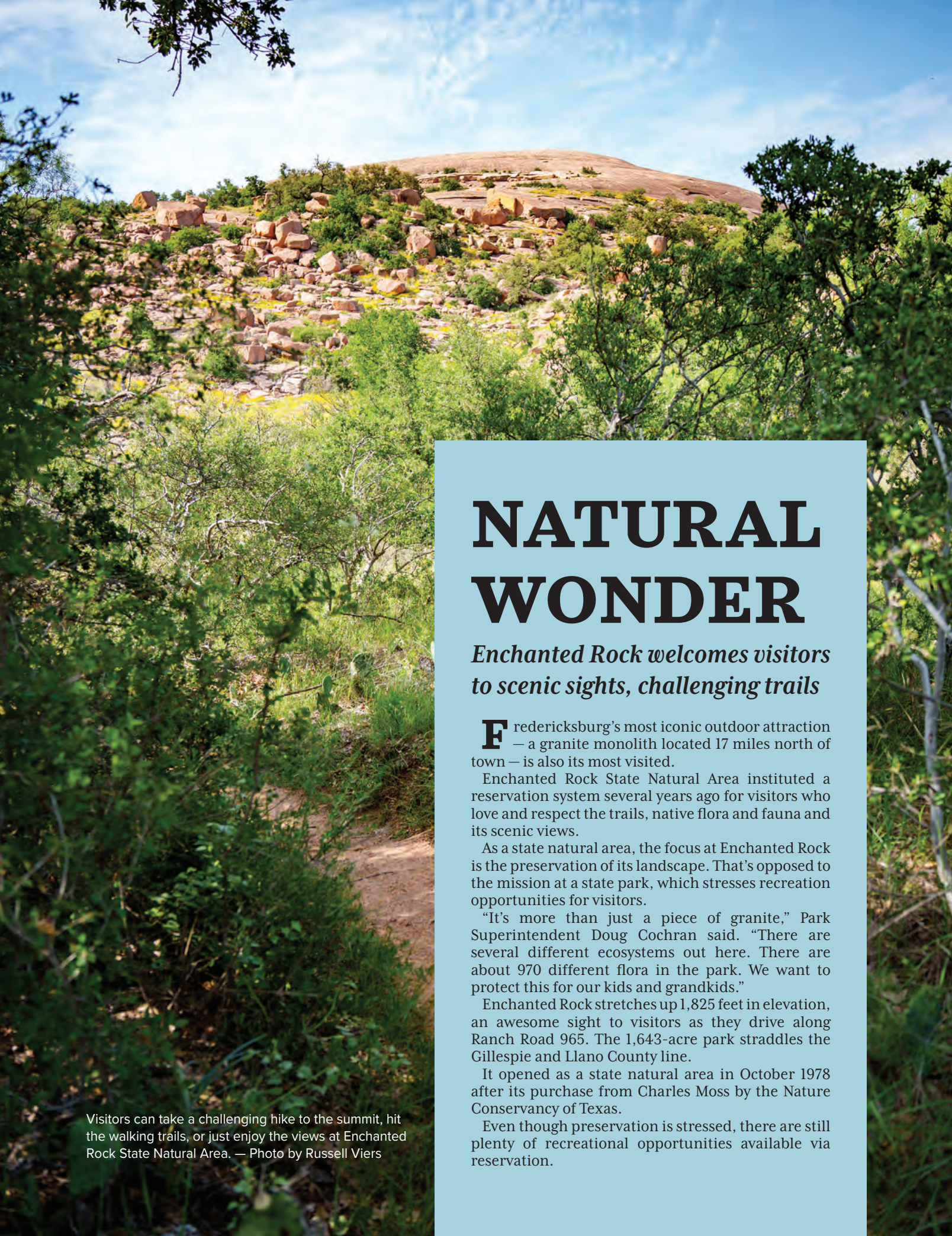


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NATURAL WONDER

Enchanted Rock welcomes visitors to scenic sights, challenging trails

Fredericksburg's most iconic outdoor attraction — a granite monolith located 17 miles north of town — is also its most visited.

Enchanted Rock State Natural Area instituted a reservation system several years ago for visitors who love and respect the trails, native flora and fauna and its scenic views.

As a state natural area, the focus at Enchanted Rock is the preservation of its landscape. That's opposed to the mission at a state park, which stresses recreation opportunities for visitors.

"It's more than just a piece of granite," Park Superintendent Doug Cochran said. "There are several different ecosystems out here. There are about 970 different flora in the park. We want to protect this for our kids and grandkids."

Enchanted Rock stretches up 1,825 feet in elevation, an awesome sight to visitors as they drive along Ranch Road 965. The 1,643-acre park straddles the Gillespie and Llano County line.

It opened as a state natural area in October 1978 after its purchase from Charles Moss by the Nature Conservancy of Texas.

Even though preservation is stressed, there are still plenty of recreational opportunities available via reservation.

Visitors can take a challenging hike to the summit, hit the walking trails, or just enjoy the views at Enchanted Rock State Natural Area. — Photo by Russell Viers



Wildflowers and water can be found along the trails some parts of the year.
— Photo by Russell Viers

- Visitors can challenge themselves to a hike to the top of the dome.

- The park has its main campground which includes restroom facilities, but also primitive camping sites throughout the park. (Humans have camped in the area for 12,000 years.) Burn bans are in effect during dry times.

- Trails, including the dome hike or the 4½-mile Loop Trail, wind throughout the park. Guided hikes are also offered. (Check the Events page on the park website for more events.)

- Technical rock climbers also are welcomed to this popular site. (Waiver forms must be signed at the front office.)

- The park is a nature lover's paradise, with vernal pools, native plants and hundreds of bird species to view.

- ERSNA also is one of just two state parks to be designated an International Dark Sky Park. It regularly hosts members of the Hill Country Astronomers group, who help visitors see “the stars at night, big and bright.”

VOLUNTEERS

- The volunteer group, Friends of Enchanted Rock, raises funds to restore hiking and walking trails, add recycling containers, landscaping, water catchment and much more.
- Find them at www.friendsofenchantedrock.com or their social media pages.

WHERE

- Enchanted Rock State Natural Area is located at 16710 Ranch Road 965, 17 miles north of Fredericksburg.
- More information is available by calling 830-685-3636 or visit the park's website: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/enchanted-rock>

RESERVE A SPOT

- Visitors need to make a reservation to get into the park now through Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's online system. Book online at <https://texasstateparks.reserveamerica.com>.
- Park entrance fees are \$8 per person, while children 12 and under are free.

SOCIAL

- Keep up with demand and if the park is open for visitors on X @GoEnchantedRock or Instagram @enchantedrockstatenaturalarea

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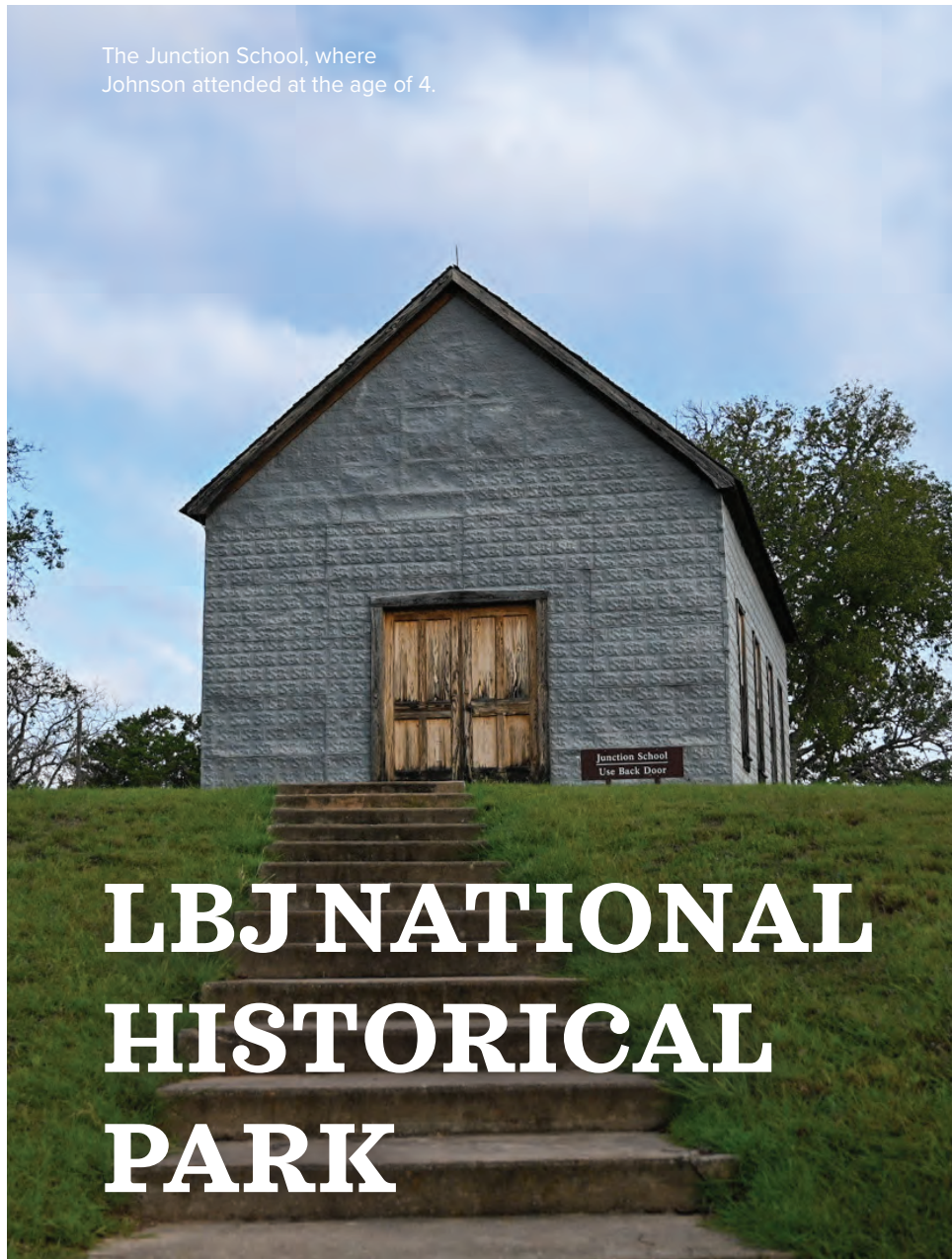
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The Junction School, where Johnson attended at the age of 4.



LBJ NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK



The white farmhouse, above, is a reconstruction of Johnson's birthplace. Below, is a plaque outside the Johnson Family Cemetery.



Made up of two visitor areas, one in Johnson City and one in Stonewall, the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park is full of opportunities to learn about the life and legacy of the 36th president with no fees.

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 home in their vehicle, 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.

Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park

- LBJ Ranch: 1472 State Park Road 52, Stonewall, TX 78671.
- Johnson City Visitor Center: 100 Ladybird Lane, Johnson City, TX 78636
- Hours of operation: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.



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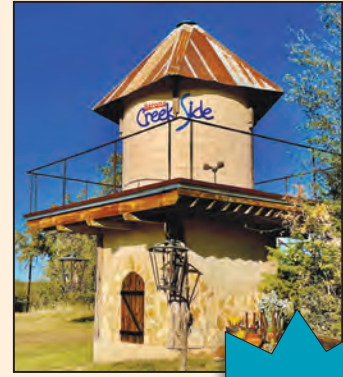


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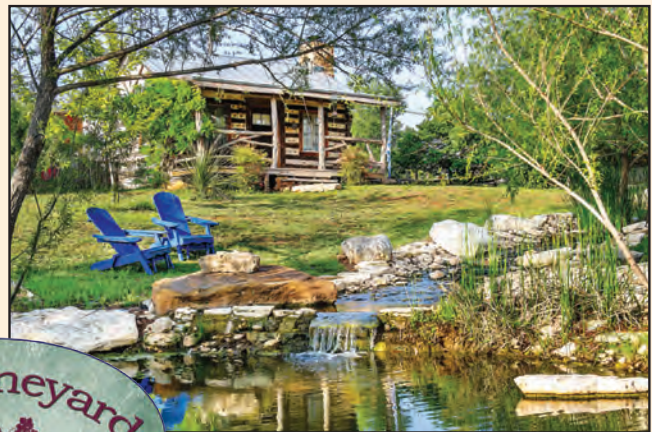


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LOCAL THEATER CELEBRATES 20TH CENTURY AUTHORS

Spotlight also shines on kids' musicals in upcoming season

The fall repertoire of the Fredericksburg Theater Company (FTC) 28th season highlights wordsmiths from the 1900s and ends with a play written in the 21st century.

For more than 20 years, the FTC has been delighting audiences with professional-quality musicals, comedies and dramas on stage at the Steve W. Shepherd Theater, 1668 U.S. 87 South.

The theater also hosts a variety of special events throughout the year, including guest artists, musicians, comedy acts and classic cinema.

In the fall, shows include "The Odd Couple: Female Version"; "The Gift of the Magi"; "Peter and the Starcatcher" and "Proof."

"We're continuing to provide uplifting entertainment to the community and visitors," said Jeryl Hoover, executive director of FTC. "There are three opportunities to come to our house for live theater fun this fall."

Donations

Most of FTC's funding is from private donations, but the theater also receives grants and corporate donations.

Donation levels begin at \$250 with the Performer

level and include Stage Manager (\$500), Composer (\$1,750), Playwright (\$2,500), Producer (\$5,000), Executive Producer (\$7,500) and Award Winner (\$10,000).

Each level of support comes with tickets, recognition and other special features. Donors can also pledge support in the form of monthly donations, starting at \$25 a month.

Tickets

Tickets go on sale for each production a full two weeks prior to opening night at the FTC Box Office at the Shepherd Theater.

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.



Scarecrow, Dorothy and Tin Man listen as Lion boldly proclaims “If I Only Had the Nerve” during the summer musical, “Wizard of Oz” at the Steve W. Shepherd Theater in Fredericksburg.

October 18-27

Fall Comedy: The Odd Couple: Female Version

Florence Unger and Olive Madison, that is, in Neil Simon’s hilarious contemporary comic classic: the female version of The Odd Couple make sparks fly. Olive invites the recently single Florence to move in as her roommate. However, Olive and Florence have very different personalities. Olive’s easy-going outlook on life soon clashes with Florence’s highly strung neurotic tendencies, testing their friendship to the limit. When Olive organizes a double-date, their differences come to a head.

Nov. 1-2

Texas Hill Country Cowboy Gathering

A two-day festival of song, story and poetry features internationally acclaimed, regional and local talent. Songwriters, poets and balladeers will celebrate the legend and cowboy spirit. Tickets available early fall and through Event Brite (Rated G) Texashillcountrycowboygathering.com.

Nov. 16-17

Winter Musical: Aristocats KIDS

Based on the beloved Disney animated film, and featuring a jazzy, upbeat score, Disney’s “The Aristocats KIDS” is a non-stop thrill ride of feline fun. In the heart of Paris, a kind and eccentric millionairess wills her entire estate to Duchess, her high-society cat, and her three little kittens. Laughs and adventure ensue as the greedy, bumbling butler pulls off the ultimate catnap caper. Now it’s up to the rough-and-tumble alley cat, Thomas O’Malley, and his band of jazz cats to save the day. (Rated G)

Dec. 5-15

Holiday Show: The Gift of the Magi

O. Henry’s classic Christmas story comes to life in this romantic musical adaptation, originally presented as a network television special. In turn-of-the-century New York, newlyweds Jim and Ella struggle to make ends

meet. Despite their bleak circumstances, they each make sacrifices to try and make Christmas special, leading to an ironic but heartwarming conclusion.

Feb. 14-March 2, 2025

Winter Musical: Peter and the Starcatcher

This Tony Award winning play with music is based on the best-selling novel, and upends the century-old story of how a miserable orphan boy becomes the legendary Peter Pan. From marauding pirates and jungle tyrants to unwilling comrades and unlikely heroes, and with characters such as Black Stache and Smee, this highly theatrical production playfully explores the depths of greed and despair ... and the bonds of friendship, duty and love.

April 5-6, 2025

Spring Musical: Godspell Jr.

A group of disciples help Jesus Christ tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques and a hefty dose of comic timing. An eclectic blend of songs, ranging in style from pop to vaudeville, are employed as the story of Jesus’ life dances across the stage. Jesus’ messages of kindness, tolerance and love vibrantly come to life. (Rated G)

May 2-11, 2025

Spring Drama: Proof

On the eve of her 25th birthday, Catherine, a troubled young woman, has spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, a famous mathematician. Now, following his death, she must deal with her own volatile emotions, the arrival of her estranged sister, Claire, and the attentions of Hal, a former student of her father’s who hopes to find valuable work in the 103 notebooks that her father left behind. Over the long weekend that follows, a burgeoning romance and the discovery of a mysterious notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all: How much of her father’s madness — or genius — will she inherit? David Auburn’s play won a Tony Award and a Pulitzer Prize.

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MUSIC CLUB BRINGS TOP TALENTS MONTHLY



The trio Take3 is set to perform October 20th with a show that is sure to excite and surprise.

As it enters its 88th year, the Fredericksburg Music Club is preparing eight monthly concerts for Texas Hill Country area residents that will range from classical piano, organ and string music to more contemporary vocal and brass performances, Mark Eckhardt, FMC president, has announced.

FMC concerts are free, thanks to grants and private and corporate donations.

The Fredericksburg Music Club's goals since the non-profit organization was founded in 1937 have been to provide the area with quality musical programs, to support music education and to make a gift of music available to everyone.

Beginning at 3 p.m. the third Sunday of each month in the sanctuary of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, 1800 N. Llano St., the 2024-2025 season's programs will run from September through May.

Clayton Stephenson **Classical Pianist, Sept. 15**

An American musician, Stephenson was the first Black finalist at the 2022 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. He was also named a 2022 Gilmore Young Artist, as well as a 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts and Young Scholar of the Lang Lang International Music Foundation. Stephenson will appear here by arrangement with The Cliburn.

TAKE3 **Strings and Keyboard, Oct. 20**

With a flair for the "wild and unexpected," Take3 offers a rigorous classical music background and infuses it with rock-star charisma. The trio's repertoire has expanded from classical Bach and Beethoven to Bieber and The Beach Boys, while its members are also committed to outreach programs for children of all ages.

Rob Landes **Pianist, Nov. 17**

From Houston where he is the organist and artist-in-residence for St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Rob Landes has played with psychedelic rockers and taught at TUT's Humphrey's School of Musical Theater, while his long-running jazz trio has entertained the city's high society circuit for years.

Nathaniel Mayfield **Trumpet, Jan. 19**

An international baroque trumpet soloist, Nathaniel Mayfield of Austin has presented master classes at such institutions as The Julliard School and the Eastman School of music. He performs regularly with the Austin Symphony, Austin Lyric Opera and the Austin Chorus.

Sabrina Adrian **Organist, Feb. 16**

With four degrees in music, including a DMA from the University of Texas, Sabrina Adrian has played organs throughout Europe, including St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican in Rome, St. Patrick's Cathedral and Christ Church in Dublin, St. Michael's Church in Budapest and the Marienkirche in Berlin. She is the organist at First Presbyterian Church in Kerrville where she also teaches 27 piano students.

Albert and Gage **Singer-Songwriters, March 16**

The folk rock and soulful musical journey of Chris Gage and Christine Albert has taken the Austin duo through various genres from country to folk and blues to French chansons during their performances that include regular evening appearances at numerous Austin venues.

Alias Brass **April 13**

Founded in 2013, Alias Brass is a collaboration of five artists and educators from across the U.S. whose performances are comprised of standards and original compositions along with concepts that blend virtuosic musicianship with entertainment ranging from baroque and classical to jazz and pop.

The Moanin' Frogs **May 18**

This group, which features six saxophones, from soprano to bass, is unique to today's music landscape in offering "an electrifying approach" to chamber music. Conservatory-trained and entertainment-minded, The Moanin' Frogs' repertoire ranges from classical to ragtime, jazz and pop.



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GUIDE TO HILL COUNTRY WINERIES

A wide selection of flavors partnered with a friendly, laidback reputation has made Fredericksburg the heart of Texas Wine Country.

Gillespie County sits in the Texas Hill Country American Viticulture Area (AVA) and is home to about 60 wineries in the county.

Many of these wineries also offer a variety of experiences from a general tasting to elevated food and wine pairings.

Below is a listing of wineries in Gillespie County and the Hill Country just ripe for the tasting.

Ab Astris Winery

www.abastriswinery.com
830-644-8369

320 Klein Road, Stonewall

Hours: Thursday and Friday, noon-5 p.m.; Saturday noon-6 p.m.; Sunday and Monday, noon-5 p.m. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

Last pour and sale are one hour before close.

They do take walk-ins but strongly recommend reservations on Saturdays. They require reservations for groups over six. Reservations may be made on their website, on Tock, or by emailing info@abastriswinery.com

Adega Vinho

Adegavinho.com

830-265-5765

1000 Ranch Road 1623, Stonewall

Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 12:30-6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, 12-6 p.m.

Airis'Ele Vineyards

AiriseleVineyards.com
830-304-1800

11290 U.S. 290 East

Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Reservations requested for groups of six or more. Crafted wines are offered by tastings, glass or bottle.

Alexander Vineyards

alexandervineyards.com
830-865-3975

6360 Goehmann Lane (off U.S. 290 East)

Open Sunday thru Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Reservations are recommended. Calls on the way to the tasting room are appreciated.

Andreucci Wines

andreucciwines.com
830-307-9529

401 E. Main Street #1C

Hours: Sunday, noon-7 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Thursday thru Saturday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Arrowhead Creek Vineyards

13502 U.S. 290 East, Stonewall
830-307-7200

info@arrowheadcreekvineyard.com

Hours: Wednesday, 3-8 p.m.; Thursday thru Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Monday and Tuesday.

Reservations are not required but desired. We are pet and kid friendly.

Arch Ray Resort

4160 U.S. 290 East
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1894 Farm-to-Table Restaurant

Hours: Sunday thru Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Reservations strongly suggested for parties of six or more. Email: reservations@archrayresort.com

Augusta Vin

Augustavin.com
830-307-1007

140 Augusta Vin Lane

Hours: Monday thru Thursday, noon-6 p.m.; Friday, noon-7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, noon-7 p.m.

Reservations can be made thru their website. Call to reserve a table in the tasting room for groups larger than eight.

Full estate and production tours with

tastings are offered for groups of up to 12. Larger groups are encouraged to call to discuss corporate or customizable tour packages.

Barons Creek Vineyards

Baronscreekvineyards.com
Text or call – 830-304-3000
5865 U.S. 290 East

Hours: Sunday thru Thursday, noon-5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Closed Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

Reservations required for parties over six. Reservations encouraged for tastings. Walk-ins welcome, depending on availability.

Becker Vineyards

Beckervineyards.com
830-644-2681

Winery and tasting room:
464 Becker Farms Rd.

(off U.S. 290 East/Stonewall)

The winery is open Monday thru Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-6 p.m.

Main Street tasting room:
307 East Main Street

The Main Street tasting room is open Sunday thru Thursday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Bingham Family Vineyards

www.bingham.wine
830-644-2081

11157 U.S. 290 West, Hye

The winery is open seven days a week: Monday thru Thursday, noon-6 p.m.; Friday thru Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Curbside service is available by calling ahead, ordering online or driving up.

Blue Lotus Winery

Bluelotuswinery.com
830-379-9463

8500 U.S. 290 West (Hye)

Hours: Wednesday thru Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

The winery offers wine and mead (honey wine).

Blumenthal Farms

9396 U.S. 290 East
Fredericksburg TX 78624
830-205-9930

info@blumenthalfarmstx.com

Hours: Wednesday, 3 p.m.-7 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, noon-7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, noon-7 p.m.

Blumenthal offers beer, wine, cocktails, and cigars. They also have pickleball

courts to entertain the family.

Calais Winery

Calaiswinery.com
830-213-2124, ext. 1

8115 U.S. 290 West (Hye)

Hours are by appointment: Thursdays, 1-4 p.m.; Fridays, noon-5 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sundays, noon-5 p.m.

All tastings are available by reservation only and can be made online.

Appointments are made on the hour.

Coordinates Vineyards

www.coordinatesvineyards.com
830-307-7400

10120 U.S. 290, Hye

Hours: Noon-7 p.m. Wednesday thru Sunday.

Main Street tasting room

417 E. Main Street;

Hours: Wednesday and Thursday, noon-9 p.m.; Friday thru Sunday, noon-10 p.m.

Closed Monday and Tuesday.

For parties of eight or more, call ahead or email at wine@coordinatesvineyards.com.

Reservations can be made by visiting the website.

Cross Mountain Vineyards

www.crossmountainvineyards.com
830-333-9931

308 E. Main St.

Hours: Sunday and Monday, noon-7 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, noon-7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, noon-8 p.m.

Closed Tuesdays.

No reservations required.

For up-to-date information, call or visit the winery's website.

Crown Hill Winery

crownhillwinery.com
830-542-9585

171 Crown Hill Road, Stonewall

Hours: Fridays thru Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Call ahead for groups larger than eight to ensure availability.

Cuvee Wine and Piano Bar

www.winebarcuvee.com/
512-423-7825

247 East Main Street

Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 1-8 p.m.; Friday, 1-9 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Sunday noon-7 p.m.

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Fat Ass Ranch Winery & Brewery

Fatassranch.com

Ranch and Winery: 830-644-2300

51 Elgin-Behrends Road

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Brewery: 830-644-2600

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Hours: Thursday thru Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday until 6 p.m.; Closed Monday thru Wednesday.

Downtown Tasting Room:

830-997-9095

153 East Main Street

Hours: Sunday thru Thursday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Reservations are not required at any location.

Ferris and Fletch Wine Co.

Ferrisandfletch.com
830-307-9290

409 E. Main St.

Hours: Sunday, Monday and Thursday, noon-5 p.m.; Friday, noon-7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

Reservations are not required.

Fiesta Winery

Fredericksburg@fiestawinery.com

Fiesta Winery at Arch Ray

830-997-4466

312 Schmidtzensky Rd.

Hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. every day. Live music on Saturdays from 3-6 p.m.

Call ahead for groups over 20.

Main Street tasting room

830-307-3328

147 East Main Street

Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Fredericksburg Winery

Fbgwinery.com
830-990-8747

247 W. Main St.

Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5:30 p.m. (The last tasting each day begins 15 minutes prior to closing.) Hours and days may vary, based on holidays.

Walk-ins are welcome. Space is limited. Groups of seven people or more by reservation only. It is best to call ahead for availability.

French Connection Wines

Frenchconnectionhye.com
830-850-4091

1197 Hye-Albert Road, Hye

Hours: Thursdays, noon-5 p.m.; Fridays, noon-6 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Monday thru Wednesday.

Grape Creek Vineyards

Grapecreek.com
Vineyard/Winery location
on U.S. 290 East
830-644-2710
10587 U.S. 290 East
Open daily 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Main Street Tasting Room
830-992-3373
223 E. Main St.
Open Daily 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
See website to plan a visit.

Heath Sparkling Wines

heathsparkling.com
830-304-1011
10591 U.S. 290 East
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Visit the website to plan a visit.

Hilmy Cellars

Hilmywine.com
830-644-2482
12346 U.S. 290 East
Hours: Monday thru Wednesday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday thru Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Horn Winery and Azeo Distillery

hornwinery.com
844-HYE-HORN
9953 U.S. 290 West (Hye)
Hours: Thursdays and Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Reservations of eight or more are recommended.

Hye Meadow Winery

Hyemeadow.com
830-308-8551
10257 U.S. 290 West (Hye)
Hours: Monday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Closed Tuesday.

Inwood Estates Vineyards

Inwoodwines.com
830-997-2304
10303 U.S. 290 East
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Reservations for tastings and dining required for groups of six or more with a deposit to hold the time slot. Reservations are for Saturdays only. Visit the website to make a reservation or for information about cancellation policies.

Pet-friendly areas on patio and grove. The winery is a kid friendly location.

Invention Vineyards

inventionvineyards.com
830-307-1258
4222 Texas 16 South
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Visit the website to plan a visit.

Kalasi Cellars

Kalasicellars.com
830-992-3037
414 Goehmann Lane
Hours: Sunday thru Thursday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Kuhlman Estate

Kuhlmanestate.com
512-920-2675
18421 U.S. 290 East
Hours: Thursday thru Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday and Monday, noon-5 p.m.
Visit website to plan a visit.

Lincoln Street Wine Market

830-997-8463
111 S. Lincoln St.
Hours: Sunday and Monday, 1 p.m.-midnight; Tuesday thru Saturday, 11 a.m.-midnight.
Reservations are not required.

Longhorn Cellars

Longhorncellars.com
830-990-2990
315 Ranch Road 1376
Hours: Monday thru Thursday, noon-4:30 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Groups of six or more require reservations on Saturdays.

Lost Draw Cellars

Lostdrawcellars.com
830-992-3251
1686 U.S. 290, Johnson City
Hours: Monday thru Thursday, noon-5 p.m.; Friday thru Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Reservations required for Fridays and Saturdays; encouraged other days of the week for tastings.
Groups limited to six people; call or email for groups larger than six.

Meierstone Vineyards

830-644-2462
573 Meier-Stone Rd., Stonewall
Hours: Thursday and Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Reservations recommended but not required.
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Mendelbaum Cellars

mendelbaumcellars.com
830-997-7000
10207 U.S. 290 East
Hours: Monday, Thursday and Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, noon-5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
For more information, email info@mendelbaumcellars.com or visit the winery's website.

Messina Hof Hill Country

Messinahof.com
830-990-4653
9996 U.S. 290 East
Hours: Tuesday thru Sunday, noon-6 p.m.
Reservations recommended for Saturdays.

Narrow Path Winery

Narrowpathwinery.com
Winery and Vineyard:
830-998-1916
6331 Ranch Road 1623 South
Hours: Thursday thru Monday, 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5:30 p.m. Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
Reservations required for tastings on Saturday and Sunday. Reservations are recommended during the weekday.
Main Street Tasting Room
830-644-2144
113 East Main Street
Hours are Thursday, noon-5:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, noon-6:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m.
Reservations are not available for the Main Street tasting room.

Pedernales Cellars

Pedernalescellars.com
830-644-2037
830-644-8186 wine club
2916 Upper Albert Road
Stonewall
Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m.
Reservations recommended. If late for time slot, the winery may not be able to accommodate you.
Call for groups larger than six people. Cellar tours are available for groups up to six. Inquire online or by calling the tasting room.
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Pontotoc Vineyard

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320 W. Main St.

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Rhinory.com
830-992-9526
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13112 U.S. 290 East

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Reservations are highly recommended
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Ron Yates Wines

Ronyateswines.com
512-585-3972

6676 U.S. 290 West (Hye)

Hours: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

Space is limited for large parties.
Reservations are required for groups of 10
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Safari Winery

Safariwinery.com
Text or call – 830-998-5956
5479 U.S. 290 East

Hours: Sunday, noon-6 p.m.; Monday
thru Thursday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday, 11
a.m.-6 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Reservations are preferred for parties of
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The tasting room is open for tastings by
the glass or bottle service.

Santa Maria Cellars

Santamariacellarswines.com
830-998-8621

12044 Texas 16 South

Hours are Friday and Saturday noon-5
p.m.; Sunday, noon-3 p.m. Closed Monday
thru Thursday.

Reservations required for groups of
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Wine can also be ordered online.

Signor Vineyards

Signorvineyards.com
830-304-7446
362 Livesay Lane

Hours: Sunday thru Thursday, noon-5
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The tasting room accepts reservations
for members of the wine club and for
private drivers and select tour companies.
Reservations for elevated tastings are
available for all guests.

Walk-ins are accepted for non-members,

based on availability. We are pet free and
strictly 21+ with the exception of wine
club members.

Six Shooter Cellars

Sixshootercellars.com
830-428-0810
6264 U.S. 290 East

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Info@sixtwistssparkling.com
830-307-2070
425 E. Main St.

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Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Reservations for parties of 8 or more,
age 21 and up, inside. Pets and children
on patio only.

Slate Theory

Slatetheory.com
830-998-8306

10915 U.S. 290 East

Hours: Sunday thru Thursday noon-
5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-7
p.m.

Reservations not required for tables in
the tasting room and are on a first come
first serve basis.

Reservations are required for
production tours or tastings in the
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Texas Heritage Vineyard

Texasheritagevineyard.com
830-992-3323

3245 U.S. 290 East

Hours: Sunday thru Friday, noon-5 p.m.;
Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Call ahead and schedule for groups of
eight people on the weekends. Weekday
tours are offered upon request.

Texas Wine Collective

TexasWineCollective.com
830-997-7470
10354 U.S. 290 East

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The Edge Winery

theresortatfredericksburg.com
830-308-7118
3567 U.S. 290 East

Hours: Sunday thru Friday, 11 a.m.-7
p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Groups are advised to call or email on
website in advance for reservations for
tastings.

Texas Vineyards and Beyond

texasvineyards@austin.rr.com
830-990-9199
329½ E. Main St.

Hours: Thursdays and Fridays, noon-6
p.m.; Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.;
Sundays, noon-6 p.m. Open additional
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sidewalk consumption.

Wedding Oak Winery

Weddingoakwinery.com
830-304-9333

6009 U.S. 290 East, No. B

Hours: Monday thru Saturday, 11 a.m.-6
p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

The tasting room is open for flight
tastings, on-premise consumption
and wines to go. For reservations of
seven or more, contact reservewow@
weddingoakwinery.com.

Wildseed Vineyards

wine.wildseedfarms.com
830-990-6684

100 Legacy Drive

Hours: Sunday, noon-6 p.m.; Monday
thru Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Reservations are recommended but not
required.

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altstadtbeer.com
830-304-2337
6120 U.S. 290 East

The brewery is open from 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday; 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, and 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Altstadt's state-of-the-art brewery offers German-style beers and lagers made through both traditional and new brewing practices.

The European-style beers can be found across Texas, if not sipped on the multi-level patio at the brewery or in the biergarten. In the basement is an authentic Rathskeller for a more intimate setting.

There is also a second 1940s-era brew house in use that was found in Bavaria, restored and shipped to Texas.

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830-997-1646
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The oldest operating brewpub in Texas sells German fare alongside their list of more than 20 craft beers, including Enchanted Rock Red Ale and an Anniversary IPA. The 1890s-era building houses a beer hall, biergarten and a 12-room upper level "Bed & Brew."

OGLE BREWING

archrayresort.com/ brewery
830-304-2900
312 Schmitzinsky Road
(off U.S. 290 East)

The brewery is open Sunday through Thursday 11 a.m.-7 p.m., and Friday and Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Reservations are required for groups larger than six.

A part of Arch Ray Resort, the brewery offers a rotating list of handcrafted beers, including light ales, lagers and IPAs.

ALTDORF BIERGARTEN

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Fine music, song and games are available at Altdorf Biergarten, in addition to traditional meals and German-style beers. The wide selection of brews are both local and imported.

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The beer garden is open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday.

BLUEMONT BREWERY

bluemontvineyardandbrewery.com
830-307-7784
662 Woodrose Lane
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The brewery is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, and 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Bluemont offers seasonal pints and flights of craft brews in addition to their Hill Yeah hard cider. Various tours of the property, mixology classes and tastings are available. The Zurschmeide family's Stonewall vineyard and brewery can host group events and picnics.



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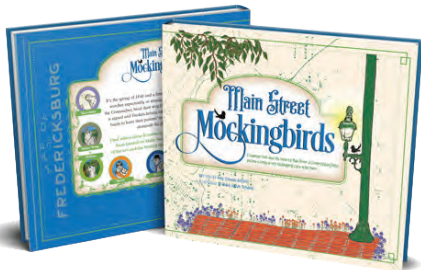
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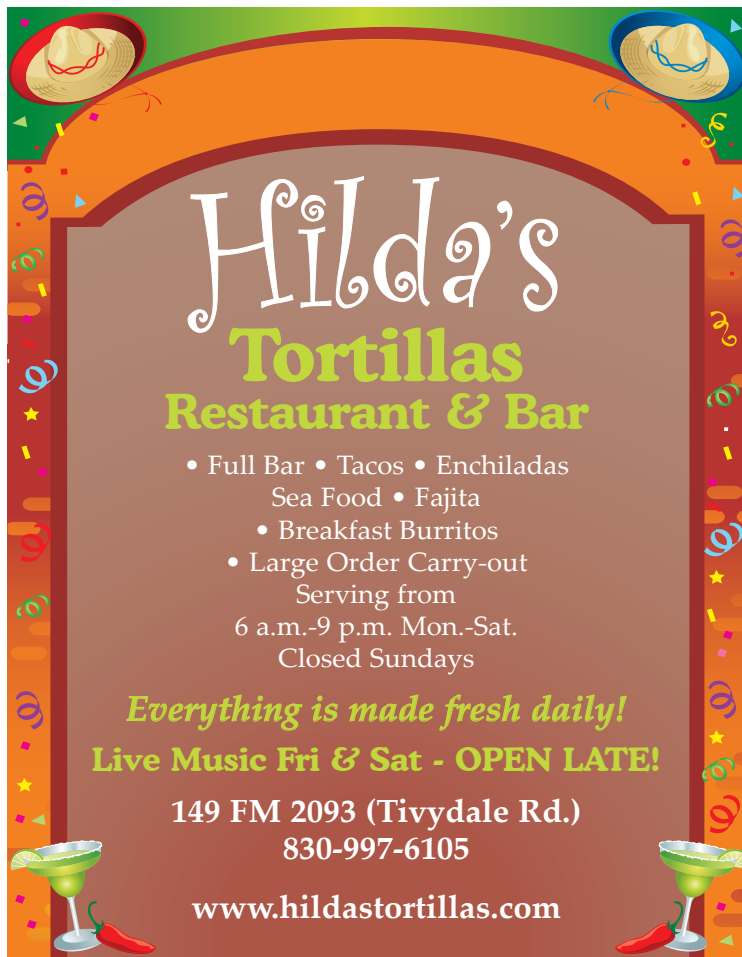
On the first Friday of each month, participating galleries feature special events, shows and exhibits, artist demonstrations, special appearances, receptions and more from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The galleries serve local wines, cookies on occasion and other refreshments. Some also offer live entertainment.

Many of the galleries fly Art Walk flags on the day of the events.

A schedule of events or more information can be found in the Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post or on the FFAW Facebook page, First Friday Art Walk Fredericksburg.





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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 of the county's youth are the Gillespie County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show and Auction and the Harper Stock Show.

Harper's Stock Show will be at the Harper Independent School District's Show Barn starting Dec. 21. The Gillespie show will be Jan. 1-4, 2025, at the Show Barn at the Gillespie County Fair Grounds.

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



Stock Shows

Gillespie County 4-Hers, Fredericksburg and Harper ISD FFA members will be competing in livestock shows around the state including the following:

- West Texas Fair and Rodeo in Abilene – Sept. 5-14, 2024.
- State Fair of Texas in Dallas – Sept. 27-Oct. 20, 2024.
- Heart O'Texas Fair and Rodeo in Waco – Sept. 25-Oct. 13, 2024.
- Harper Stock Show – Dec. 21, 2024.
- Gillespie County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show and Auction – Jan. 1-4, 2025.
- Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo in Odessa – Jan. 2-11, 2025.
- Hill District Grandstand Show – Jan. 11-18, 2025.
- Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo – Jan. 17-Feb. 8, 2025.
- San Angelo Stock Show – Jan. 22-Feb. 16, 2025.
- San Antonio Livestock Exposition – Feb. 6-22, 2025.
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo – March 4-23, 2025.
- Rodeo Austin – March 14-29, 2025.



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The Fredericksburg Farmer's Market runs its fall and winter season at Pioneer Museum, located at 325

W. Main St. in Fredericksburg.

The market will run on all five Thursdays in October from 4-7 p.m.

Live Music Performance

- Oct. 3 - Live music by Banjoy.
- Oct. 10 - Live music by -Bryan Maldonado.
- Oct. 17 - Live music by Anthony Garcia.
- Oct. 24 - Live music by Just Us-Jennifer Fuentes.
- Oct. 31 - Live music by Gary Two's Company.

FALL FUN RUNS '24

Running and walking enthusiasts will find several events planned during the fall season.

Oktoberfest Kraut Run

The 15th annual Oktoberfest Kraut Run is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 5, beginning at Fredericksburg Middle School, 110 W. Travis St.

Sponsored by the Fredericksburg Morning Rotary Club, the event benefits literacy and youth programs.

This year's event will include 5K and 8K timed runs, and a 5K non-timed walk.

The event begins at 8:30 a.m. for all runs and walks.

Packets will be available for pick up from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at Jack and Adam's Bicycle Shop and on Saturday, beginning at 7 a.m., at the race site.

The race will be \$35 for adults 17 and older, \$30 for youth ages 16 and under.

Awards will be given to the top overall male and female racers in the runs, as well as the top three males and females in the following age groups: 1-13, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79 and 80 or older.

The first dog finisher in the 8K will also receive an award.

To register for the race, visit athleteguild.com/running/fredericksburg-tx/2024-oktoberfest-kraut-run.

More information is available by contacting Lorrie Hess at krautrun8K@yahoo.com.

Turkey Trot

The Heart of the Hills - MOM Center will benefit from the Fredericksburg Turkey Trot on Saturday, Nov. 30 at the Fredericksburg Elementary School, 1608 N. Adams St.

The event will feature both a 5K and 10K run, starting at 8:30 a.m. and a one-mile walk starting at 9:30 a.m.

Registration is \$35 per person for the 5K or 10K runs and \$20 per person for the one-mile walk.

Online registration is available at athleteguild.com/event/fredericksburg-tx/2024-fredericksburg-texas-turkey-trot.

Late registration will be available the day of the race, starting at 6:30 a.m., for \$40 per person.

Packet pickup will be from 1-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, at Heart of the Hills, 103 Industrial Loop.

For information, contact Shelley Wright at turkeytrot.fbg@gmail.com.

The Heart of the Hills MOM Center is a non-profit women's resource center specializing in parenting education and adoption advocacy.



A participant strolls with the crowd during the Fredericksburg Morning Rotary Club's annual Kraut Run.



A child, in costume, represents turkeys at the starting line of the annual Fredericksburg Turkey Trot presented by Heart of the Hills, formerly the MOM Center.

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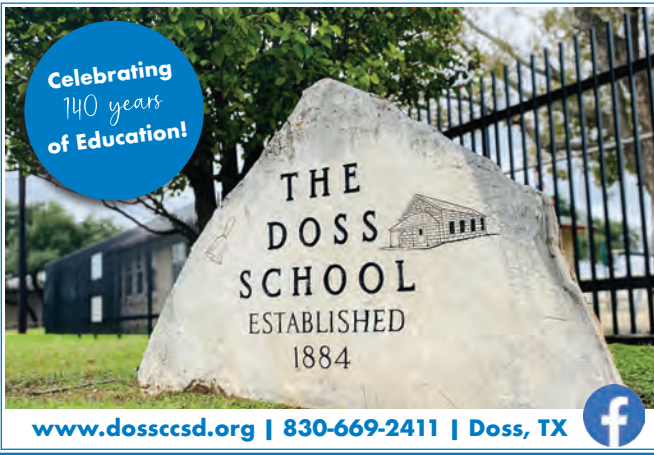
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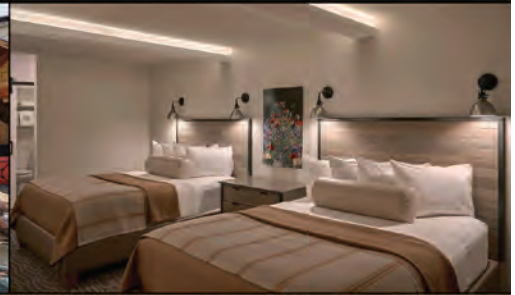
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Fredericksburg's long-standing annual festival brings its German roots alive and a bit of Bavaria to the Hill Country.

Three days of singing, toasting, dancing and Gemütlichkeit (neighborly good will) will be featured at the 44th Oktoberfest Friday through Sunday, Oct. 4-6.

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

Oktoberfest in Fredericksburg was named by USA Today as one of the 10 Best in the U.S. The event is again expected to attract 26,000 visitors, along with 1,400 volunteers.

Special events Friday, Oct. 4

- OkTubaFest at 5:45 p.m. Friday afternoon, will take place just inside the front gate. Tuba and euphonium players are invited to participate. The tuba performers will play for a half hour.
- Meet the Shiner (Spoetzl Brewery) and Leinenkugel brew masters.
- The Altstadt Brewery Waltz Contest will take place at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 5

- At 8:30 a.m., runners will gather for the 13th annual Rotary Kraut Run. Fredericksburg Morning Rotary sponsors the annual race with a 5K and 8K run and a non-timed 5K walk.
- Hauptstrasse (Main Street) Chicken Dance, registration at 9 a.m. and dancing at 9:30 a.m. Join hundreds of others in this annual tradition.

- Samuel Adams Stein Hoist at 1 p.m.
- Meet the Altstadt brew meister and the Weihenstephan Polka Contest at 1 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 6

- Real Estate Advisory Team 42 Tournament in Strassen Zelt. Registration begins at noon and the tournament begins at 1 p.m. Prizes will be given for the first-, second- and third-place teams.
- Oktoberfest Family Lederhosen and Dirndl Contest at 2:30 p.m.

Entertainment

- Five covered stages will host a continuous rotation of entertainers that feature the German favorites of oompah, polka and waltzing and plenty of opportunities for dancing.
- Bands scheduled to perform at the festival include Blaskapelle Lühtringen (from Germany), Czech & Then Some, the Czechaholics, Comal Community Band, Schuhplattlers, The Walburg Boys, Seven Dutchmen, The Polkamatics, Chris Rybak, the Cloverleaf Orchestra, Der Klein Steins, Red Ravens, Yodel Blitz, Ennis Czech Boys, The Oompahs, Pivo Polka Band, The Tubameisters, Round Top Brass Band, Jodie Mikula, Off The Grid, Hermann Sons/Arion Männerchor, Fredericksbuerg Filharmonic and Mario's Accordion. Strolling accordionists include Shirley Johnson and Herschel Moody.
- 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 website until Oct. 6 at www.oktoberfestparkandride.com and will also be available at the fair grounds parking location during the festival.

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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Texas issues the most hunting licenses, tags, permits and stamps in the nation with over 1.1 million, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service data.

And this year's timely rainfall has set the stage for a positive fall hunting season, despite the drought conditions throughout the state.

The eastern portions of the state have seen above-normal precipitation since January.

"Many times, it's not even how much rain an area receives, but when they receive it," said Jacob Dykes, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist in Corpus Christi. "Late winter and spring rains greatly facilitate the growth of vegetation that provides both nutrition and habitat cover needed for a wide range of species."

White-tailed deer

With a statewide population of roughly five million, Texas is home to more white-tailed deer than any other U.S. state.

Thanks to mostly positive environmental conditions leading up to the summer fawning season, Dykes said much of the state should see an abundance of new, healthy additions to the population for hunting season, which begins Nov. 2. The archery hunting season is Sept. 29-Nov. 1 and youth-only hunts start Oct. 2.

Quail

While annual quail populations naturally fluctuate, Texas has seen a steady decline in both bobwhite and scaled quail over the past three decades, Dykes said.

Turkey

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reported increased turkey nesting success and recruitment in 2023, thanks to abundant acorn production and warm, late winter conditions across much of the Rio Grande wild turkey range. Turkey season hunting begins Nov. 2, with archery-only hunts starting Sept. 28.

Dove

The 2023 dove season was a good one, and based on the latest Texas Parks and Wildlife Department dove surveys, the 2024 season, which began Sunday, Sept. 1, shows great promise.

Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists estimate statewide populations of roughly 34 million mourning doves and a record-high 13 million white-wing doves.

Changes to rules and regulations

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission approved hunting regulations for the 2024-25 season with some modifications and clarifications to 2024-25 Statewide Hunting and Migratory Game Bird proclamations.

Visit <https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/> for more information on changes in hunting regulations.

CELEBRATE HAND-CRAFTED MESQUITE ART AT FESTIVAL

The 2024 Texas Mesquite Arts Festival returns to Fredericksburg Friday through Sunday, Oct. 11-13.

The world's finest mesquite wood artisans come to town to showcase their handcrafted mesquite products.

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 texasmesquiteartfestivals.com, or by calling the Fest Office at 830-997-8515.



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BESTFEST: ANOTHER GERMAN TRADITION

The Knights of Columbus Council 9765 will hold its 15th annual Bestfest celebration in what's become another local German tradition.

This year's Bestfest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19, 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 throughout 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 2024 4x4 Kawasaki Mule.

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

Proceeds from Bestfest are given to Knights of Columbus Council 9765 for its charitable work

within various organizations.

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.

2024 Bestfest

- Saturday, Oct. 19
- 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 from 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.



COLLECT HISTORY AT INDIAN ARTIFACT SHOW

The Hill Country Indian Artifact Show will be open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Pioneer Pavilion at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park. This is one of three exhibitions hosted throughout the year.

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

Collections will feature everything from arrowheads, pottery, Trade Era beads, artifact cases, books, Indian jewelry and more.

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 from Buzzie's Bar-B-Q are available to purchase at the event.

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

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FOOD & WINE FEST PAIRS TOP TEXAS BITES AND DRINKS

The 2024 Fredericksburg Food and Wine Fest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, at Marktplatz. The event will feature Texas food, wine and craft beer with a mix of top vintners, gourmards and music, along with some special events.

More than 45 Texas wineries, distilleries and breweries plus more than 75 food and beverage vendors will be on site.

The Grand Tasting event will run from 1-5:30 p.m., allowing guests to participate in culinary experiences and sample a variety of beverages. For those looking to extend the experience, the festival also offers a variety of add-on events.

Add-on: The Street Dinner

The Food and Wine Fest's inaugural Street Dinner, in partnership with the Fredericksburg Convention & Visitor Bureau will take place Friday, Oct. 25 from 6-10 p.m.

The evening will begin with welcome cocktails by Dietz Distillery and Heath Sparkling Wines, featuring appetizers from Hill & Vine.

Following cocktails, the second course will be provided by Otto's German Bistro, paired with wine from William Chris Vineyards.

Hill Country Herb Garden and Michael Ros Winery will provide the third course, followed by a fourth course from Revel Kitchen + Catering paired with Augusta Vin wines.

Finally, dessert will be provided by Keidel Pharmacy, paired with a Garrison Brothers' Small Batch pour.

Additional tickets are required, \$250 per person.

Add-on: Vino Vinyasa with Hye Thai

This add-on experience combines yoga and wine, in a 40-minute, all-level yoga class, ending with a comparative wine tasting featuring Heath Sparkling Wines. Following the class, guests can expect mingling, more beverages and bites from Hye Thai.

The event at Marktplatz will run from 9-10:30 a.m. and requires an additional ticket, \$50 per person.

Family Friendly Pasture to Palate

This free, family-friendly event will feature the OroBianco Water Buffalo Petting Area, gelato and artisanal coffee from Sure Shot.

OroBianco will also be giving away 100 children's T-shirts and coupons for 10% off gelato at OroBianco, valid throughout the day on Oct. 26.

The event will take place at The Henning Lot, across from Marktplatz, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Add-on: The Fischer & Wieser Waterfront Brunch

This culinary experience at Das Peach Haus is set against the backdrop of the Fischer & Wieser farmstead. Attendees can expect brunch cocktails, wine and brunchy bites.

Food stations will feature dishes from chicken and waffles to lamb barbacoa tacos to pastries. This event will also feature live music, and requires an additional ticket, available at \$125 per person. This event will take place from 10 a.m. to noon.

Augusta Vin VIP Lounge

For those who purchase a VIP or Weekender badge, a 'mini-Augusta Vin' experience will be available, featuring wines, exclusive bites and a special Augusta Vin swag bag.

Heath Sparkling Garden

During the 2024 festival, all badge holders will have the opportunity to savor four of Heath's limited-production, vintage sparkling wines. Garden bite and Italian ice pairings, by Piccolina, will also be available.

Joanna's Market by Signore Vineyards

At this pop-up market, attendees can enjoy culinary items, home décor and Signor's red and white wines.

Texas Wine Auction's Grand Tasting Pavilion

In addition to regular tasting opportunities, over 30 wineries will be auctioning off five cases of wine each, to support the Texas Wine Auction's mission

to fund healthy community and sustainable future programs for Texas wines.

Burgers, Bourbon & Barbecue

This collaborative lounge experience, complete with live music, brings together Fredericksburg Cast Iron, Garrison Brothers Bourbon, Hill & Vine and Eaker Barbecue.

Hill & Vine smash burger bites and Eaker Barbecue sliders will be prepared on Fredericksburg Cast Iron skillets, served alongside Garrison Brothers mini cocktails and neat tastings from the Hill & Vine Das Bar Bus.

El Quincho Asador Argentino

Presented by Revel Kitchen + Catering, this wood-fired outdoor kitchen serves Argentinian grills and from a pizza oven.

Bistro tables with shade will be available to enjoy Argentinian flavors from Las Pampas Argentinas, alongside musical selections from Chuck Wehner of Moving in Stereo.

Culinary Demo Stage

All badge holders can reserve a limited seat at the demo stage for one of four educational experiences from Jesse Griffiths of Dai Due, Michael Fojtasek and Justin Spencer of Junebug's, Gus Beuershausen of Leroy's Tex Mex BBQ or Hunter Huffman of Mesquite at the Warehouse.

Uncork Texas Wine Beverage Demo Stage

Uncork Texas Wine, a wine marketing program created by the Texas Department of Agriculture, is presenting several programs for guests to enjoy.

- Herbalist Lauren Peterson of Hill Country Herb Garden;
- Junebug's, The Saloon & The Pharmacy by Albert Hotel;

- Chase Guthrie and Travis King of Chase's Place.

For an additional fee, two additional programs: Cheese and Wine Pairing by Antonelli's Cheese and the Wine Blending Competition by Becker Vineyards, are available to guests.

Water Wheel Beer Garden

This area of the festival features Hill Country brews, paired with small bites. A pretzel necklace bar will also be available for a tasty and wearable treat.

Distillery District

This area features a wide range of vodka, gin, sotol, tequila, bourbon and whiskey from various vendors. These spirits will be paired with bites from Hill Country chefs.

General admission badges are \$100 for residents of Fredericksburg and surrounding areas, or \$150 for visitors. VIP badges are \$295 and include early access to the event and to the Augusta Vin VIP lounge, as well as air-conditioned restrooms and a gift.

Weekender badges, \$595, include all VIP perks, plus a guaranteed seat at The Street Dinner and a seat at one culinary demo stage event. Tickets to all events are limited and available online at www.fbgfoodandwinefest.com or by calling 830-997-8515.

Sponsors of the Fredericksburg Food & Wine Fest are Signor Vineyards, Uncork Texas Wines, Heath Sparkling Wines, Ben E. Keith Co, August Vin, Fischer & Wieser Farmstead, Halter Ranch, Garrison Brothers Distillery, UniFirst, Texas Wine Auction, Rock & Vine Magazine, Fredericksburg Cast Iron Co., Texas Hill Country Wineries and OroBianco Italian Creamery.

Proceeds from the festival go toward the continued upkeep of Marktplatz, including the recent addition of Festzimmer (Fest Room) and Die Küche (catering support kitchen).



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The 31st Fall Art Show and Sale of Die Künstler von Fredericksburg (The Artists of Fredericksburg) is slated for Friday through Sunday, Nov. 8-10, at the historic St. Joseph's Halle, 212 W. San Antonio St.

DK, as it is commonly known, is looking forward to showcasing another outstanding exhibition of artworks in 2024.

The Fall Art Show and Sale features original artwork by DK artists.

Works include art displays in oil, pastel, charcoal, watercolor acrylic, pencil or ink.

This event garners visitors from Texas, as well as out of state.

DK actively promotes appreciation of, and support for, the visual arts.

DK encourages artists of all levels to continually develop and improve their talents.

Art education DVDs from their extensive library of art education materials are available to club members to further their artistic knowledge and creativity.

DK was founded by an all-volunteer member artist group in 1993.

Die Künstler received its name in honor of Fredericksburg's German heritage.

The group holds regular monthly meetings, featuring informal live demonstrations by noted artists in a variety of genres and styles.

Meetings are usually held on the first Thursday of each month from September through June at the Gillespie County Historical Society, 312 W. San Antonio St.

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





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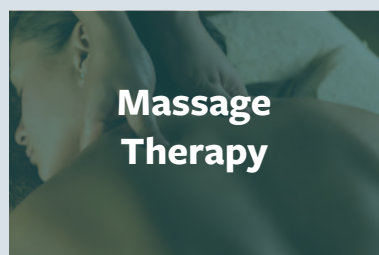
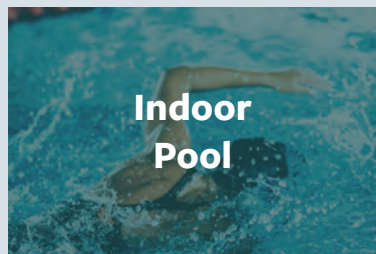
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This year’s Herbstfest (Harvestfest) is Saturday Nov. 9, starting at 7 p.m., with a social hour or Gemütlichkeit starting at 6:30 p.m.

Arion Männerchor (Arion Men’s Choir), founded in 1908, and the Hermannsöhne Gemischter Chor (Hermann Sons Mixed Choir) have been active in Gillespie County since 1934.

Membership is voluntary and adults who enjoy singing are invited to join in and participate at any time.

Both choirs have weekly rehearsals and performances throughout the year.

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

They jointly present a free-admission public concert in the spring, usually the first Sunday in November, a Herbstfest (Harvestfest) and the first Sunday in May (Maifest).

In addition, they represent Fredericksburg in a yearly Saengerfest (singers’ festival) along with German choirs from San Antonio, New Braunfels and Corpus Christi.

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

More information is available by calling Carol Woitalla at 830-997-9671.



Two local German choirs performed for their annual Herbstfest last year. The men’s choir, Arion Männerchor, and mixed choir, Hermannsöhne Gemischter Chor, shared German folk songs that settlers sang 150 years ago.





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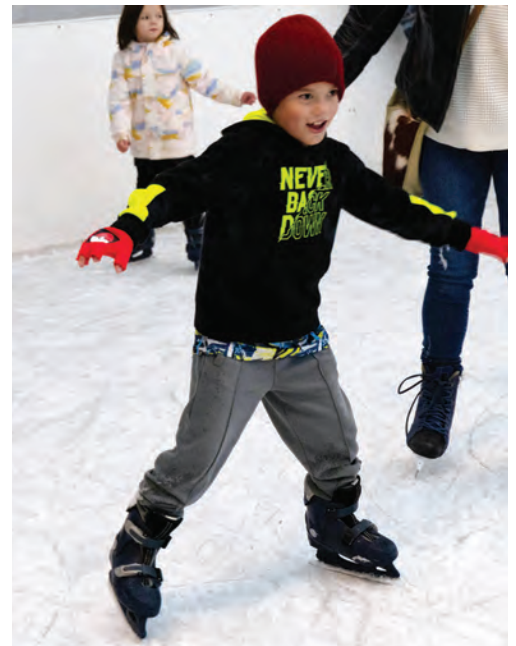
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LOCAL HOMES, INSIDE AND OUT

The Gillespie County Historical Society/Pioneer Museum is hosting its 65th annual Holiday Home Tour on Saturday, Nov. 23, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

This year's tour invites guests to seven homes graciously opened by the owners. All properties are self-guided with docents available in each home to explain their unique features.

The seven homes on the tour include traditional rock structures, newly restored homes, a mid-century modern gem, and one newly constructed home.

Additionally, Pioneer Memorial Library will open its doors at 2 p.m. for a docent-led tour of this county owned historic property.

The Market

This year's tour is coupled with the annual Holiday Market, also set for Nov. 23. The Holiday Market will be held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Historic Sanctuary and Social Hall at 312 W. San Antonio St. and will feature 20 high-end, artisanal Hill Country vendors.

Home tour tickets are \$40 and include admission to the Holiday Market and the Pioneer Museum. Tickets to attend only the Holiday Market are \$12 and include admission to Pioneer Museum, as well.

Preview Party

For those wanting to be the first to shop the Market, a Holiday Market Preview Party will be held on Friday, Nov. 22, 6-8 p.m. Limited tickets for this special event are \$50. This Preview Party includes appetizers, champagne and entertainment.

For more information about the Historic Home Tour and the Holiday Market and to purchase tickets to either or both, visit the Gillespie County Historical Society/Pioneer Museum website at <https://pioneermuseum.org>.

TICKETS

- Historic Home Tour - \$40 (Includes Holiday Market admission and Pioneer Museum admission)
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Shoppers can explore holiday-themed wares at the Peddler Show's Jingle Mingle Marketplace.

JINGLE MINGLE MARKETPLACE

A holiday weekend shopping experience awaits visitors to The Peddler Show's Jingle Mingle Marketplace over the Thanksgiving weekend at the Gillespie County Fair Grounds.

The show will take place Friday through Sunday, Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

This year's return to the Gillespie County Fair Grounds marks the 46th consecutive year for the Thanksgiving weekend show.

Three buildings are set to be filled with designers, craftsmen and creators from all over the country.

Shoppers will have opportunities to get Christmas gifts, clothing, home décor and more throughout the weekend.

Show hours are from 12-6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 29; from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1.

In addition to shopping, Santa will be available for free photos between 12-2 p.m. each day.

Also available for \$25 each is the VIP Sip & Shop experience, which includes entry throughout the weekend, a reusable shopping tote, access to onsite discounts and a drink voucher.

Regular tickets are \$10 for a weekend pass and children under 12 are free. Guests can also receive free Friday admission with an unwrapped toy donation.

Ten percent of all Sunday ticket sales go to support the Austin Angels, a nonprofit that supports the foster care community.

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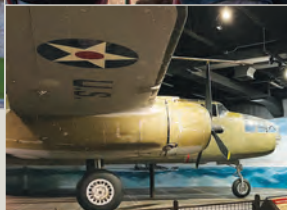


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The parade will wind its way up and down Main Street and is again expected to feature more than 150 entries, including bands, floats, animals and more.

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Entries are also being taken for the parade. Forms can be found at www.lightthenightchristmasparade.com

In case of inclement weather, the parade will be rescheduled for Friday, Dec. 13.

The entire parade route along Main Street between Washington and Edison streets is available for free seating on a first come-first serve basis. Attendees should bring folding chairs and blankets.

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The parade begins at 10 a.m. and will drive down Main Street starting at the 800 block of West Main Street, before heading back to the gazebo on the Gillespie County Courthouse Square.

During visits with Santa, children will also receive free goodie bags.

The annual event is sponsored by the Fredericksburg Jaycees, a nonprofit organization that sponsors local scholarships and community service projects.

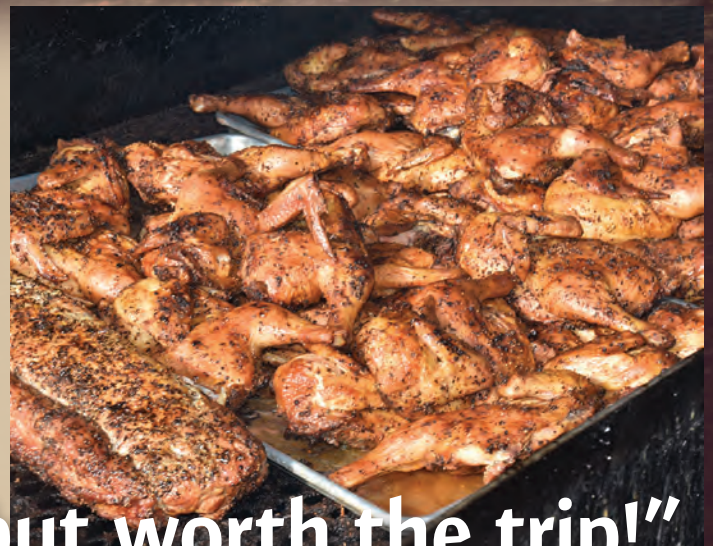
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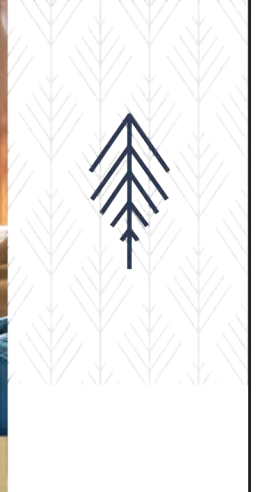


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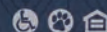


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The family concert is free, and donations are accepted. Attendees may enter the museum grounds via the side gate on Milam Street. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair.

The event is sponsored by the Gillespie County Historical Society and Fredericksburg United Methodist Church and made possible by a grant from the Pedernales Creative Arts Alliance.

The one-hour concert features traditional music, German carols and sing-alongs.

In German, the project is called Der Singende Weihnachtsbaum.

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This year’s performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 13-14, and feature 200 volunteers from the church congregation.

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

From 6-8:30 p.m. both nights, cars will be greeted by volunteers who will cover their headlights and then guide them to the tour’s start.

Cars will initially line up on Schubert Street, turn right onto Adams Street and then take another right into Bethany Lutheran Church’s back parking lot.

Cars then follow the lighted pathway through the Journey.

People on both sides of the vehicle will be treated to the scenes featuring characters and props, according to the Rev. Casey Zesch, Bethany Lutheran head pastor.

Persons may also choose to walk through the Journey on a designated walking trail. Or people may also board the Bethany Lutheran bus which stops in front of Marktplatz on Main Street.

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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.

In another room, visitors will find angel chimes and an advent wreath made of cedar. In the center of the kitchen, the dining table will be laden with foods that have been prepared by park employees.

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Hosted by the Fredericksburg German Club, the free event will be held at the Gillespie County Historical Society Hall (old First Methodist Church building), 312 W. San Antonio St., from 2-5 p.m.

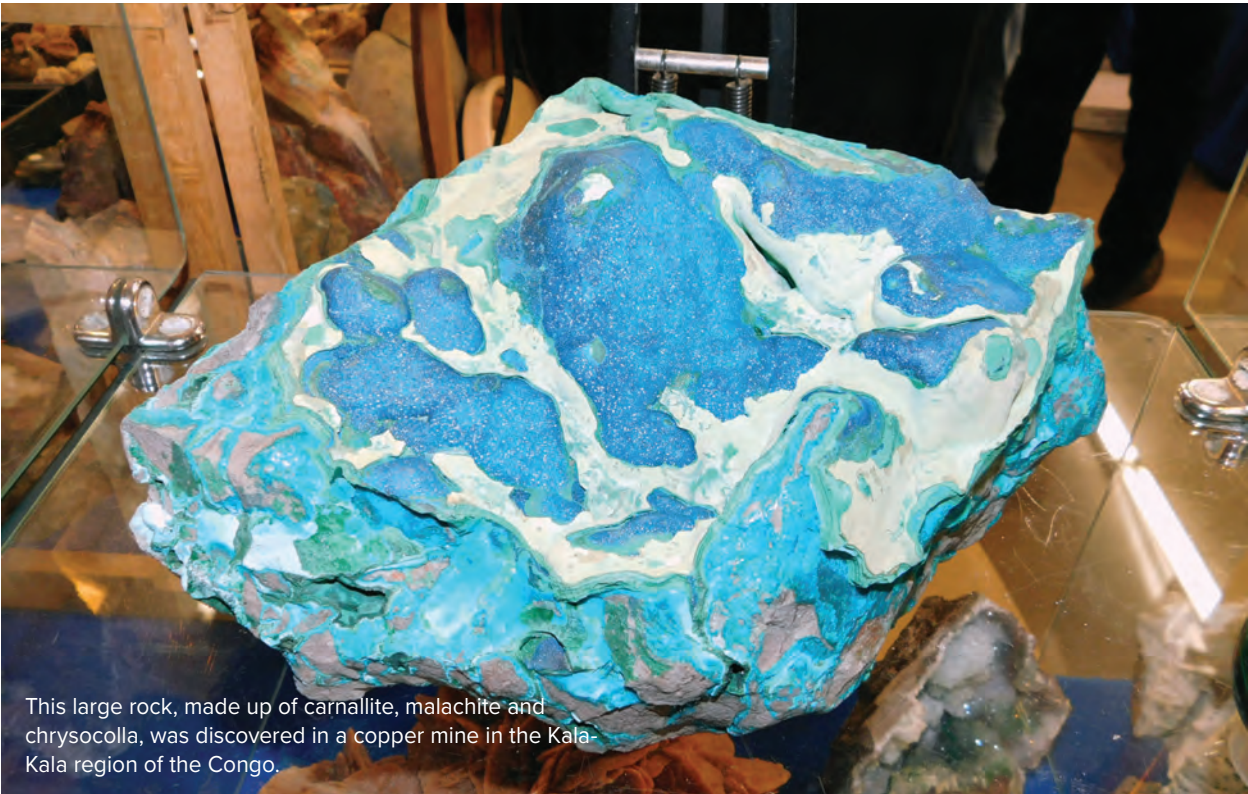
Zweite Weihnachten, which means "Second Christmas" in English, is the German tradition of sharing good food, drink, music and fellowship, not just with immediate family, but with friends and the community at large.

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 Thursday, Dec. 26. Young and old are invited to join in the fun and festivities.

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





This large rock, made up of carnallite, malachite and chrysocolla, was discovered in a copper mine in the Kala-Kala region of the Congo.

ON THE ROCKS

A cocktail of gems and minerals will be showcased in January

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. 18-19 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, a prize drawing and hourly silent auction.

There will be 20-plus dealers and vendors that will give demonstrations of gem faceting, rock cutting and polishing.

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

Gem and Mineral Show Hours:

Saturday, Jan. 18, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Pioneer Pavilion at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park,
Texas 16 South, Fredericksburg.

www.fredericksburgrockhounds.org



Above, this Brittle Star, also known as *Ophiura ophiura* found in Morocco was for sale at the 2023 show. Below, a Fredericksburg Rockhounds member facets stones as visitors move through the pavilion.



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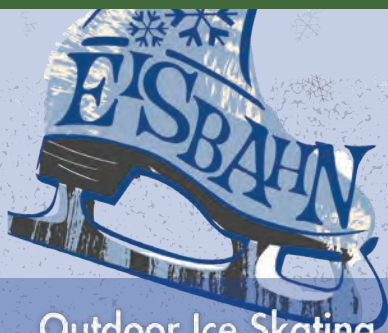
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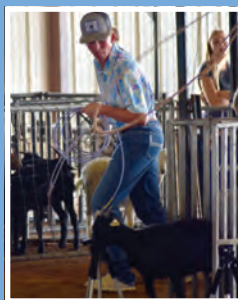
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January 1-4.....	Gillespie County Youth Livestock Show*
January 18.....	Grandstand Sale
February 8-9.....	Texas Gun & Knife Show
March 6.....	Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce Banquet
April 4-6.....	Texas Vintage Motorcycle Fandango*
April 19.....	Monster Truck Wars*
May 17.....	Antique Tractor & Engine Show
July 5-6.....	Pari-Mutuel Horse Races*
July 18-19.....	Lone Star BBQ Cook-Off
July 19 & 20.....	Pari-Mutuel Horse Races*
August 1-3.....	Original Race Day Classic Steer Show*
August 9-10.....	Pari-Mutuel Horse Races*
August 10.....	GCFFA Meat Goat Futurity & GCFFA Lamb Futurity
August 21-24.....	137th Gillespie County Fair*
August 21.....	Concert & Dance*
August 22.....	137th Gillespie County Fair Parade
August 22.....	Concert & Dance*
August 23.....	Concerts & Dance*
August 23-24.....	Pari-Mutuel Horse Races*
September 5-7.....	Hill Country Dorper Sale
September 20.....	29th Annual Scholarship Fest*
October 25-26.....	Texas Gun & Knife Show*
November 22.....	Wild Game Dinner*
November 27-30.....	The Peddler Show*

**** Will have food available these events****

Schedule is subject to change without notice.



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