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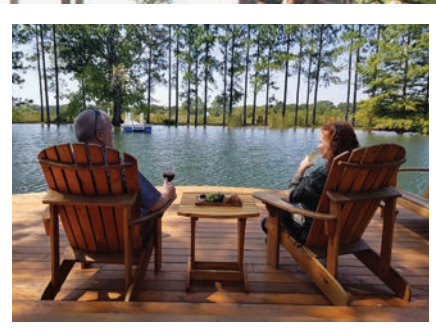
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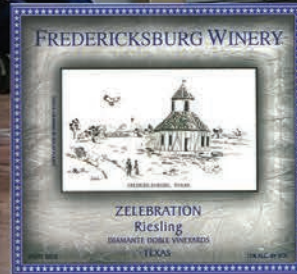
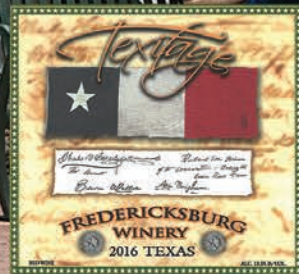
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Every now and then, it's time for a refresh. It might mean a new hairstyle, getting fitted for a new suit or a new Stetson. That's what we thought when rebranding GoFredericksburg into GoFredTX, a more playful name and one more branded to our growing digital presence.

One of the reasons we locals love Fredericksburg is the respect for its history. Whether people have generations-deep roots here, or are a relative newcomer, the history of this area's founding is fascinating and it's reflected in much more than the local Pioneer Museum complex. There are organizations working to preserve and celebrate the area's country schools — a remnant of bygone education days. There also are organizations dedicated to addressing our area's present challenges — like providing more childcare options for young parents. People dig in here and solve problems.

Another reason we love living here is it's a

small "big city," meaning you can find tons of metropolitan attractions in our town of just 13,000 — things like two nationally accredited museums, incredible and unique retail shops, art galleries, top-tier cocktail bars, and, of course, wineries. But we are mostly spared the metropolitan hassles, like traffic and crime. (And we're just over an hour from either Austin or San Antonio when we get the big city bug.)

Lastly, it's a neat and clean place, well-constructed with interesting architecture, some dating back to the early German settlers of this town.

Starting in 1978, our company has published a guide to our town. That was the same time the first bed-and-breakfast operations appeared, and we published on newsprint for decades. Most bed-and-breakfasts have now morphed into short-term rentals, and we changed to magazine format in 2013, and have added digital and social media presences.

Over the past half century, tens of millions of people have visited Fredericksburg to marvel at its past and present. We invite you to take one of our magazines and let your friends know why all those folks think Fredericksburg and Gillespie County are so special.



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Publisher

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We're grateful you're choosing this area to visit, and we thank you for reading. Consider subscribing to our sister publication, *Rock & Vine* magazine, which highlights the finer things in Fredericksburg and the Hill Country. Visit rockandvinemag.com for more information.

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These peaches are sweeter and more flavorful because the 600 acres of trees are planted across the area's sandy-loam soil which has a limestone underbed and many nutrients.

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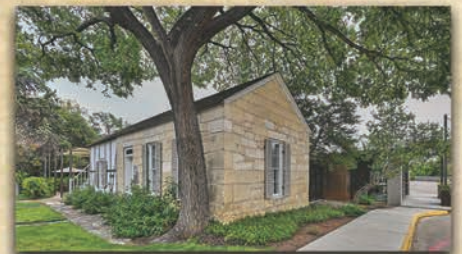
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On Saturday, June 14, the festival moves to Marktplatz downtown with booths featuring pours of top Texas craft brews, a selection of Texas music, food booths, cornhole and other fun attractions.

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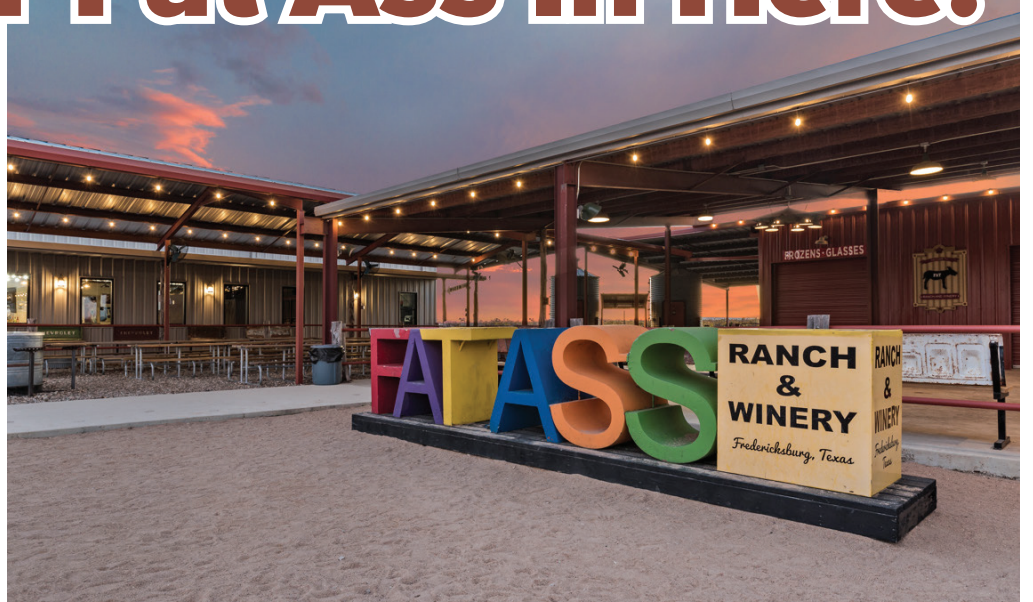
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Fredericksburg Jaycees Crawfish Festival | fbgcrawfishfestival.com

The Memorial Day weekend in Fredericksburg will be filled with Cajun flavor, live music and family fun at the Fredericksburg Jaycees Crawfish Festival, Friday through Sunday, May 23-25.

At the heart of the festival is fresh Louisiana crawfish, boiled to perfection and served alongside classic Southern favorites at Marktplatz (Market Square).

Attendees can enjoy live music from Jean-Pierre and the Zydeco Angels, Waylon Thibodeaux, Bayou Roux and

David Hanscheck.

Beyond the food and music, the festival offers a variety of attractions for the young and young at heart.

The Fredericksburg Crawfish Festival isn't just about fun, it is also about philanthropy. Since their founding, the Fredericksburg Jaycees have raised money to support local organizations. This year's edition of the festival is no different.



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Classed as a general aviation airport, it features a 5,001-foot-runway and full-length parallel taxiway and has runway lights and a beacon that operate from sunset to sunrise, giving the airport a 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, operational capability. During daylight hours of limited visibility, the lights can be turned on by the approaching pilot.

Instrument approaches are available at both ends of the runway, and precision approach path indicators provide pilots with visual assistance during night landing operations.

A fully automated weather system (AWOS) informs pilots about local conditions.

Operated under Gillespie County government, the facility has seen constant upgrades and expansions as it services more and more pilots.

The airport's terminal building pro-

vides a comfortable environment for pilots, crew members and passengers waiting on aircraft.

The airport has 89 tie-down positions for public use. Long-term T-hangar spaces are available through three different entities.

A unique characteristic of this non-metropolitan airport is the adjacent Hangar Hotel and Conference Center which boasts 50 upscale guest rooms, an officer's club, meeting facilities for large groups and a classic 1940s-style diner.

Businesses at the airport include the Phippen-York Flying Machine Company, which provides avionics installation and repair, and Tac-Aero, which provides major and minor airframe and engine repair.

The Gillespie County Airport also features the Fredericksburg FBO, a full-service fixed-based operator that provides fuel service, information and service to pilots and crews. It also has three 12,000-square-foot and two 10,000-square-foot corporate aircraft storage hangars. Fredericksburg FBO is planning to add additional storage space within the next months.

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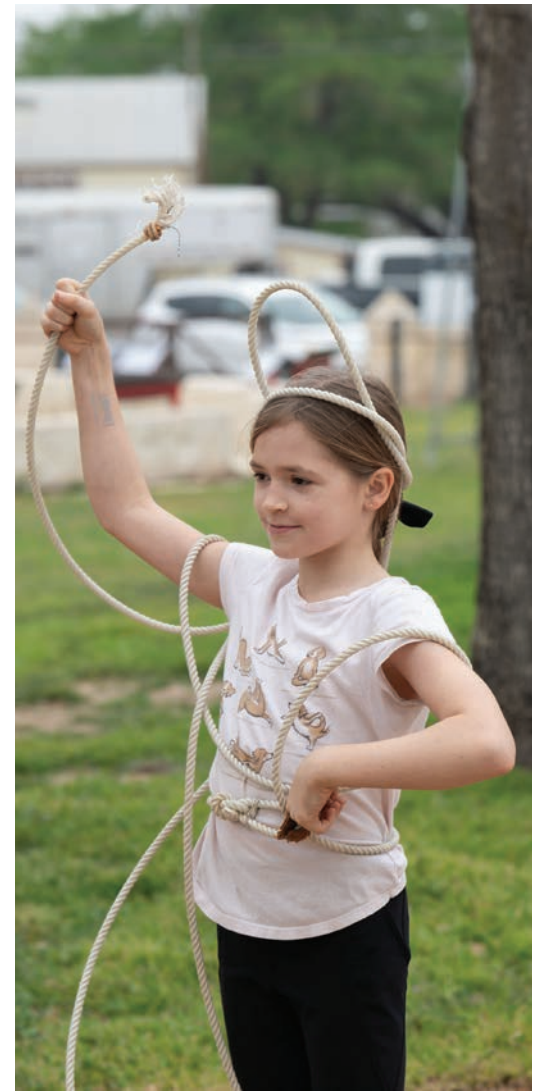
Pioneer Museum | pioneermuseum.org

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

Among the structures are a one-room schoolhouse, log cabin, Sunday house, bath house, barn and smokehouse that

showcase artifacts and architecture which help to preserve and tell the story of Fredericksburg.

Visitors also may browse through the Fredericksburg Volunteer Fire Department Museum which displays pieces of early 20th century fire-fighting equipment.



MARKTPLATZ

VEREINS KIRCHE

Vereins Kirche | pioneermuseum.com

Just two blocks away from the main grounds of Pioneer Museum stands the Vereins Kirche "Society Church." The Vereins Kirche is located in the middle of the town square, called Marktplatz. This is a replica of the first public building constructed by the pioneers in Fredericksburg in 1847.

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

FIRST WEEKEND AT THE MUSEUM

Pioneer Museum hosts First Weekend at the Museum on the first Saturday of each month titled, Come Share Our Story.

- Museum open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Vereins Kirche Museum open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Schandua House, 111 E. Austin St., with interpretive docents open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Historic Jail, 117 W. San Antonio St. with interpretive living historians open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Activities include:

- Temporary exhibit in the museum store.
- Spinner demonstration.
- Handwerker demonstration.
- Blacksmithing demonstration.
- Frontier Company interpretive living historians.
- Scavenger hunt search for Frederick Burger.
- Hands-on activities for people of all ages.
- Museum store open with a 10% off Book of the Month Friday and Saturday.

Admission

Members Free

\$12 for general admission

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\$5 for children

Children under five are free.

Learn more at pioneermuseum.org/first-weekend-at-the-museum



FRIDAY PUBLIC PROGRAMS

On the Friday before the first Saturday of each month, Pioneer Museum hosts Friday Public Program at the Historic Sanctuary at 312 W. San Antonio St. The sanctuary doors open at 3 p.m. for a meet and greet time. The free program runs 3:30-5 p.m. with a question-and-answer.

The Live Stream by FBGLive is underwritten by a grant from Hill Country Historical Foundation. The program is free and donations are welcomed.

Friday Public Programs Schedule

April 4 – Stories and Pieces: The Art of Quilting, Vereins Quilt Guild.

May 2 – Founders Day Celebration, book signing and activity with Susan Thomas, author of "My Lucky Star."

June 6 – History of Fischer & Wieser with Mark Wieser.

July 4 – Ft. Martin Scott.

Aug. 1 – Treasure of Gillespie County along the Country School Trail.





MAIN STREET

Founders Day Celebration

Pioneer Museum | pioneermuseum.org

The museum will honor John O. Meusebach and the pioneers who helped build Fredericksburg with free admission on May 2-3.

Experience the German heritage and culture in stories told by descendants of the original 120 German immigrants who helped settle the area, followed by games and activities, a petting zoo, live music, food and drinks and community fellowship.

Friday, May 2

- Museum open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Vereins Kirche Museum open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Schandua House, 111 E. Austin St., with Interpretive Docents 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Historic Jail, 117 W. San Antonio St. with interpretive living historians 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Founders Day Luncheon and Pioneer Spirit Award presentation at St. Mary's Holy Family Center.
- Public program, book signing and activity with Susan Thomas, author of "My Lucky Star," at the Historic Sanctuary from 3:30-5 p.m.
- Forgotten Gateway: Coming to America Through Galveston Island temporary exhibit at Museum store.
- Spinner, handwerker and blacksmith-

ing demonstrations.

- Frontier Company interpretive living historians.
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- Trick roper.
- Museum store – 10% off book of the month Friday and Saturday.

Saturday, May 3

- Wreath Laying Ceremony at Marktplatz 9 a.m.
- Museum open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Vereins Kirche Museum open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Schandua House, 111 E. Austin St., with Interpretive Docents 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Historic Jail, 117 W. San Antonio St. with interpretive living historians 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Der Stadt Friedhof Cemetery Tour at 11 a.m.
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ABOUT THE TEMPORARY EXHIBIT

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The exhibit is presented in partnership with Humanities Texas, the state affiliate for the National Endowment for the Humanities. It will be available to the public from May 2-30, as part of admission to the Pioneer Museum.



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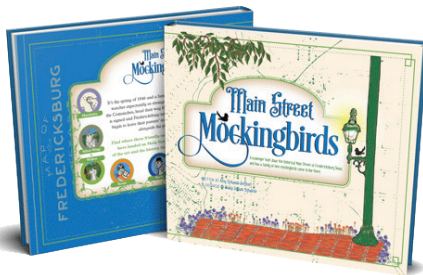
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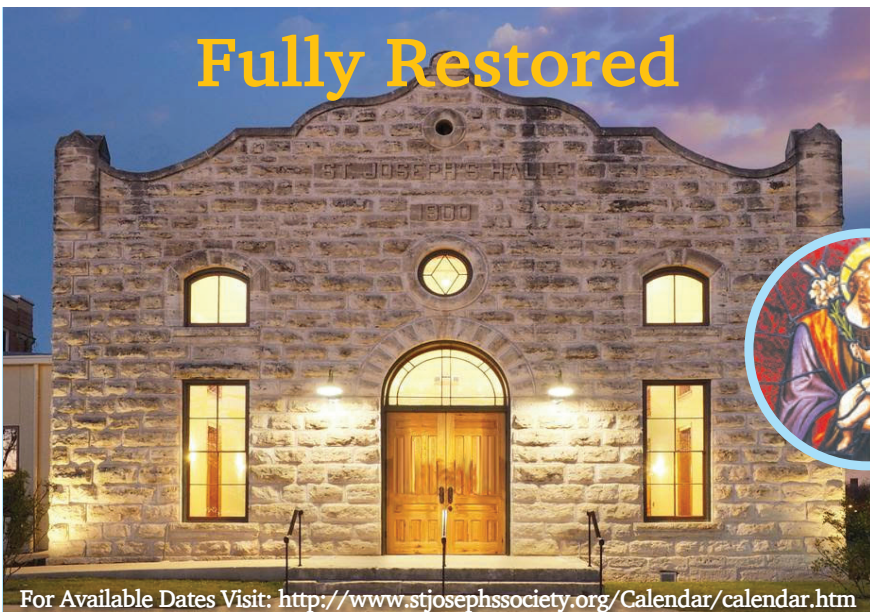


Guests in Gillespie County can find helpful local information at the Fredericksburg Convention and Visitor Bureau.

Located at 302 E. Austin St., just one block north of Main Street, visitors can learn about city and county attractions and accommodations.

The Gillespie County Economic Development Commission is also housed at the same address.

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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.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Gillespie County Economic Development Commission | gillespiecountyedc.com

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Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce | fredericksburg-texas.com

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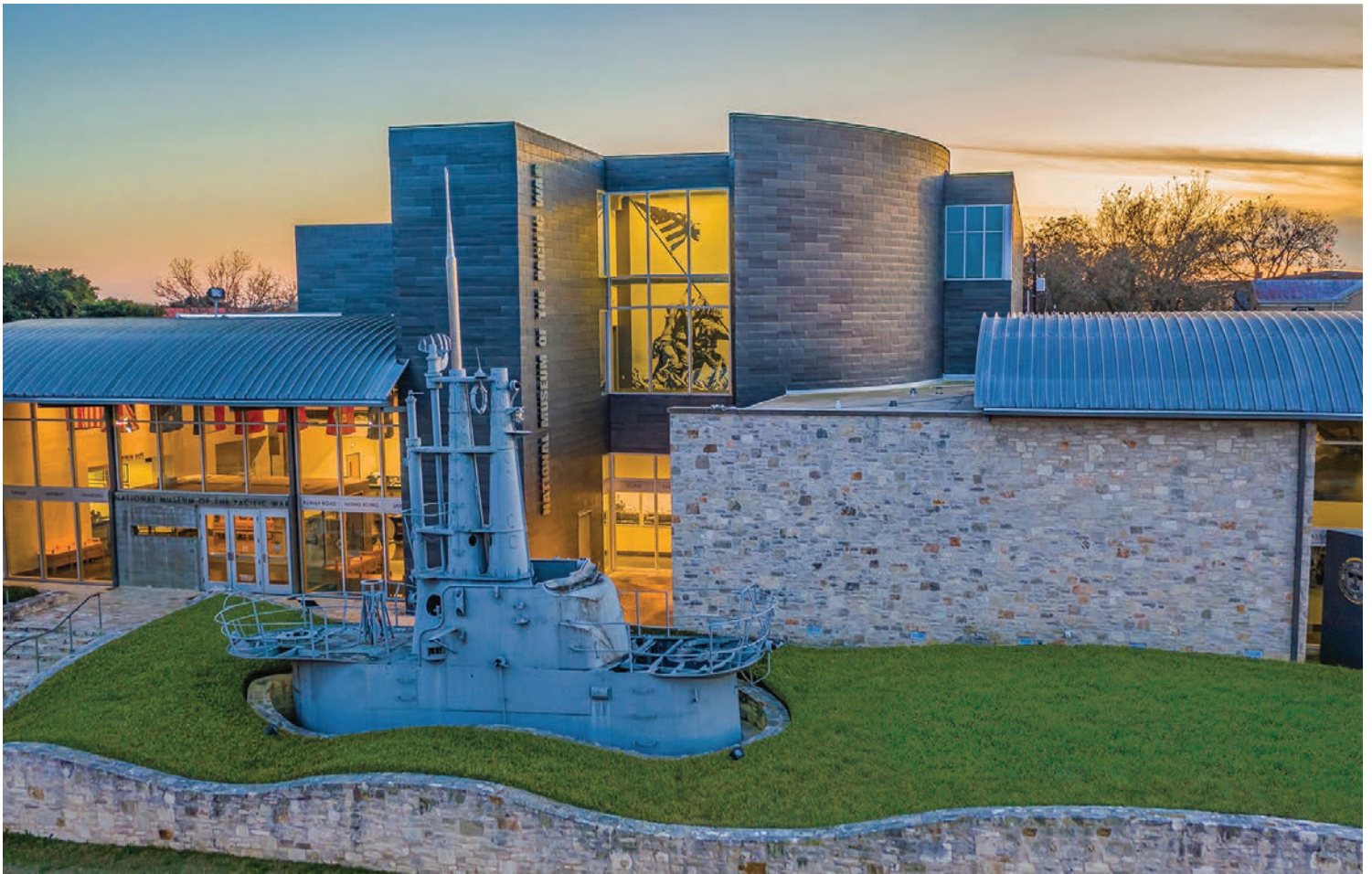
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MAIN STREET

WWII Pacific Theater in Texas

National Museum of the Pacific War | pacificwarmuseum.org

For a comprehensive and immersive experience of World War II in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, visitors can walk through the exhibits of the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg.

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

George H.W. Bush Gallery

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

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

Admiral Nimitz Gallery

Located in the historic 1890 Nimitz Steamboat Hotel, this gallery honors

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, a Fredericksburg native and the Naval Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific during WWII.

Pacific Combat Zone

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- A restored PT boat from WWII;
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Notable Exhibits

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

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

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General Information

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

Collections of large-print books and e-books are available through the library.

Youth

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

Library Book Store

The library also sells gently used books, 50 cents soft back and \$1.50 hardbacks. Proceeds from the book sales go toward the summer program and other library programs.

Friends of PML

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

These volunteers support the library through fundraising and advocacy efforts. The programs Friends hosts in-

History

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

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

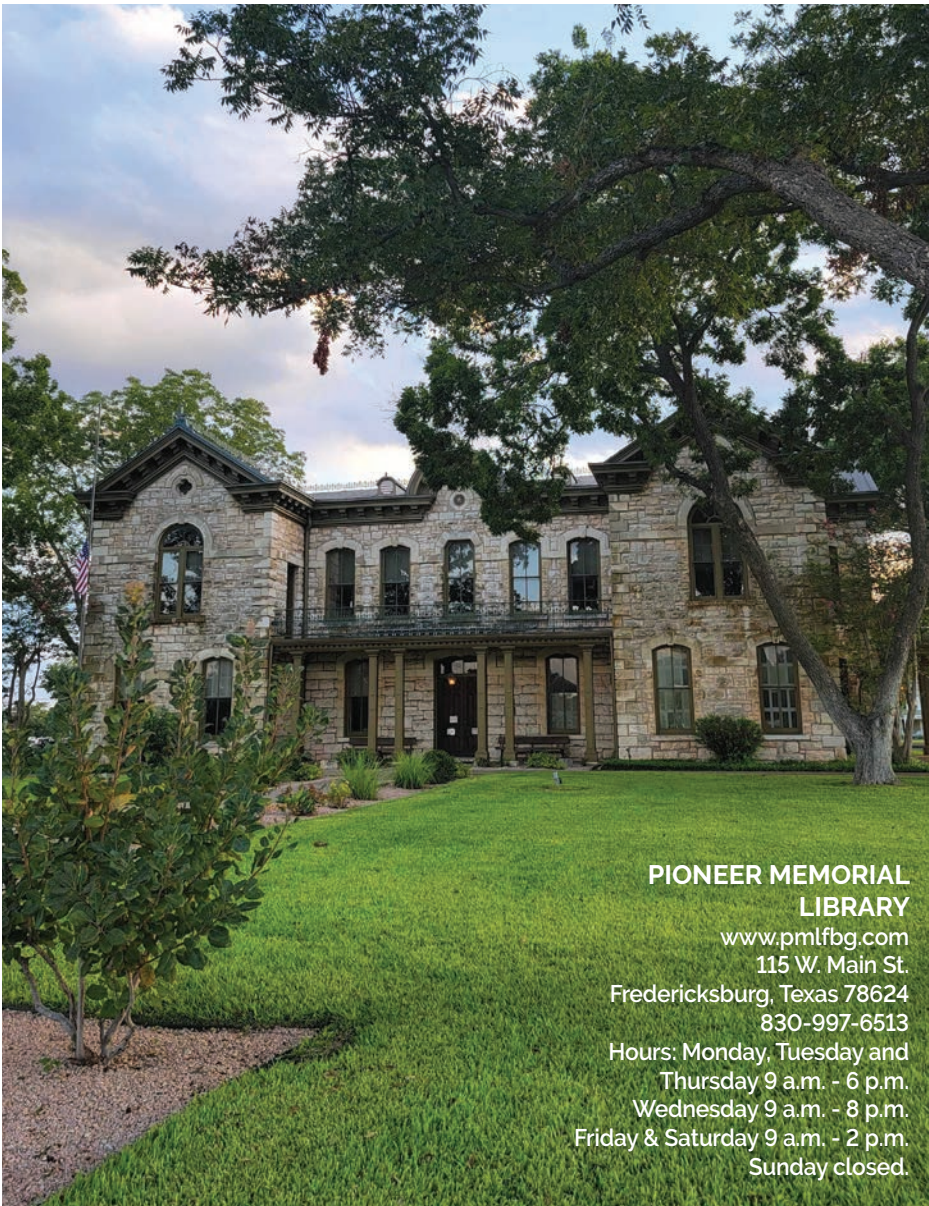
Services

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

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

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





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Other Offerings

Pioneer Memorial Library offers information about the Texas State Library's talking book program which provides free services to Texans with visual, physical or reading disabilities.

The library offers a copy machine, scanner, microfilm reader-printer and nine computers with internet access for use by the public, along with free wireless access to visitors with their own computers. Additionally, downloadable e-books, e-audiobooks and Interlibrary Loan services are provided (for a small fee).

There is also a seed bank that is housed on the card catalogues on the second

floor of the library. PML partnered with the Native Plant Society of Texas-Fredericksburg Chapter to offer patrons seeds.

Ongoing Events

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

10 a.m. Tech help
 10 a.m. Itty Bitty Read and Play
 4 p.m. Manga and graphic novel club

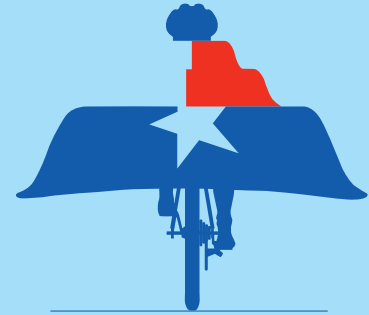
Wednesdays

10:45 a.m. Storytime
 6:30 Romance Book Club for people 18 and over (first and third Wednesday of each month)

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Fort Martin Scott | thc.texas.gov

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

The old fort got a shot in the arm, from the Texas Historical Commission in 2024, when the state agency partnered with the City of Fredericksburg to manage and maintain the 176-year-old site last year.

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

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

History

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

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

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

The camp was renamed Fort Mar-

tin Scott in December 1849 after Lt. Col. Martin Scott, who died while fighting in the Mexican American War.

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

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

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

Transformation

In 1870, John Braeutigam bought acreage that included the fort guardhouse, which became the Braeutigam family home for 90 years. He created Braeutigam Gardens that included a saloon, store, racetrack and the area's first dance hall. The first four Gillespie County fairs were held in the gardens. But the fairs and gardens ended with the robbery and murder of Braeutigam and his saloon in 1884.

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

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Old Tunnel State Park | tpwd.texas.gov

An abandoned railroad tunnel in the smallest state park in Texas provides a Hill Country home to three million bats.

This 920-foot, abandoned Fredericksburg and Northern Railway railroad tunnel was purchased by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in 1991 to protect and manage the Mexican free-tail and cave myotis bats.

These flying mammals summer in the Hill Country from May through October. The 16.1-acre Old Tunnel State Park also offers a 1.5-mile nature trail.

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

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

Permits for entry into Old Tunnel State Park and fees for the bat viewing must be purchased online. No permits are sold onsite. Entry is limited.

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

BAT FACTS

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

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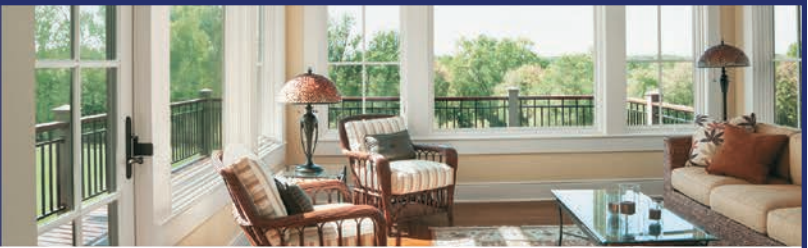
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Community specialty parks abound in the city of Fredericksburg. The city, with a population of roughly 13,000, boasts nine parks, two outdoor swimming pools, eight ball fields, six tennis courts (with four striped for pickleball), seven soccer fields, nature trails, skate park, basketball pavilion and RV campground.

LADY BIRD JOHNSON MUNICIPAL PARK

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

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

A 17-acre lake offers plenty of spots to wet a line. Motorboats, however, are prohibited, as are trotlines and swimming.

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

Amenities:

- Five outdoor pavilions
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OLD FAIR PARK

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

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

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

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.

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.

Hours are dawn to dusk, daily.



OAK CREST PARK

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

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

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

Reservations for Oak Crest 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.

FREDERICKSBURG DOG PARK AT LADY BIRD JOHNSON MUNICIPAL

The five-acre Fredericksburg Dog Park, located at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park, is a great place for both you and your furry friend to catch some sun and burn some energy.

Completed in December 2018, the dog park is located at the front of the park, with prime views of takeoffs and landings at the Gillespie County Airport.

A separated small dog area is available for dogs 25 pounds or under. Trash bins and

dog-waste bags are provided.

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

For more information, go to www.FbgDogPark.org.

LADY BIRD JOHNSON MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

The 330-acre golf course spans over 6,600 yards and offers challenges for golfers of all skill levels. The first nine holes feature up and down play.

The course offers private golf lessons and has a beautiful 1,660-square-foot banquet room that can host private events such as anniversaries, wedding rehearsals, work meetings, class reunions and family reunions.

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

Pricing:

- Rates from \$50 to \$9
- 18-hole cart rental \$28 for a solo rider/\$15 for a shared cart
- 9-hole cart rental \$9

SOCCER COMPLEX

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

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IN THE HILL COUNTRY

Back to School

Gillespie County Country Schools Trail | historicschools.org

One-room schoolhouses that educated students of the 19th and early 20th century still stand across Gillespie County, allowing locals and residents, alike, to take a glimpse into the past.

Schools Trail

The Gillespie County Country Schools Trail gives visitors and residents, alike, a chance to venture into the early days of Texas, when German settlers came to the Texas Hill Country and established country schools to educate their children.

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

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

On Jan. 23, 2006, the Gillespie County Commissioners Court established the Gillespie County Country Schools Trail. This trail links the 16 historic former rural schools with the Vereins Kirche, a replica of the first school in the county.

Friends Group

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

The Friends consists of former students as well as community residents.

Their mission statement is to preserve the past to enrich the future: to further the preservation and maintenance of historic community school buildings and improvements in Gillespie County; to support the activities of Gillespie County with respect to the preservation and maintenance of historic community school buildings and improvements in the county through assistance with fundraising and other means; to use and allow others to use such buildings and improvements for public purposes, by making such buildings and improvements available as community centers for public purposes.

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, visit the Friends of Gillespie County Country Schools online at historicschools.org.

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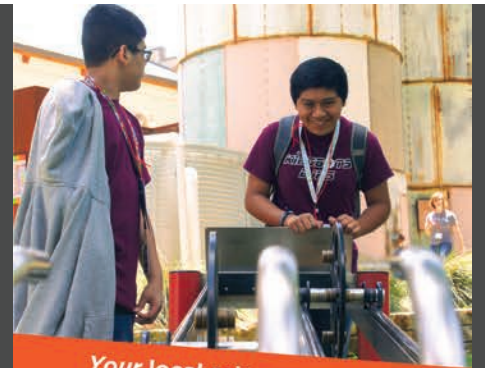
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Living History at LBJ State Park

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

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

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

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 [\[stateparks.reserveamerica.com\]\(http://stateparks.reserveamerica.com\). For updated information, visit \[tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lyndon-b-johnson\]\(http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lyndon-b-johnson\).](http://texas-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Facilities

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

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

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

Numerous shaded picnic and rest areas, some with bathroom facilities, are





available at the state park.

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.

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IN TOWN

Hike to the Cross

Cross Mountain | fbgtx.org

Cross Mountain Park received a new cross in February 2024. The old cross (not the original) was installed in the 1940s and was in poor condition.

The City of Fredericksburg, in partnership with the Nimitz Rotary Club, replaced the old cross on Feb. 28, 2024.

The new cross is lighted so it can be seen from the surrounding areas.

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

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

The park is open from dawn until dusk and there is no fee to enter.

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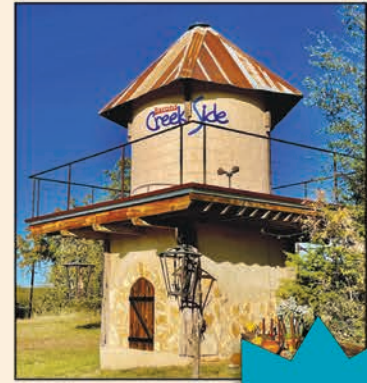
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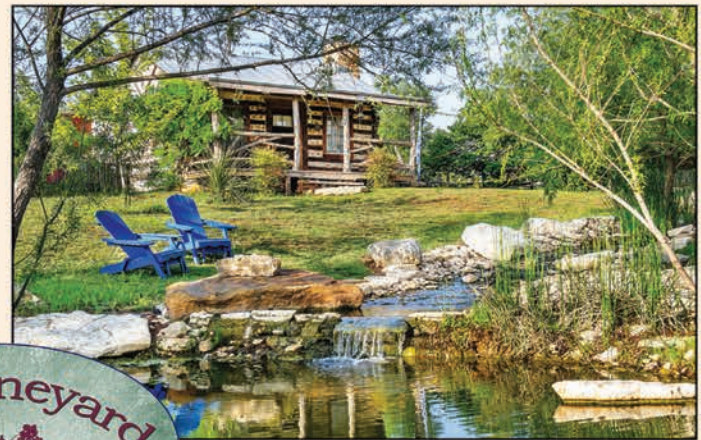


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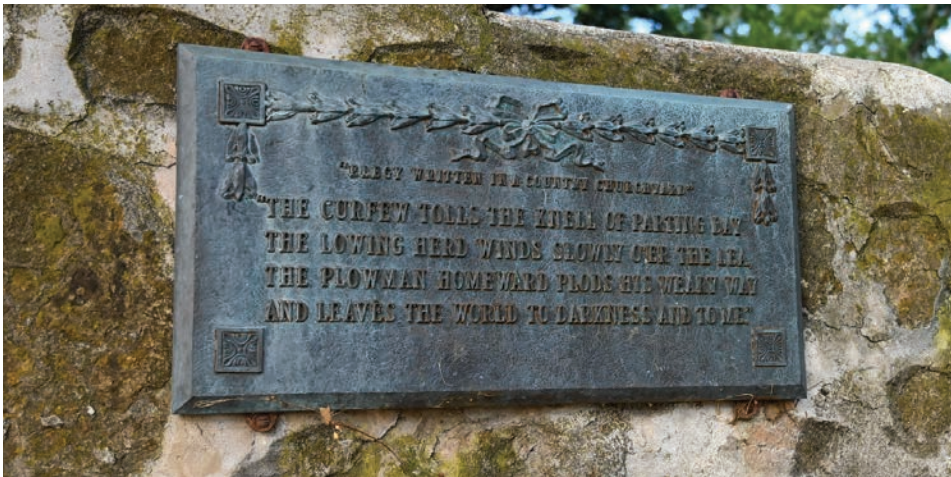
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Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park | nps.gov/lyjo

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, includ-

ing 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.

For more information, visit their website at nps.gov/lyjo.





IN THE HILL COUNTRY

Natural Magic at Enchanted Rock

Enchanted Rock State Natural Area | tpwd.texas.gov

There'll soon be a lot more "rock" to roll around in. Fredericksburg's top natural attraction, Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, will nearly triple in size after two recent adjacent land acquisitions.

ERSNA added 630+ acres to the park's south, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Foundation recently announced the purchase of a 3,000-acre ranch on the park's north side. Both promise more future hiking trails and camping opportunities.

For the uninitiated, Enchanted Rock is a granite batholith that has drawn man's attention since native tribes first roamed the area.

One of the state's most popular parks, it draws an average of 300,000 visitors each year. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has a goal of having the new parts open for hiking within 18 months.

The area has been attracting visitors for

more than 500 years and native Americans thought it "enchanted."

The geological treasure serves as a gateway to West Texas. Reaching an elevation of 1,825 feet, the granite dome has challenged hikers with its inclines. Others have enjoyed the camping grounds, the starry nights and hiking trails, including a park perimeter trail that is 4.5 miles.

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

And nature lovers will enjoy spotting more than 500 species of plants at the park, including the light blue basin bellflower found in only three Texas counties.

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



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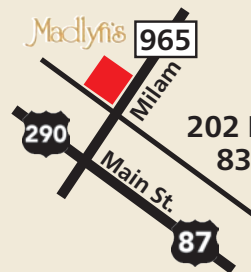
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History Locked Behind Bars

The Historic Jail | pioneermuseum.org

The Historic Jail is a glimpse back in time into Fredericksburg's history. The jail sits at 117 W. San Antonio St. and is the fourth Gillespie County Jail, built in 1885.

The county's first jail was built in 1852, six years before the founding of Fredericksburg and was located near the Fredericksburg City Hall location at 126 W. Main St.

A second jail was built in 1859 and was located behind the first Gillespie County Courthouse.

By 1870, plans were underway for yet another Gillespie County Jail. In 1874, the third Gillespie County Jail was completed, but in 1885 completely burned in a fire.

The Historic Jail was built immediately after and was completed in December 1885. It is 25 feet wide, 35 feet deep, and 20 to 22 feet high with two stories.

The ground floor has four rooms. One was used for lockup and others for the jailer. On the second floor are steel-clad cells. The jail has a heavy solid steel plate door and

another one with bars at the front entrance.

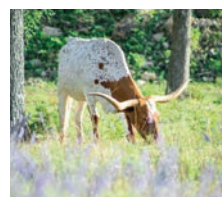
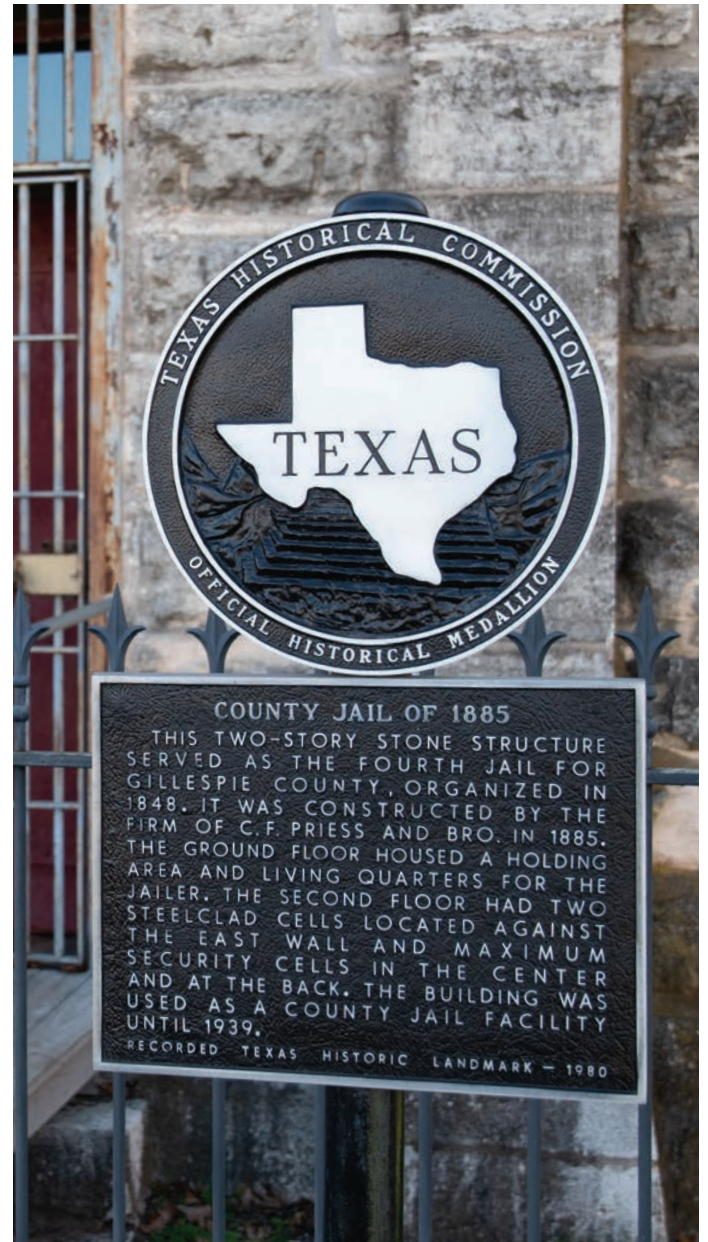
Cells in the jail include the lockup cell on the ground floor, later used for female inmates. The upstairs also includes a maximum-security cell in the back portion of the second floor.

Surrounding the jail is a five-foot stone wall, originally embedded with broken glass to discourage prisoner escape.

The last inmate of the Historic Jail was transported to the fifth Gillespie County Jail, located in the third Gillespie County Courthouse upon its completion in 1939.

Today, the Historic Jail is owned and maintained by Gillespie County under the care of the Gillespie County Commissioners Court. The Gillespie County Historical Society provides public access and interpretation of the building.

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Haunted Fredericksburg Ghost Walk | hauntedfredericksburg.com

Fredericksburg is one of the most historic cities in Texas, with its rich German traditions still prominent today.

With that history comes some souls still sticking around, and Haunted Fredericksburg Ghost Walk is there to introduce you to those souls.

Created by Derek Spence, the tour begins at 8:30 p.m. on Fridays and 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The adult price to attend the walk is \$22, and the price for kids (10 and up) and seniors is \$18. Children under 6 are free.

A tour is also available to include the Old Jail in Fredericksburg. Prices for the walk and jail tour combo are \$32 for adults and \$28 for kids over the age of 10. Group, private and corporate tours are also available.

Tours begin at the Admiral Nimitz statue at the corner of East Main and Washington streets.

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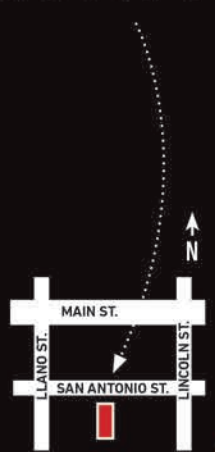
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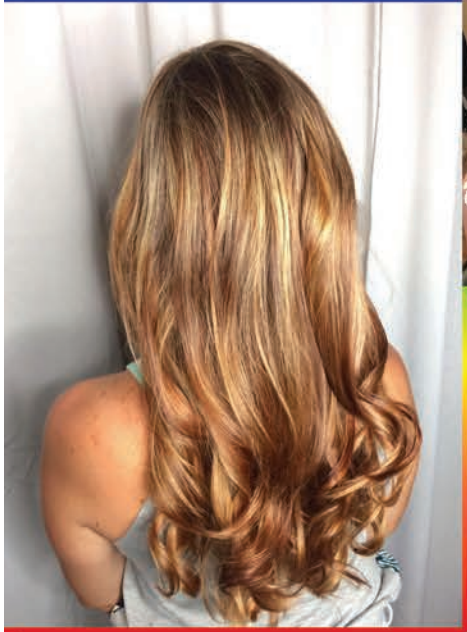
sans and producers while shopping for fresh produce.

The market celebrates agriculture and viticulture in Fredericksburg at the Adelsverein Halle at Marktplatz. The last day of spring/summer market will be Aug. 14.

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Charles Morin Fine Art

244 W. Main St.
830-307-3019
vintagetexaspaintings.com

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

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

Fredericksburg Art Guild

308 E. Austin St.
830-997-4949
fredericksburgartguild.com

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

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

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

Vaudeville Gallery

230 E. Main St.
vaudeville-living.com

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

Good Art Company

218 W. Main St.
830-997-1111
goodartcompany.com

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

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

The gallery also maintains an assortment of home décor pieces.

InSight Gallery

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

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Larry Jackson Fine Arts & Antiques

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larryjacksonantiques.com

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

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

Purple Shack Makers Gallery

7991 Ranch Road 965
830-321-7991
enchantedfredericksburg ranch.com

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

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

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





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Hill Country Indian Artifacts Show | hillcountryindianartifacts.com

Native American artifact hobbyists have two chances to collect historic collectibles at Hill Country Indian Artifacts Shows.

The shows which feature Native American artifacts from Texas and across the United States are held in January, March and October. The shows run from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Pioneer Pavilion in Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park, 432 Lady Bird Dr.

The \$5 admission fee allows visitors

to view as many as 70 tables from collectors displaying arrowheads, pottery, Trade Era beads, jewelry, etching, rocks, fossils, artifact cases and books.

Free admission will also be provided for Gillespie County law enforcement officers.

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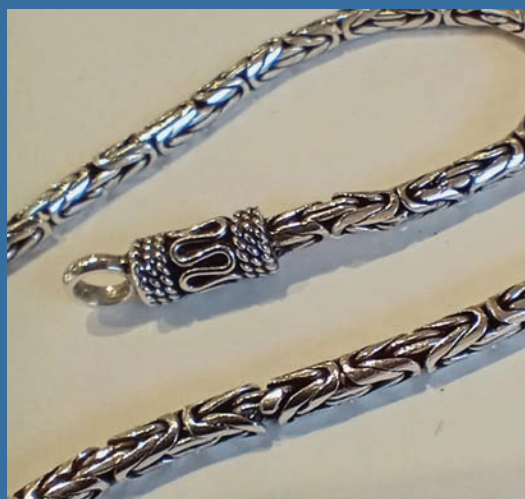
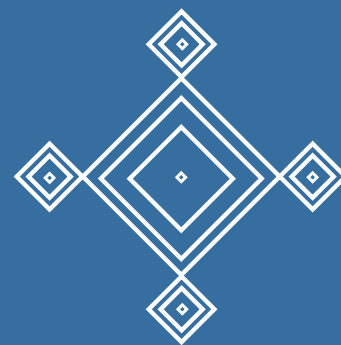
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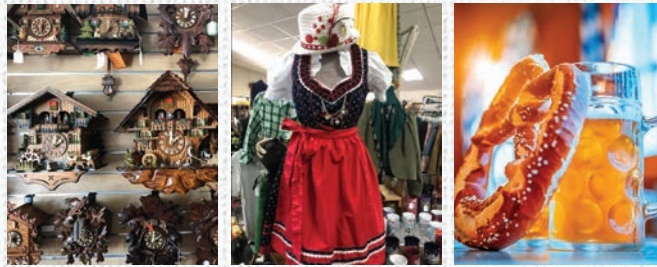


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Hill Country Swap Meet

Want to spend a day in the most unique setting around? Plan to attend the 2025 Hill Country Swap Meet — THE event for gear-heads and grease monkeys.

This year's event is set for July 25-27 at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park. Visitors can wind between booths which stretch almost as far as the eye can see and hawk everything from car parts to antique signs to mid-century ephemera.

The meet boasts 900 spaces of vendors offering the most unique items in automotive history.

For more information, visit earhartproductions.com/hill-country-swap-meet.

Bluebonnet Tractor & Engine Club

Each year, the club hosts an annual tractor ride on area rural routes. A line of tractors heading down a winding country lane is a site to behold. The club is made of members who love to preserve and restore antique machinery, as well as the agricultural way of life.

This year's ride is set for April 14. Learn more at rustyiron.org.

Antique Machinery Show

And if rust and horsepower are what moves you, plan to attend this spring's Antique Machinery Show at the Gillespie County Fair Grounds, 530 Fair Drive, on May 17.

The all-day show features antique machinery that shows how things were done in the old days, including working exhibits of wheat threshing, wood planing, corn shelling and other operations. Tractor exhibitors also will show off their rides at the site.

See a full schedule of events for Fair Grounds activities at gillespiefair.com.



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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 days, 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 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 thanks 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.

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Fredericksburg Music Club | fredericksbουργmusicclub.com

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The club will close out its 88th season in May.

All concerts are held the third Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church.

Albert and Gage, 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

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The Moanin' Frogs, May 18

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About FMC

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. For more information visit: fredericksbουργmusicclub.com.



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Cyclists Take to the Back Roads

Texas Hell Week | raamchallenge.com

Cyclists drive long distances to ride long distances during Texas Hell Week. From March 24-April 1, cyclists will take to the backroads of Gillespie County during the annual gathering that culminates with two race events.

Texas Hell Week has been an early season tradition since 1991 for cyclists. The Texas Hill Country offers some of the best spring riding in America. From mid-March to mid-April, the wildflowers are in bloom, making for a memorable riding experience.

Three daily rides are offered throughout Texas Hell Week, a 30-50-mile ride, a 50-80-mile ride and a 60-100-mile ride. Each ride is different. Participants can ride as much as they want.

The week will conclude with two races, the Stampede 200 and the Longhorn 500, which is a RAAM (Race Across America) Qualifier. RAAM is a coast-to-coast 3,000-mile bicycle race that begins in June in Oceanside, California and finishes in Atlantic City, New

Jersey.

Evenings also feature a series of instructional seminars on coaching, nutrition and crew.

History

The event originated when Nick Gerlich, an avid cyclist and associate professor at West Texas A&M University, convinced a few friends to meet in San Marcos for some early season warm weather riding, with hopes of getting into shape for the riding season.

They dubbed the informal gathering 'Texas Hell Week.' With increasing traffic in the Austin area, Gerlich moved the event to Fredericksburg in 1994. Texas Hell Week has seen steady growth and now attracts more than 300 riders from across the nation.

Texas Hell Week took a two-year-hiatus after 2017 after which Fred and Rick Boethling acquired the event, combining Texas Hell Week with their Texas RAAM Challenge.



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IN TOWN

Live from Fredericksburg

Fredericksburg Theater Company | fbgtc.org

For more than 20 years, the Fredericksburg Theater Company (FTC) has been entertained audiences with musicals, comedies and dramas, in addition to special events throughout the year.

FTC will close out its 28th season in May, followed by the start of Season 29 in June, both with performances at the Steve W. Shepherd Theater, 1668 U.S. 87 South.

The shows for season 29 include *Shrek the Musical*, *Willy Wonka Kids* and *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*.

"FTC's Season 29 has something for everyone: contemporary shows, classic musicals, hilarious comedies and heart-

felt stories," said Artistic director Courtney LeFan.

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 the fredericksburgtheater.org.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday

through Friday. Tickets may also be purchased online at the 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.

Godspell Jr., April 5-6

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 come vibrantly to life.

Dear Jack, Dear Louise, May 2-11

U.S. Army Captain Jack Ludwig, a military doctor stationed in Oregon, begins writing to Louise Rabiner, an aspiring actress and dancer in New York City, hoping to meet her someday if the war will allow. But as the war continues, it threatens to end their relationship before it even starts. Tony Award-winning playwright Ken Ludwig tells the joyous, heartwarming story of his parents' courtship during World War II and the results are anything but expected.

SEASON 29

Shrek the Musical, June 13-29

Shrek brings all the beloved characters you know from the film to life on stage, proving there's more to the story than meets the ears.

Willy Wonka Kids, July 25-27

The delicious adventures of Charlie Bucket on his visit to Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory will light up the stage in this adaptation of Roald Dahl's fantastic tale.

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940, Oct. 10-26

A fun twist on the classic murder mystery with a side of humor. A creative team responsible for a recent Broadway flop meet with a wealthy backer, before the mysterious "Stage Door Slasher" wreaks havoc.



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MARKTPLATZ

Spring Blooms Bring Fun Runs

Wildflower 5K and 10K | createhealthy.org

Runners have been lacing up their running shoes for 31 years to participate in the Fredericksburg Wildflower 5K and 10K Run and Walk in the heart of the scenic Hill Country. The event held on Saturday, April 26 features both a 5K and 10K timed run, plus a non-timed 5K walk.

Festivities kick off with a stretch and pre-warm up led and sponsored by fitness professionals from the Wellness Center at 8 a.m. on the start line.

The 5K and 10K timed runs start at 8:30 a.m., followed by the 5K non-timed walk at 8:35 a.m. Chip timing is provided by Athlete Guild, and all who register by April 19 receive an official race T-shirt.

Pre-registration is \$35 for participants

if completed by April 19, while registration from April 20 to April 25 will be \$40. Children ages 5 to 12 who participate in any event will be entered in a drawing for prizes. Day-of registration is available from 7-8 a.m.

Packet pickup is scheduled at the Create Healthy Wellness Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on April 25- 26, or from 7-8 a.m. on race day at the Adelsverein Halle.

Upon crossing the finish line, participants will continue toward the exit to pick up a water bottle. Awards will be presented at 10 a.m. for the top three male and female finishers in both event timed runs under the big pavilion.

For more information visit the Athlete Guild website.



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MARKTPLATZ

Music at Marktplatz

PCAA Musical Evenings | oktoberfestinfbg.com

Six concerts are scheduled during the spring and summer months as part of the 2025 Marktplatz Pedernales Creative Arts Alliance (PCAA) Musical Evenings Series.

There is no admission charge to the concerts, which are held at the Adelsverein Halle on Marktplatz.

Each concert will go from 6:30-8:15 p.m.

Everyone is invited to bring their lawn chairs, picnics, family and friends.

April 27: Fredericksburg High School Jazz Ensemble.

May 18: 3 Chord Rodeo (Country and Western).

June 22: Georgia Parker (Texas Swing).

A repertoire that includes jazz, country, big band, western swing and variety dance will be performed at the concerts.

These PCAA concerts are funded by proceeds from Oktoberfest as a way of thanking the community for their support and for those who volunteer at Oktoberfest.

More information about the 2025 Marktplatz PCAA Musical Evenings Series is available by calling 830-997-4810.

July 20: Nash Fernandez (Big Band variety).

Aug. 24: Jeff Hughes and Chaparral (Americana Country)

Sept. 14: Sister Golden Hair (60's and 70's favorites).



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Peachy Keen at the JAMBoree

Stonewall Peach JAMBoree | stonewalltexas.com

Every summer, the small community of Stonewall fires up the rodeo arena lights and the live music to celebrate its annual Peach JAMBoree.

This year, the 64th annual Stonewall Peach JAMBoree will take place Thursday through Saturday, June 19-21.

The Stonewall Chamber of Commerce organizes the event at its grounds at 250 Peach Street in Stonewall. The JAMBoree features two days of music, rodeo performances, a parade, contests, peach show and auction, queen's contest, children's activities and more.

Guests can get a sneak-peek of the weekend to come Thursday, June 19, with a slack rodeo and music by the Scott Croft Band.

Gates open at 6 p.m. and food, beer and wine will be available for purchase.

Activities continue on Friday and Saturday, June 20-21 with the Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) rodeo to take place both nights.

Entries for the baking, preserves and salsa contests will be accepted from 8:30-10 a.m. on Saturday. There is no entry fee.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, and barbecue by the pound will go on sale at St. Francis Xavier Catholic

Church following the parade.

A variety of foods from local vendors will also be available on the JAMBoree grounds, including peach ice cream and peach cobbler.

Afternoon activities include the Peach Patch area for kids, 42 dominoes tournament, goat roping, washer pitching tournament, peach show and auction, peach eating and pit spitting contest, mutton busting and more.

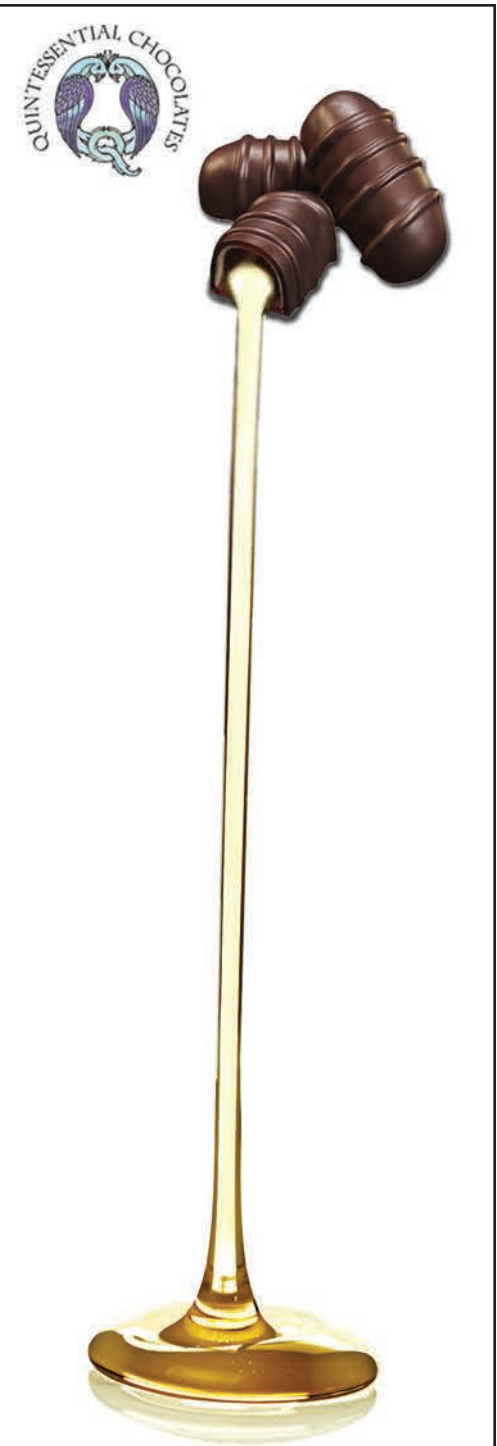
Girls competing for the title of Stonewall Peach Queen will take part in a pageant at 3 p.m.

The new queen will be crowned in a 7:30 p.m. ceremony just prior to the start of the 8 p.m. rodeo performance. Another live music performance will take place following the Saturday rodeo.

There will be mutton busting both nights beginning at 6:45 p.m., and during the rodeo.

Admission includes the rodeo and live music each night. Food, beer and wine will be for sale.

More information on the Peach JAMBoree as well as other activities in Stonewall is available online at www.stonewalltexas.com or by contacting the Stonewall Chamber of Commerce at 830-644-2735.



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IN TOWN

Off to the Races

Pari-Mutuel Horse Racing | gillespiefair.com

The Gillespie County Fair Grounds horse racetrack will host four big weekends of live horse racing throughout the summer of 2025.

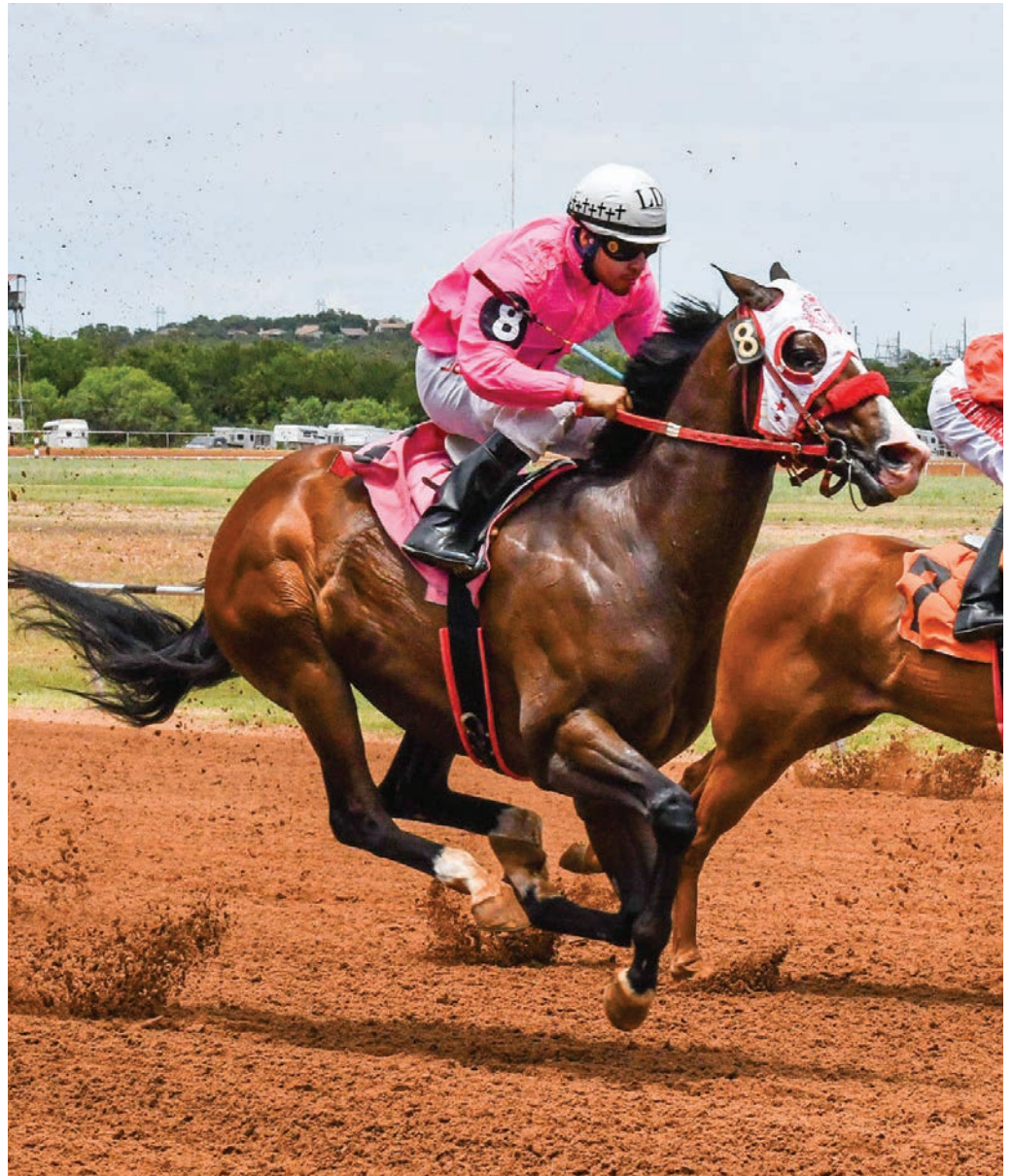
Race dates, rain or shine, are scheduled for July 5-6, July 19-20, Aug. 9-10 and Aug. 23-24.

Admission is \$10 per person, \$5 for children 6-12, and free for children 5 and under for the first three race dates.

The final race date on Aug. 23-24 is \$20 for general admission, \$5 for children 6-12, and free for children 5 and under.

Attendees can place bets on the horse they are pulling for and cheer them on as they race to the finish line. The track features two levels of seating, concessions and ground level access to the track.

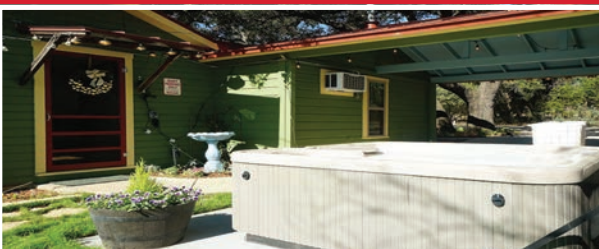
The grounds also offer the Race Barn, a restaurant viewing area that features 30 TV screens with races from the nation's top tracks year-round. Bet and cheer on races from around the country, all while enjoying a full bar and casual dining. The Race Barn is located on Texas 16 South at the entrance to the fair grounds.



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Gillespie County and the City of Fredericksburg will host a weekend of Independence with free parades and a fireworks show as well as pari-mutuel horse racing.

For three days, residents will commemorate events in 1776 when the Second Continental Congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence, declaring the colonies' independence from Britain.

Friday, July 4

- 8:30 a.m. – Kiddie Parade at Marktplatz
- 10 a.m. – Parade up and down Main Street
- 9:30 p.m. – Fireworks display at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park (inclement weather date July 12)

Saturday, July 5

- 2 p.m. – Pari-mutuel horse racing

Sunday, July 6

- 2 p.m. – Pari-mutuel horse racing

Kiddie Parade details

Kickoff will be at 8:30 a.m. Fredericksburg's VFW Post 7105 will award prizes for Best Dressed, Most Patriotic, Most American Pet, Best Decorated Bicycle, Youngest Female and Male and more.

Parade

The annual Fourth of July Parade will take place on Fredericksburg's historic Main Street at 10 a.m.

Fireworks

The day culminates with the Fourth of July fireworks. The 15-minute display will begin at 9:30 p.m. at Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park. (The inclement weather date is July 12.)

Horse racing

On Saturday and Sunday, July 5-6, the Gillespie County Fair Grounds will feature pari-mutuel horse racing. General admission is \$10 per person, children (6-12) are \$5 and 5 and under are free.

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IN THE HILL COUNTRY

Shooting their Shots

Gillespie County Schuetzenfest

Gillespie County's German tradition lives on with the 129th Gillespie County Schuetzenfest, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 2-3, at a site yet to be finalized.

The Schuetzenfest (shooting festival) is a traditional competitive shoot that was brought to the United States by German immigrants. The guns used in these shoots today are used only for target shooting. The targets are placed 200 yards away from shooting stands. The sights for all guns are open-sight and rules regarding safety, targets and ammunition are strictly adhered to and monitored by Bund (club) committees.

The Schuetzenfest is the second-oldest community event in the county (bested only by the Gillespie County Fair) and attracts marksmen from all over with their long-barreled rimfire and centerfire rifles.

Gillespie County's five shooting clubs take turns hosting the annual Schuetzenfest at one of three shooting ranges around Fredericksburg.

All ages of male and female shooters who like to demonstrate their abilities in the sport show up to participate in the annual event in hopes of winning one of the two kings' crowns awarded to the top overall shooters in .22 rimfire and centerfire competitions.

Other shoots

The Benefit Shoot is rotated between the three clubs who have shooting ranges, namely Bear Creek, Tivydale and Grapetown. The funds from those shoots go toward the maintenance of the ranges.

This year's benefit shoot will be held April 27. Prizes are awarded and top shooters are recognized for rimfire and centerfire categories.

There is usually barbecue and/or hamburgers available for shooters and

visitors to have lunch. Beer, soft drinks and water are available as per Texas state law.

The Schuetzenbund oversees the Vorfest, set for July 20, and the two-day Schuetzenfest in August. The host club sets which of the three ranges they have selected to use. There is usually barbecue or hamburgers available for shooters to have lunch. Beer, soft drinks and water are available as per Texas state law on shooting days.

The Vorfest is a one-day event held two weeks prior to the Bundes Schuetzenfest, so shooters have the opportunity to shoot at the range where the Schuetzenfest will be held. Prizes are awarded to participants of a six-shot prize shoot and top honors are recognized for individuals in the rimfire and centerfire categories.

The Bundes Schuetzenfest is a two-day event which includes the parade of clubs and posting of team flags and the American flag while a live band plays on Saturday morning. Shooters participate in individual prize shooting of 10 shots (five on Saturday and five on Sunday) and pre-selected members from each club in both rimfire and centerfire have their individual scores tallied for team honors.

At the conclusion of the two-day event, there is a parade (while live music is played) of shooters led by the new Schuetzenkoenig/Schuetzenkoenigen (shooting king/queen) followed by previous Koenigs and members of clubs in order of centerfire team scores.

The winners of the Rimfire Individual, Rimfire Teams, Centerfire Individual and Centerfire Teams are recognized and "Lebe Hoch" traditions are conducted.

There are recognitions of Living Hall of Fame and Deceased Hall of Fame honorees and additional recognitions.



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With the exception of the parade, all activities take place at the Gillespie County Fair Grounds, located two miles from downtown Fredericksburg off Texas 16 South.

The site includes a 5/8-mile racetrack, grandstand, biergarten, exhibition hall, livestock barn, food court, restroom facilities, an outdoor dance pavilion and ample parking.

Fair schedule of events

Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 2-3

Race Day Classic Steer Show by the Texas Junior Livestock Association.

Thursday, Aug. 21

5 p.m. – gates open with free admission to the grounds. There is a charge for the carnival and midway.
7 p.m. – Concert and dance.

Friday, Aug. 22

All day – Show Barn, livestock judging.

All day – Exhibition Hall open for viewing of agricultural and home products displays, educational exhibits and more.

10 a.m. – Gillespie County Fair Parade on Main Street.

1 p.m. – gates open to fair grounds.

7 p.m. – Crowning of the 2025 Gillespie County Fair Queen and her court.

7 p.m. – Concert and dance.

Saturday, Aug. 23

All day – Show Barn, livestock judging.

All day – Exhibition Hall open for viewing of agricultural and home products displays, educational exhibits and more.

2 p.m. – Live pari-mutuel horse racing.

Gates open at noon.

7 p.m. – Concert and dance.

Sunday, Aug. 24

All day – Exhibition Hall open for viewing of agricultural and home products displays, educational exhibits and more.

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IN THE HILL COUNTRY

Spirit of the Wild West

Harper Frontier Days | harpercommunitypark.org

The 61st annual Harper Frontier Days and Rodeo will be at the Harper Community Park on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 26-27.

Frontier Days is a celebration of the old days of this western Gillespie County community.

The traditional small-town show-down kicks off at 6 p.m. Friday with the county-wide team roping competition.

On Saturday, families can participate in a variety of activities starting at 1 p.m. such as a washer toss tournament, a kids' fishing event, live music and a "42" dominoes tournament.

A barbecue meal is set for 6 p.m. in the park, followed by a rodeo at 8 p.m., produced by the Lester Meier Rodeo Company. Visitors can get to boot scootin' at a dance after the rodeo.

The Harper Community Park is at the east corner of U.S. Highway 290 and North Park Street in Harper.

Tickets are \$15 per adult for the rodeo and dance and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Admission is free for children under 6. Barbecue plates are \$15 each.

For more information, visit the park's website at harpercommunitypark.org.



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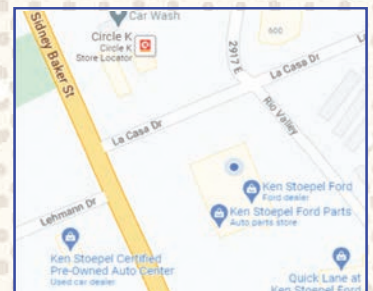


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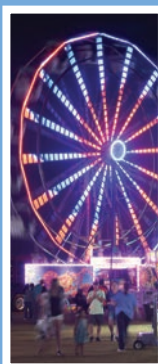
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January 18.....	Grandstand Sale
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March 6.....	Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce Banquet
April 4-6.....	Texas Vintage Motorcycle Fandango*
April 19.....	Monster Truck Wars*
May 17.....	Antique Tractor & 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.....	GCCFA Meat Goat Futurity & GCCFA 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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