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From the Chamber Director

ON BEHALF OF the Burnet Chamber of Commerce, I would like to welcome you to our town and to the 41st Annual Bluebonnet Festival. Since 1983, the Burnet Bluebonnet Festival has been bringing great music, great shopping and great times to locals and visitors from around the state. Now, with vendors lining our historic downtown Square and Jackson Street, two stages full of live music and activities from parades to a carnival, the festival has grown into one of the most popular in Texas. Our 2024 Bluebonnet Festival promises to be one of the busiest yet with activities and events that will interest every member of the family.

I am extremely proud to serve as the Executive Director of this Chamber of Commerce because I personally believe that Burnet is one of the greatest towns in Texas to live, work and play. We're blessed to live in the Hill Country where in our own backyard are beautiful lakes, amazing state parks, world class golf courses and award winning wineries. Our community continues to experience a healthy economy with strong population and job growth and one of the state's lowest unemployment rates. Our excellent schools and small town feel, also play a part...but it's the citizens of Burnet that truly make this town special.

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to our

Board of Directors, for the many volunteer hours they give to our community through the Chamber of Commerce and to our dedicated and talented staff for their commitment and support that is second to none. I can't say thank you enough to our amazing volunteers, and especially our Festival Committee. Your time, skills and expertise have been essential in making the Festival what it is today and we appreciate you more than we can say! It is such a privilege for me to have the opportunity to work with each of you as together we serve this outstanding community.

And to our Sponsors - this weekend would not be possible without you! Our sponsors provide the support and financial resources to bring this great Festival to our community year after year. I would encourage you to give these companies your support in return.

Finally, thank YOU for coming to help us celebrate the Bluebonnet Festival this spring in the "Bluebonnet Capital of Texas". We're so happy you're here and are confident that you'll find many reasons to come back again and again!

Allison McKee
Executive Director





Katy Randall
Chamber President

From the Chamber President

ON BEHALF of the Burnet Chamber of Commerce, I would like to welcome you to the 41st annual Bluebonnet Festival. It is our hope that each of you can take in Burnet's small town character and big time hospitality!

Always taking place the second weekend of April, the Bluebonnet Festival draws more than 30,000 people and has become one of Burnet's finest traditions as well as one of the premier festivals in the great state of Texas. From the pet parade to the nightly concerts you can expect a weekend you will cherish for a lifetime. No matter your age, there is something for everyone. A big thank you to everyone

who makes this festival possible--our Event Sponsors, volunteers, vendors, Chamber Directors and staff, and the Bluebonnet Festival Committee. Without each of you, this festival would not continue to thrive.

We are proud to share everything Burnet has to offer and hope you make a return trip soon!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katy Randall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Katy Randall
Chamber President



Roger Moore
Announcer

"Voice of the Bulldogs" Announces Bluebonnet Festival

Roger Moore is no stranger to a microphone! A fixture at Burnet Bulldog sporting events & activities, locals will recognize his voice as the "Voice of the Bulldogs".

A longtime resident of Burnet, Roger was a teacher and coach at Burnet High School for 11 years and has served

as the Boys Camp Director at Camp Longhorn Inks Lake for over a decade. He has been involved with numerous events and committees. Volunteering and giving back to the community means a great deal to him.



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The Burnet Chamber is a viable

force in seeking solutions to the area's economic and social challenges. The Chamber represents and promotes the area's economy and encourages business and industrial investments, which helps broaden the tax base and jobs for residents. The Chamber is also involved in other areas of the community such as education, human relations,

environmental issues, governmental concerns and cultural opportunities.

The Burnet Chamber of Commerce is the information agency for the area for both residents and visitors. The Chamber represents the community's "front door" to business prospects, visitors and newcomers.

A Blue Ribbon Festival

One of the most exciting & successful small-town festivals in Texas.

BURNET IS DEEP IN the Texas Hill Country, in the Highland Lakes region. The city is easily accessible from all directions, located at the intersection of Highways 281 and 29. Surrounded by sparkling lakes and rugged hills, it's a scenic drive from all directions. But there is a special magic to the Hill Country when bluebonnets carpet the roadside, hills and pastures in blue to the height of the wildflower season.

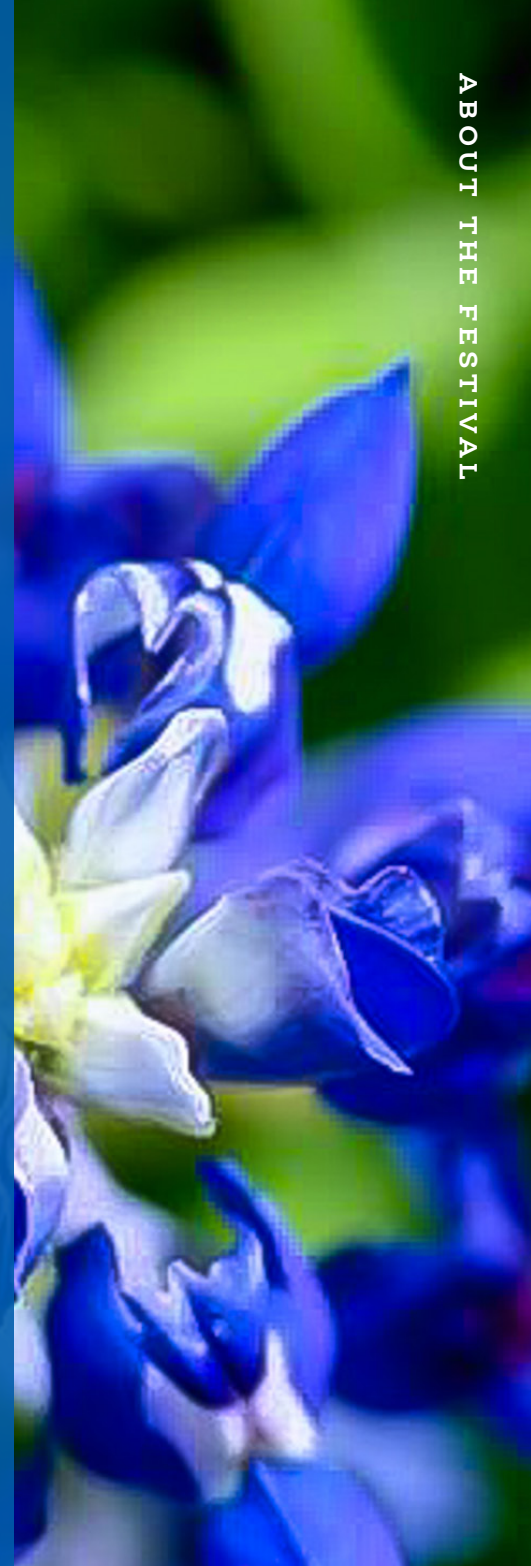
Burnet is considered one of the best places in Texas for viewing wildflowers. The town officially gained recognition to the well-known fact in 1981, when the Texas State Legislature officially designated Burnet the "Bluebonnet Capital of Texas".

Community leaders decided to make the most of both the beautiful wildflowers and the recent state designation and created the Bluebonnet Festival. Through the hard work of festival founders Pat Riddell and Cary

Johnson, along with the Chamber Board and dozens of volunteers from the community, the first Bluebonnet Festival held in 1983 was a huge success.

The annual Bluebonnet Festival has grown into one of the most exciting and successful small-town festivals in Texas. Always taking place the second weekend in April, the event draws crowds topping 30,000 each year. Each year, activities are added to keep the annual event exciting for first time visitors as well as repeat festival fans.

From its humble beginning to now, the Burnet Bluebonnet Festival is an annual tradition both residents and visitors alike enjoy each spring. Once you've attended your first festival, you'll be hooked. Go ahead and mark your calendar for the second weekend in April. You'll want to come back year after year.



2024 Burnet Bluebonnet Festival Executive Committee

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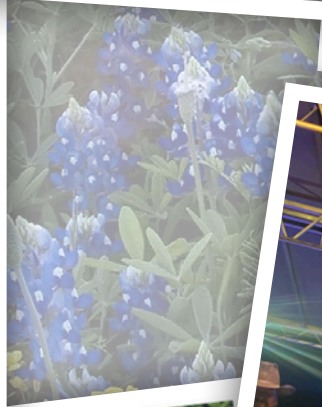
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Through the years...





Greetings from the Mayor of Burnet, Texas



Gary J. Wideman
Mayor of Burnet

HOWDY, AND WELCOME TO THE 41ST ANNUAL BLUEBONNET FESTIVAL

presented by the Burnet Chamber of Commerce. On behalf the Burnet City Council, City Staff, local businesses and 7,000+ great residents, we're happy you chose to spend some time with us! We are dedicated to the enjoyment of your

visit, and to the full delight of what our town and surrounding areas have to offer. Whether this is your first festival or the 41st in a row, I guarantee you're in for a weekend full of fun activities and gorgeous Hill Country scenery unlike any you've ever seen!

The Bluebonnet Festival, which takes place the second weekend in April, delivers a great time for all ages in a very family friendly atmosphere. Established in 1983, our festival attracts more than 30,000+ new and returning visitors each year. Folks come back year after year to listen to some very talented local and area musicians, eat some great food, and to pick out a few unique items offered by the more than 200 Hill Country area vendors. Also be sure to check out the list of events posted around the square. I guarantee there is some-

thing for everyone to enjoy and maybe something you've never seen before!

So please join me as we celebrate the Hill Country's "bluebonnet season" and the 41st anniversary of one of the most exciting and successful small town festivals in Texas! As I've said many times, no matter the current weather, "It's another beautiful day in sunny Burnet, Texas!" We're glad you're here to share it with us and we invite you to return often!

With warmest regards,

Gary J. Wideman

Mayor of Burnet, Texas



Bluebonnet Festival Co-Chair - Suzanne Brown

Suzanne Brown, a 23 year resident of Burnet, has served on the Bluebonnet Festival Executive Committee for twelve years, including two years as Chair and eight years as Co-Chair. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and a former meeting and

event planner. Suzanne loves living in Burnet and enjoys being involved in her community. In addition to Bluebonnet Festival, she serves as a member of the BCISD Board of Trustees. Suzanne and her husband, Trey, are the proud parents of their son, Hayden.



Bluebonnet Festival Co-Chair - Angela Moore

Angela Moore, is a 31 year resident of Burnet. She has served 13 years on the Bluebonnet Festival Committee. This is her eighth to be co-chair. She is a retired BCISD teacher. Angela now serves on the BCISD Board of

Trustees. She enjoys spending time with her family and giving back to the community. Angela and her husband, Roger have 3 children and 2 wonderful grandchildren.



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Events to Remember

Welcome to the 41st Annual Bluebonnet Festival!

THE WEEKEND IS FULL of activities sure to please all ages. There's something for everyone. Live music, carnival food, races of all kinds, and lots and lots of shopping. You're sure to find an activity or two everyone can enjoy.

Hosting the many festival activities for 30,000+ visitors takes many months

of careful planning and preparation. Special thanks to all the committees and volunteers that have been working for months to make this festival fun for visitors. For a complete schedule of events and event times see page 29. For a map of the festival, see page 32-33.

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Luedecke Photography Pet Parade

Possibly the most exciting event is the Pet Parade! There is no age limit on pets or their owners and many entrants make it a family affair. There is no entry fee for the parade and prizes will be given away for a variety of categories.

Pre-registration forms can be obtained

at the Burnet Chamber of Commerce at 101 N. Pierce St. or bluebonnetfestival.org. Registration starts at 5:00 p.m. at Herman Brown Free Library. The parade immediately follows the opening ceremonies, at approximately 5:45 p.m., and goes around the historic square.

Food Court

Got the munchies? Need to "refuel" so you can keep shopping or chasing kids around the carnival? More than 20 food vendors will be on hand in this year's Food Court, located east of the square. Featuring a melting pot of cuisine, from kettle corn to turkey legs, and donuts to Cajun, the Food

Court offers a wide variety of popular options to satisfy whatever taste you're craving. Whether you're in need of a meal or quick snack on the go, it's where you'll find the ultimate fast food. The food court is open Friday 3pm-8pm, Saturday 9am-10pm, and Sunday 11am-4pm.





Arts & Crafts Vendors

Shop till you drop at the more than 300 arts and crafts vendors throughout downtown Burnet. A wide variety of items are available such as jewelry, custom artwork, t-shirts, candles, clothing, bows, metal art,

handbags, toys... you never know what treasures you will find. Booths will be open Friday 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. On Saturday, booths are open from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sunday, booths are open from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Katrina's Cocoon Crew Children's Activities

Kids, come join these fast and furious races for children ages 2 - 12. Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday on the north side of the square in front of the Herman Brown Free Library. With a variety of events—sack races,

spoon races, and dashes to the finish line--there's something for everyone. Ribbons will be given to first, second and third place finishers in each age division. Registration is free.



Gary Wideman State Farm Insurance Wiener Dog Race

If you are a dog-lover, it's an event you won't want to miss. The Wiener Dog Races are a fun Sunday afternoon event for the entire family, especially your four-legged member. Registration starts at 12:00 p.m. and the races begin

at 1:00 p.m., on the historic Burnet Square. You'll enjoy the thrill of the very competitive race as well as watching owners coax and encourage their best friend toward the finish line with secret weapons... treats!

XLR8 & Co. Bluebonnet Biergarten

Need to take a break from the shopping, parading and carnivaling? Get refreshed at the XLR8 Biergarten on Jackson Street next to the Westrock Contractors Stage. Quench your thirst

with ice cold beer or sangria, and sit back and relax to the sounds of local Texas artists... you'll be ready for more Bluebonnet Festivaling in no time!





Hill Country Children's Advocacy Center Children's Bicycle Decorating Contest

Children of all ages are invited to participate in this annual contest, which takes place Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. Please bring your child with their decorated bicycle, tricycle or wagon to the front of the Herman

Brown Free Library by 9:30 a.m. to register for the contest. Judging will begin after the Kid Fun Run is complete. The event is free for participants, and winners receive ribbons.

Burnet Kiwanis All You Can Eat Pancakes

The Burnet Kiwanis will serve up piping hot pancakes at the All You Can Eat event at the Masonic Lodge, 311 Main from 6:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Friday,

April 12th. Come for breakfast or lunch and enjoy the best pancakes, sausage, coffee & juice around. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door.



42 Tournament

Returning to the 2024 Bluebonnet Festival is a 42 Tournament! Join in on the fun on Saturday, April 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Houston Clinton Meeting Room at Burnet County

Rodeo Grounds (1301 Houston Clinton Dr).

Everything will be provided and ribbons provided for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. Registration at the door.

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Stage. The Whiskey Garden is sponsored by Sips on Second speakeasy in Marble Falls. Learn more at www.sipsonsecond.com

YMCA Cornhole Tournament

Who doesn't like a game of cornhole? The YMCA Cornhole Tournament will be Saturday, April 13 at YMCA of the Highland Lakes (1601 S Water St.). Registration begins at 1 p.m. and the bags fly at 2 p.m.

Cost is \$30 per team (with a maxi-

mum of 40 teams). Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. There will also be raffle and door prizes.

Proceeds support YMCA Safety Around Water program provided to Hill Country 2nd grade students.



Burnet Gunfighters Shoot-Out at Old Town

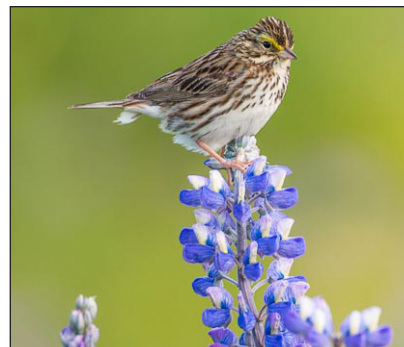
Burnet Gunfighters are always a hit with their exciting and good-humored Wild West style shoot-out at 2:15 and 3:30 on Saturday. The cast of volunteers reenact scenarios typical to an old Western movie, complete with a sheriff, a bad guy, a heckler, a floozy, dealer and the scoundrel. Every one

of the performers carries a gun in the program. But don't worry, before they shoot each other up, the show opens with a speech and a safety demonstration for the audience. It's a must see show for the kids, sure to create memories that will last for years.

Highland Lakes Wildflower Show

This year's wildflower show during the Bluebonnet Festival will be held at the side room of the Burnet Public Library from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Maps to the most flower covered roadsides for viewing and picture tak-

ing will be available. Many of the Hill Country Wildflowers will also be on display. Representatives of the Highland Lakes Birding and Wildflower Society will answer questions relating to local flowers. This is free and kid friendly.





Worship and Praise

Join the Church at the Epicenter for a time of contemporary praise and worship. Services begin Sunday at

9:00 a.m. Please come join the entire congregation during this special time of reflection and expression of praise.

Demolition Derby

Make plans to join fans for a fun-filled night of car crashing, metal crunching excitement. The 31st Annual Demolition Derby will take place on Saturday, April 13th at the Burnet County Fair and Rodeo Arena beginning at 5:30 p.m. This is a cash only event and tickets will be on sale at the

gate. Kids age 5 and under are free, age 6-9 are \$10.00, age 10 and older are \$20.00. This event is BYOB, BUT PLEASE NO BOTTLES. Entertainment during the derby will include a Kids Power Wheel Race and Mrs. Demo Derby contest. For more information, contact Brent Nichols (512) 663-2856.



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The Mighty Thomas Carnival

THE MIGHTY THOMAS CARNIVAL has something for kids of all ages. The Carnival is open Thursday (5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.), Friday (4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.), Saturday (11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.), and Sunday (12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.). Family Night, on Thursday, is a local favorite!

Discounted wristbands can be purchased ahead of time at the Burnet Chamber of Commerce until Thursday at 1pm. Single tickets and all-you-can-ride wristbands available at the carnival. Rides are generally 3-5 tickets per ride and all riders must have tickets.

5K & 10K Run

Presented by **YMCA of the Highland Lakes**

THE BURNET BLUEBONNET FUN RUN

includes a 10k along with our 5k, Kids K, and Senior 2K! So bring your friends, family, and children in strollers, dogs on leashes and walk, run, skip, hop or jump to the finish line! Don't worry if you aren't a race enthusiast, all runners, walkers and joggers are invited to join in on the fun. The race will be chip timed and there will be age group winner awards. All runners will also receive exclusive race t-shirts.

Race activities will begin at 7:45 a.m. on the downtown square, by the main stage at the corner of Main St. and Washington St. The Kids K will start promptly at 8:00 a.m., with the race immediately following. The

course will take you around the historic square, scenic streets and surrounding countryside.

Promptly following the race, age group winners will be announced and given awards.

In-person pre-registration is available at the YMCA of the Highland Lakes (1601 S. Water St.).

Early registrations must be turned in no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 1. Race day registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. and end promptly at 7:30 a.m.. Early registration is strongly encouraged.

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Marching bands, antique cars, horses, fire trucks, and special performing groups will bring a smile to everyone's face, from the very young to the young-at-heart.

Approximately 100 entries will line up and head downtown to the heart of the festival. After going around the square, the parade will head east on Jackson street, back to the staging area.

There is a \$15 fee to enter the parade. Entry forms are available at the Burnet Chamber of Commerce, 101 N. Pierce St. or online bluebonnetfestival.org.

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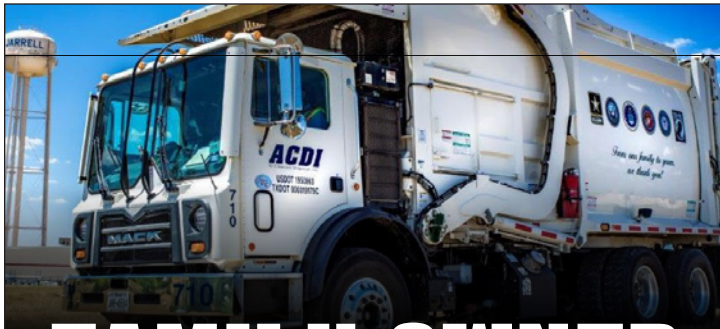
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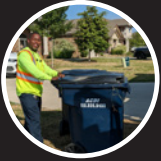
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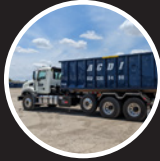
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Live Music

IF YOU'RE A MUSIC FAN, then this year's Bluebonnet Festival is just what you are looking for! A stellar line-up of local artists and performers coupled with a few well-known Texas performers will take the Main Stage on Washington Street, as well as the Westrock Contractors Stage on Jackson Street. The live music begins Friday evening and jams through Sunday afternoon. For a complete schedule of performance times, see page 29. Concerts on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon are free. A \$20 admission fee (and \$5 cooler charge) will be charged for Saturday night headliner band performances, which includes a street dance.

Friday, April 12th - FREE



All Hat No Cadillac – 6:00pm (Jackson Street Stage)

All Hat No Cadillac is a 90's country cover band hailing from Austin, Texas. They pull a large amount of cover material from the greatest decade this generation has ever seen... the

90's! They know every song in their set by heart, and chances are you do too. So come on out, grab a cold one, put your dancing boots on, and let's have a good time!

Dysfunkshun Junkshun – 8:00pm (Main Stage)

For over twenty-five years, Dysfunkshun Junkshun has been one of the most active show bands in the Southwest! They have shared the stage with KC and The Sunshine Band, Kool and the Gang, Vanilla Ice, The Neville Brothers, Martina McBride, and The Sugar Hill Gang. These super high-energy

funksters can bring even the most immovable crowds to their feet. You'll be sent home with sore feet from the dancin' and an aching stomach from the laughing. Dysfunkshun Junkshun is a crowd-pleaser with all ages and types of people.



Saturday, April 13th - FREE



Ben Watson & The Hired Guns – 1:00pm (Main Stage)

Come enjoy one of Burnet's best local bands, Hired Guns. This band is a real crowd pleaser, voted several times as Burnet's Favorite Local Band. The band has performed at the Bluebonnet Festival for the past

15 years. This band plays a variety of music sure to please everyone. Band members are Ben Watson on bass, Lonnie Atkinson on guitar, Jim Loessberg on steel guitar, Kevin Hall on drums, and Don Raby on fiddle.

The Western Playboys – 1:00pm (Jackson Street Stage)

The Western Playboys is an award winning traditional country band with influences from country heroes such as Waylon Jennings, Merle Haggard, and Johnny Rodriguez. Band members

include: Alan Whitehead- lead vocals and rhythm guitar, Eddie Whitehead- bass guitar, Steve Maywald- drums, and Colorado Country Music Hall of Famer, Johnny Wyatt- lead guitar.



Andy Urista – 3:00pm (Jackson Street Stage)

A graduate of Burnet High School, Andy Urista has taken his love of country music to college in Arkansas.

While there, Andy writes his own songs, loves to box, and always enjoys hanging out with his family.

Joel Tucker Band – 3:30pm (Main Stage)

Raised in the Texas Hill Country, Joel Tucker Band delivers the roots of Texas rock music with a style all their own. Joel Tucker has been writing and playing music for over 25 years and originally formed Joel Tucker Band in 2007.

Joel is currently joined with Patrick McAndrew, Colter Huffman, and Nate Mansfield to create a unique mix of original music that touches on genres that include Southern Rock, Alt Rock, Outlaw Country, and everywhere in between.



Saturday, April 13th - FREE



Bryan Groce – 4:30pm (Jackson Street Stage)

Born and raised in Houston, TX, Bryan Groce is a Texas music singer/songwriter now based out of Bertram, TX. With over 10 years of experience, Bryan has been steadily playing across the state of Texas. He cut his teeth into the music scene while attending Tarleton State University in Stephenville, TX. This

is where his passion for music really sparked. Opening for the likes of artists such as Rick Trevino, Doug Stone, and Bart Crow just to name a few, his music is influenced by the many talented artists in the Texas music scene that came before him.

Robin Mordecai – 6:30pm (Jackson Street Stage)

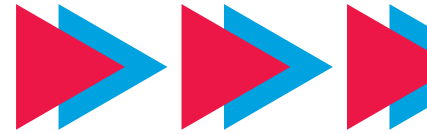
Robin Mordecai is a songwriting multi-instrumentalist weened on the sounds of Springsteen, Rick Springfield, Brian Adams and other great artists from the 80's/90's. His musical family roots are firmly planted in the jazz world as

well making for a really rich original catalogue of music. Robin is not a high volume songwriter. Instead, he toils over ideas and carefully sculpts them. When they meet his bar, and only then, you, the listener, get to hear them.



Saturday Night Concert

PURCHASE TICKETS AT [BLUEBONNETFESTIVAL.ORG](https://bluebonnetfestival.org)



Sunday, April 14th - FREE



The Four Wisemen – 11:30am (Main Stage)

The Four Wisemen are a vocal harmony group with an emphasis on great songs from the myriad of great American songwriters. The group consists of Lisa Mcklesky on keys, Paul Shanks on bass, Clyde Pehl on guitar,

and Jimmy Freeman on guitar, mandolin, and harmonica, Jeffrey Dodds on drums and multi-instrumentalist Roger Wayne Baily. All members sing lead and harmony vocals which is the core of the groups sound.

Allen Ray – 12:00pm (Jackson Street Stage)

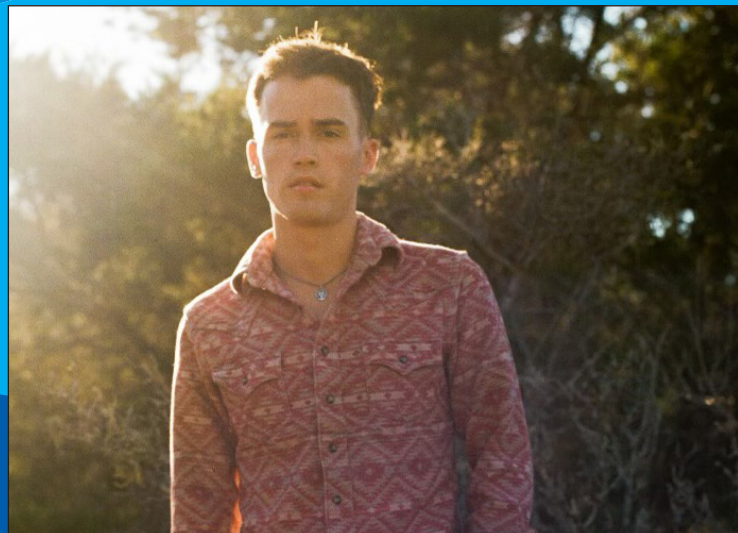
Today's Allen Ray & the Southern Comfort Band is comprised of Allen Ray (lead guitar and vocals), Herb Black (bass guitar and vocals), John Needham (drums), Sammy Bradley (drums), and

Justin Wallace (sound tech & guitar). Each member brings their unique flavor to the group and gives a renewed life to the music they bring to their shows which is certain to please any audience.



Saturday Night Concert

Saturday, April 13th - \$20 Cover - bluebonnetfestival.org



Braedon Barnhill – 8:15pm (Main Stage)

Braedon Barnhill is a 21 year old Americana Singer/Songwriter from Marble Falls, Tx. As a son of a touring musician, Braedon learned early on what he wanted to do. He has wasted no time, and by 19 he had already shared the stage with many of his heroes like Reckless Kelly, Wade Bowen, Radney Foster, Josh Abbott Band, Pat Green and more. He is well on his way to be one of the next great songwriters to come out of the Texas hill country. Braedon's songs accompanied by his unique tenor voice allows him to shine.

Kolby Cooper

HEADLINER – 9:45pm (Main Stage)

Still hailing from East Texas, Kolby Cooper is raising his 3 children with his high school sweetheart and wife, Jillian. After releasing his critically acclaimed album “Boy From Anderson County To The Moon”, he made his Grand Ole Opry debut. Marking 4 years in the music business. In that time, he’s garnered millions of streams and sold out shows across the country. The prolific songwriter has an uncanny ability to turn his and his friends’ life stories into relatable songs his rabidly zealous fanbase can’t get enough of. Kolby’s latest release through BBR Music / Wheelhouse Records in partnership with Combustion Music “Kill Me” is an in your face anthem with epic vocals and fiery instruments. This is a new era of Kolby Cooper music.





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2024 Schedule of Events

April 11, Thursday

5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Family Night at Mighty Thomas Carnival
Corner of Boundary Street & League Street

April 12, Friday

6:00 am - 1:00 pm Kiwanis All You Can Eat Pancakes
Masonic Lodge, 311 Main

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Native Wildflower Show
Herman Brown Free Library

3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Arts & Crafts Vendors
Burnet's Historic Square & Jackson Street

3:00 pm - 8:00 pm Food Court
Jackson Street

3:00 pm - 8:00 pm XLR8 & Co. Biergarten
Jackson Street

4:00 pm - 11:00 pm Mighty Thomas Carnival
Corner of Boundary Street & League Street

5:00 pm Luedecke Photography Pet Parade Sign-up
In Front of Herman Brown Free Library

5:30 pm Bluebonnet Festival Opening Ceremonies
Main Stage on Burnet's Historic Square

5:30 pm Highland Lakes CAF Fly Over

5:45 pm Luedecke Photography Pet Parade
Around Burnet's Historic Square

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Live Music - All Hat No Cadillac
Jackson Street Stage

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm Live Music Kick-off Street Dance - Dysfunkshun Junkshun
Main Stage on Burnet's Historic Square

April 13, Saturday

8:00 am Kids K

8:15 am YMCA of the Highland Lakes 5K, 10K, Senior 2K
Main Stage on Burnet's Historic Square
7:00am: Registration; 7:45am Race Activities Begin

9:00 am - 6:00 pm Arts & Crafts Vendors
Burnet's Historic Square and Jackson Street

9:00 am - 10:00 pm Food Court
Jackson Street

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Native Wildflower Show
Herman Brown Free Library

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Lake Area Rods and Classics Car Show
Hamilton Creek Park

9:00 am - 3:00 pm 42 Tournament (Dominos)
Rodeo Grounds - Houston Clinton Meeting Room

10:00 am - 8:00 pm XLR8 & Co. Biergarten
Jackson Street

10:00 am Katrina's Cocoon Crew Children's Activities/Fun Run/Games
North Side of Burnet's Historic Square

10:30 am Hill Country Children's Advocacy Center's Children's Bluebonnet Bicycle Decorating Contest (Registration at 9:30 am)
North Side of Burnet's Historic Square

11:00 am Studio 29 Dance Center Performance
Main Stage on Burnet's Historic Square

11:00 am Hill Country Flyer Arrives
Train Depot

11:00 am - 11:00 pm Mighty Thomas Carnival
Corner of Boundary Street & League Street

12:00 pm KITV Live Remote

12:00 pm Grand Parade
Burnet's Historic Square

12:00 pm - 8:00 pm Whiskey Garden
Jackson Street

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Live Music - Ben Watson and The Hired Guns
Main Stage on Burnet's Historic Square

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Live Music - The Western Playboys
Jackson Street Stage

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm YMCA Corn Hole Tournament (Registration at 1:00 pm)
YMCA of the Highland Lakes

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm Clickety Cloggers Dance Club
Main Stage on Burnet's Historic Square

2:15 pm Burnet Gunfighter's Shoot-Out
Old West Town

3:00 pm Hill Country Flyer Departs
Train Depot

3:00 pm - 4:15 pm Live Music - Andy Urista
Jackson Street Stage

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Live Music - Joel Tucker Band
Main Stage on Burnet's Historic Square

3:30 pm Burnet Gunfighter's Shoot-Out
Old West Town

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Live Music - Bryan Groce
Jackson Street Stage

5:30 pm 31st Annual Demolition Derby
Burnet County Fairgrounds

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Live Music - Robin Mordecai
Jackson Street Stage

8:15 pm - 9:15 pm Live Music - Braedon Barnhill
Main Stage on Burnet's Historic Square

9:45 pm - 11:00 pm Live Music - Kolby Cooper
Main Stage on Burnet's Historic Square

April 14, Sunday

9:00 am - 11:00 am Contemporary Praise & Worship
Main Stage on Burnet's Historic Square

11:00 am - 4:00 pm Arts & Crafts Vendors
Burnet's Historic Square

11:00 am - 4:00 pm Food Court
Jackson Street

11:30 am - 1:00 pm Live Music - The Four Wisemen
Main Stage on Burnet's Historic Square

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm Mighty Thomas Carnival
Corner of Boundary Street & League Street

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Live Music - Allen Ray
Jackson Street Stage

1:00 pm Gary Wideman State Farm Insurance Annual Wiener Dog Race
Burnet's Historic Square
• 12:00 pm: Registration
• 1:00 pm: Race

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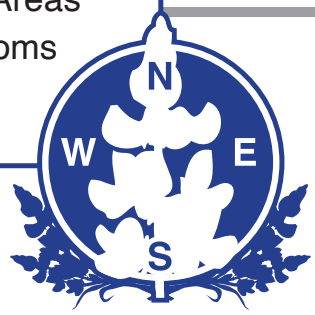
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Saturday, April 13

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The purpose of the Lake Area Rods & Classics Car Club (LAR&C) is to encourage restoration, preservation and building of classic cars, trucks and street rods. Other purposes of the organization shall be encouraging participation in community services, socializing and providing enjoyment for all members. Members participate in local car shows, cruise nights, local charity fund raising events and LAR&C Car Club activities. The club was formed so that the entire family is encouraged to take part in all functions.

Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Marble Falls Public Library at 101 Main Street in Marble Falls. They meet in one of the meeting rooms and usually have a 45 minute to one hour meeting. Visit www.lakearearodsandclassics.com, call 830-798-3962, or email kiddalope@gmail.com for information about joining our club.



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parks, golf courses, swimming holes, shopping, restaurants and museums. If it's your first visit, here is a list of just a few of the many area attractions that help make this area so unique:



Austin Steam Train Association & The Hill Country Flyer

The popular Hill Country Flyer runs on Saturdays from January to May, with special trips throughout the year. The train departs from the Cedar Park depot and travels to Burnet for a 2 ½ hour layover. The Burnet Gunfighters present

their popular gunfight before the train leaves Burnet (weather permitting) for the return trip to Cedar Park. ASTA, 401 E. Whitestone Blvd., Suite A-103, Cedar Park, TX 78613 / (512) 477-8468 austinsteamtrain.org

Canyon of the Eagles Nature Park - Lake Buchanan

The 940 acre nature park features a stargazing observatory, beaches, camping, 14 mile hiking trail, marina with canoes, kayaks and sailboats. RV sites available or rent one of the well-appointed cabins. Stop

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Delaware Springs Golf Course

Delaware Springs Golf Course is one of 12 courses in the Burnet area. The course is an 18-hole championship public golf course and offers a pro shop, driving range, putting green, snack bar and dining room. Be sure to check out the 17th hole – named

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Fort Croghan

Established in 1849, Fort Croghan was the third of the first eight forts established by the United States government to protect settlements from hostile Indians. From 1849 until its decommission in 1853, Fort Croghan was the home to Company C, 8th Infantry, U.S.A. (mounted) and became the headquarters of the Second Dragoon Regiment. Today's Fort

Croghan represents the early days of what was to become Burnet, Texas. See the sights and imagine the sounds of the frontier as you visit the blacksmith's shop, the one room school house, the powder house or the stage coach stop. Hours: Thur-Sat, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 2nd week in April - mid-October. SH 29 West, Burnet, Texas 78611 512-525-4025 / fortcroghan.com



Highland Lakes Squadron Commemorative Air Force Museum

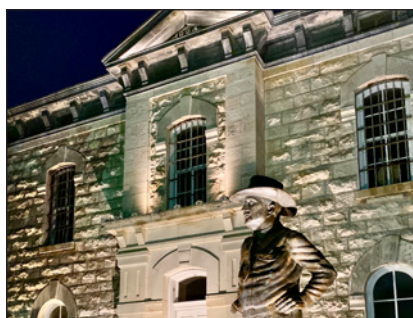
The museum houses historical artifacts as well as a "working" aircraft hangar where WWII era aircraft are brought back to life. Specific exhibits include the front turret from a B-24 bomber, a cutaway radial engine of the type used in the AT-6/SNJ, a WW-II machine for making dog tags, a WW-II instrument flying trainer (Link

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Hill Country Motorheads Motorcycle Museum

Situated in Burnet, Texas – in the beautiful Texas Hill Country, the museum houses a premier collection of street bikes, choppers, dirt bikes, flat track and other bikes from the 1960–1980's. The Hill Country Motorheads Museum showcases a large collection of motorcycles including Harley-Davidson, Triumph, Norton, Vincent,

Cheney, AJS, Maico, Puch, Bultaco, Hodaka, Husqvarna, Montesa and many more. The museum additionally showcases an eclectic assortment of vintage posters and photos – so plan to spend a number of hours to visit and walk through nostalgia and history. A place not to be missed!



Historic Jail of Burnet County

Built in 1884, the jail housed prisoners and a sheriff's family for much of its 100 years. In 1982, a new jail – now the old jail and current sheriff's office on Texas 29 – opened to replace it.

This historical jail is now open as a museum and visitor's center to the public. 109 S. Pierce Street, between Hwy 29 and the downtown Burnet Square.



Inks Lake State Park

Inks Lake State Park has over eight miles of beautiful trails loaded with bluebonnets and fantastic vistas of the Hill Country atop rocky outcroppings. We have a lovely trail that meanders along the Valley Spring Creek and into the forests and fields full of wildflowers, a variety of cacti, and woodland trees. The park has recently installed informative signage to help

visitors choose from five uniquely wonderful trails. Join in the celebration of bluebonnets as you enjoy one or all of the trails. Bring your camera, water bottle and close-toed shoes. There are many events and programs to enjoy, as well. See our website at tpwd.state.tx.us/calendar or call the park ranger naturalist at 512-793-4689.

Longhorn Cavern State Park

Longhorn Cavern State Park features Longhorn Cavern, a Texas Hill Country wonder created over thousands of years by the dissolving and cutting action of water on the limestone bedrock of the area. The park is open daily, except Christmas. The 85 minute tour covers 1.25 miles of un-

derground caverns. There are picnic areas, hiking trails, a gift shop and a deli lunch counter. For the more adventurous spelunkers, ask about the Wild Cave Tours. Located in Burnet County, Texas, six miles west of U.S. Hwy 281, on Park Road 4. 512-715-9000



Main St. Bethlehem

This Christmas, visit Bethlehem, in Burnet, as the ancient city of Christ's birth comes alive again during the first two weekends in December. Experience the presence of animals, such as camels and goats, as they affect all aspects of life in that time. Explore the narrow streets to faint strains of ancient music and savor the smells of fresh goat butter, campfires, and hot bread. Then immerse yourself in the din of the marketplace; the revelers

in the tavern, shouted insults to and from the Roman oppressors, merchants, craftspeople, taxpayers, and beggars all seeking money, position, or revenge. The end of the journey includes baby Jesus in his manger being cared for by his new parents. This gift to the community is provided by the First Baptist Church of Burnet and is in its 24th year of celebration. For more information, visit fbcburnet.org

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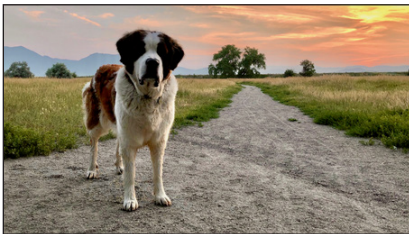
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Wine Country

AS ONE OF THE TOP REGIONS in the state for producing wine, the Texas Hill Country is home to a wide variety of fantastic vineyards and wineries. The Hill Country Wine Trail, in fact, is a favorite of visitors to the area.



7 Creeks Vineyard is in the heart of the burgeoning wine trail of Burnet County. A visit to this winery is a unique experience, whether it's driving through the vineyard to the winery or enjoying wine under 10,000 square feet of oak trees surrounded by vines. Currently, five varietals are planted on approximately five of ten acres, with more to come. Bring friends and gather around the huge tasting bar, find a cozy table, get comfy on the sofa in front of the fireplace or enjoy the breeze under the shady grove – all while overlooking the vineyard!



Decadent Saint Winery is located on a beautiful 25-acre property, 10 minutes from downtown Burnet, in Bertram. Decadent Saint's tasting room is known

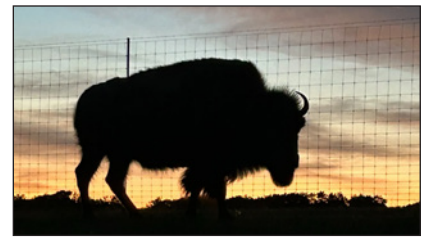
for its hospitality, service, and live music. Come out and enjoy their varietal wines and delicious wine cocktails made from their revolutionary Extra Hard Mixers.



Perissos Vineyard and Winery is a fun family vineyard surrounded by rolling granite hills and is truly a breathtaking and unforgettable place to visit. The 13 acre Estate vineyard offers an atmosphere of casual elegance, and an intimate tasting experience. As both winemakers and growers, their commitment and passion is to use only Texas-grown fruit to produce award-winning wines of great quality, character and sophistication that beautifully express the unique characteristics of Texas.



Torr Na Lochs Vineyard and Winery is located high above the Colorado River Valley overlooking both Inks and Buchanan lakes. Upon entering, choose from a number of seating options including our 6500 square foot open patio, cedar railed deck, or the wine barrel bar and enjoy the view through the 24 foot glass door in air-conditioned comfort. Once you've made your seating choice, relax and enjoy the variety of Torr Na Lochs wines made from only Texas grown fruit for a Truly Texas Wine Experience!



Wagon Springs Wine Room is located minutes from downtown Burnet. On a working buffalo and exotic game ranch, this is the perfect, serene, quiet place to escape and "wine" down. Enjoy a glass or bottle of wine, live music, trivia night, and more with some of the best views in the Hill Country.



Wedding Oak Winery was established in May 2012 by viticulturist Mike McHenry and a group of friends with the passion to bring the burgeoning Texas wine industry to the heart of small-town Texas. Wedding Oak Winery takes its inspiration and name from the majestic, 400-year-old oak tree, known as the Wedding Oak Tree, which grows about 2.5 miles northwest from the winery in San Saba. Wedding Oak Winery embodies the casual beauty, friendly personalities and relaxing hospitality that is small-town Texas. You can now enjoy award winning 100% Texas-grown Wedding Oak wines in the members' lounge, rooftop terrace and spacious patio at the Burnet tasting room on The Historic Downtown Square.

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Christmas in Burnet

Christmas on the Square

A spectacular Christmas celebration in downtown Burnet that includes a bicycle giveaway, snow slide and snow play area, live holiday entertainment, over 175 vendors, a parade, a visit from Santa, and a living Nativity at Main Street Bethlehem (see pg 44).



Burnet Trail of Lights

Starting on the east end of Wallace Riddell Park, thousands of lights create holiday sculptures, including a picture-perfect lighted tunnel, ready made for selfies and group photos. On Main and Washington streets, the Burnet County Courthouse features

both static and moving displays. Plus, there's the beautifully decorated Christmas tree on the east entrance of the courthouse. Next, take Jackson Street to Hamilton Creek Park where sparkling lights reflect off of the creek.

Lighting of the Square

Celebrate Shop Small Saturday (the Saturday after Thanksgiving) with the Lighting of the Burnet Square.

Festivities start at 5pm with storeis and carols with Mrs. Claus. At sunset (around 5:30), there will be brief remarks and then the lights will be

flipped on around the Burnet Square. Just off the Square, the Historical Jail will be open for tours and will be giving out complimentary refreshments. Shops will be open until late making it easy for people to Shop Small while finding gifts.



Christmas at Old Fort Croghan

Fort Croghan Grounds & Museum light up for the holidays the old-fashioned way with luminarias and lanterns. Volunteers in costume recreate a Christmas from Burnet

County's pioneer past. The free event includes from carolers and musicians. Re-enactors share stories of what life was like for the area's first pioneers during Christmas.

Burnet, Texas

The Jewel of the Highland Lakes

Nearly 50 miles northwest of Austin, at the edge of the spectacular Texas Hill Country lies the historic city of Burnet. Originally established as a fort on the Texas frontier, Burnet has maintained its pioneer roots and rural charm, all while adapting to the modern age.

Nestled amidst the beautiful Highland Lakes, Burnet draws visitors year-round. Burnet's Historic town square offers visitors a unique shopping and dining experience. Coupled with motels and hotels, bed and breakfasts and lakeshore cabins, Burnet's proximity to so many area attractions make it the ideal hub for travelers into the region.

The City of Burnet, which is also

the county seat of Burnet County, is a hub of industry, commerce, and trade in the Highland Lakes area. Its modern schools, hospital, airport, and retail centers provide all the essentials for today's society. The scenic countryside and inviting parklands present a myriad of opportunities for those who want to get away.

Throughout the year, Burnet offers a vast array of events for all ages. From the spring splash of bluebonnets to the spectacular Christmas parade, the summer frontier shoot-outs and vintage steam train tours, Burnet is alive with sights and sounds, making it one of the Hill Country's most popular destination spots in Texas.



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- Jackson St. Jams Concert

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- Burnet County Fair
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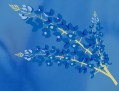
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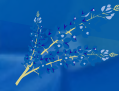
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