

# January 2024

## *Free/Affordable Events for Cooke, Fannin & Grayson Counties*



### **2024 MLK Celebration and March**

Saturday, January 13th, 10am

Location: Grayson County Courthouse, 100 W. Houston St. Sherman 75090.

\*Please join several community organizations and student groups as we honor Dr. Martin Luther Kings service to truth, fairness, good will, friendship, and service to humanity. Organization and groups will gather on the lawn at the Grayson County Courthouse to march at 10am with marching band, processions, cars, and first responders. The march will end at MLK Park located at 1000 N East St, Sherman ,TX 75090.

There will be a short celebration service at MLK Park featuring guest speakers, music, and prayer.

### **Coffee, Donuts & Ride!**

Saturday, January 13th

Location: 205 S Sam Rayburn Fwy, Sherman, 75090

\*Attention riders! We are looking forward to seeing you here at Progressive Powersports Sherman! Join us next Saturday January 13th for coffee, donuts, and a ride out with some new friends. Don't forget to register for our drawing when get here!

### **Free Drive-Thru Food Distribution**

Friday, 1/13, 8:00am-10:30am

\*Location Harvest Time Church, 222 S Heritage Parkway Sherman, 75092

\*Special Senior Commodity Box Pick-up will be on the 2nd Friday of Every Month.

### **Veteran Family Breakfast**

Saturday, January 13th, 2:30pm

Location: 1100 Walker St. Denison

\*Veterans and their family are welcome to join us for a free, hot, homemade breakfast. Cash donations appreciated, but required

### **Beginner Drawing Series at the Creative Arts Center**

Saturday, January 13th, 10:30am-12:00pm

\*Think you can't draw?! Join artist Wayne Smith as he leads drawing students through a 4-week series perfect for beginners! Classes are on Saturday mornings at 10:30am beginning on January 6, 2024, and running through January 27th. Both members of the Creative Arts Center and the public are encouraged to sign up. Cost is \$50 for members of the Creative Arts Center or \$75 for non-members, all supplies are included. Memberships begin at just \$65/year, and scholarships are available for those in need. Please contact the Creative Arts Center at [BonArtCenter@gmail.com](mailto:BonArtCenter@gmail.com) or call 903-640-2196 for more details, to make a reservation, or for information to apply for a scholarship.

### **Domino Days**

Saturday, January 13th, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Location: Sam Rayburn House St Historic Site, 890 W State Highway 56, Bonham, 75418

\*Join us at the Sam Rayburn House for Domino Days every other month this year! The Rayburn family enjoyed playing a game of dominos, and Sam Rayburn's brother-in-law, W.A. Thomas, may have been the same W.A. Thomas that helped invent the domino game of 42! With all these dominos falling into place, we've decided to host Domino Day on one Saturday in January, March, May, July, and September, with a domino tournament in November! We'll play a different domino game each month, from Straight Dominoes to Mexican Train and more! We will provide a limited number of domino sets, but please feel free to bring your own or purchase a set from our store. Whether you are a newcomer to dominos or a seasoned veteran of the game, we hope you stop by! All domino games are free to play, but regular admission fees apply for a tour of the Rayburn House.

### **Chilly Penguin Kids Painting Class**

Saturday, January 13th, 10am

Location: 107 W. California St. Gainesville

\*We have a fun painting planned for Saturday January 13th. Kids get a pre-sketched canvas for painting. They are guided through the painting process as they learn to create their work of art.

\*Ages 6 & up

\*Drop-off for class is fine or adult can stay at the gallery. For drop-off, we have sign-in for adult name/phone number contact during the class time.

\*Includes: the use of paints, brushes, easels, aprons, and everything kids need to finish a canvas piece.

\$25 per child

### **Kids Eat Free**

Monday, January 15th, 11am-4pm

Location: Game Changers Sports and Arcade Grill, 119 S Elm St, Denton, TX 76201

\*Every weekday from 11am-4pm we've got the best special for you and your family!! With every purchase of a meal, get a kids meal free while enjoying unlimited games and fun!!

### **Kids Craft Night, Foam Printing Making**

Tuesday, January 16th, 6pm

Location: Sherman Public Library, 421 N. Travis St. Sherman

\*Kids ages 6-12 can make fun and creative foam print art at our Kids Craft Night: Foam Print-making on Tuesday Jan. 16 at 6pm. This event is first come, first served, while supplies last - no signups or tickets are needed to attend.

### **Weekly Children's Class: Tape Town**

Tuesday, January 16th, January 30th, 200 S. Weaver St. Gainesville

Weekly Children's Class: Tape Town

\*Join us in the library's children's area every Tuesday at 10:30 or 2:30! Classes are identical. Choose the one that works best for you and your child.

\*Take an adventure into a land of play. The meeting room will transform into a town full of tape roads and fun toys to drive through the town.

\*Weekly children's class includes reading about the day's topic, singing and dancing. We also learn sign language, colors, and more!

\*This class is geared towards toddlers and preschoolers, but younger and older children are welcome. Adults must attend class with their child.

### **Free Pool**

Wednesday, January 17th, January 24th 12:00-11:45pm

Location: American Legion Post 62, 419 Crawford St. Denison

\*Free Pool, open to the public.

### **STEAM Saturday**

January 18th, January 22nd, January 23rd.

Location: 305 E. 5th St. Bonham

\*STEAM Saturday-STEAM is a FREE event in January that is going to focus on science. This Saturday we are learning what it means to Observe! Experimenting with Magnifying Glasses and a variety of objects, we will learn to look deep.

\*Next Thursday, 18th January, 04:15 pm, Video Game Design in Bonham

\*This month, 22nd January, 04:30 pm, 3D Design Orientation in Bonham

\*This month, 23rd January, 02:15 pm, Little Scientists in Bonham

### **Fri-Yay Drop in Crafts**

Friday, January 19th, 2:30pm-4pm

Location: City of Anna, 135 TX-5 N, Anna, 75409

\***Glitter Jar Fun**-Use glitter for good by creating your own calming glitter jar. Supplies are limited, please register to participate.

Date: Friday, Jan. 19

Time: 3-4:30pm Age: 3-12

Fee: Free

Location: The Backyard

Code: GJ2024

Registration Required: <https://secure.rec1.com/TX/anna-tx/catalog/index/add04be560fe6164aff70ee4def48ea0?filter=c2VhcmNoPUdqMjAyNA==>

### **Bingo Night**

Friday, January 19th, 6p-8p

Location: Creative Arts Center, 200 W 5th St, Bonham, 75418

\*We're excited to invite you to a fun-filled evening of BINGO at the Creative Arts Center on Friday, January 19, 2024, at 6-8pm. Whether you consider yourself a BINGO fanatic or just want to enjoy a night with friends and neighbors, this event is perfect for all ages. Please bring a white elephant gift under \$25. This event will be potluck style and BYOB. So, mark your calendars, grab your luck charms, and join us for an unforgettable evening of BINGO. This event is FREE! We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Texoma Medical Center-Prepared Childbirth Class**

Saturday, January 20th, 1-5pm

Location: Texoma Medical Center, 5012 N. Hwy. 75 Denison.

\*Texoma Medical Center's free prepared childbirth class helps prepare expectant mothers and their coaches by covering the basics of a healthy pregnancy, labor and birth. Led by a registered nurse, the class discusses nutrition and fitness, how to recognize labor, labor breathing techniques, pain relief, cesarean births, and baby care basics.

\*PLEASE NOTE: To adhere to social distancing guidelines, we have limited the maximum size of this class to eight couples.

\*Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Kids DIY-U Workshop: My First DIY Toolbox**

Saturday, January 20th, 10am-1pm

Location: 2801 N. US Highway 75, Sherman.

\*Time to get to work! This Kids Toolbox Workshop will have your little helper eager to tag along on your next home improvement project.

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\*Register here: [https://www.lowes.com/events/register/my-first-diy-toolbox?fbclid=IwAR0ehZz0p623UJNRqFO\\_mLeaerQfbT0ytJqQ7sUriQazMuAUyJIh2zFkr1w](https://www.lowes.com/events/register/my-first-diy-toolbox?fbclid=IwAR0ehZz0p623UJNRqFO_mLeaerQfbT0ytJqQ7sUriQazMuAUyJIh2zFkr1w)

### **Pokémon Trainer's Club**

Saturday, January 20th, 2p-4p

Location: Sherman Public Library, 421 N. Travis St. Sherman

\*Come celebrate all things Pokémon at our Pokémon Trainer's Club on Jan. 20 at 2pm - the group meets monthly to play, trade and more! This event is for all ages, and no signups or tickets are needed

### **Take a Hike**

Saturday January 20th, 10am

\*Celebrate National "Take a Walk Outside Day."

Location: Ray Roberts Lake State Park Johnson Branch - Texas Parks and Wildlife, Pilot Point,

\*Celebrate "Take a walk outside day" with rangers as they hike our 2.5-mile concrete trail.

\*All ranger-led programs are subject to weather cancelations. Check back here for the most up to date weather cancellation information.

\*Attendance to this event is open to the public and free AFTER regular day use or camping fees.

\*Park frequently meets capacity and reservations prior to arrival are encouraged to ensure entrance into the park. Make reservations online.

### **STEMed Up**

January 22nd, 4:30pm-5:30pm

Location: Cooke County Library, 200 S. Weaver St. Gainesville.

\*STEMed Up (Ages 6-12) \*Sign Up Required

Topic: Astronomy

\*Participants will explore astronomy with hands-on activities.

This lesson is inspired by the Texas Topaz: Nonfiction Gem selection, "The Astronomer Who Questioned Everything: The Story of Maria Mitchell" by Laura Alary and Ellen Rooney.

The complete 2023 Texas Topaz: Nonfiction Gem List was purchased thanks to a 2023 Texas Book Festival Collections Enhancement Grant.

This class is designed for children between the ages of 6 & 12.

\*Sign up is required. Limited space available. Call or come into the library to sign up. 940-668-5530.

### **Sign Up for Free Internet**

Monday, January 22nd, all day, call for times

Location: Pottsboro Library, 104 N. Main

\*The Pottsboro Library and TekWav are pleased to announce a partnership to bring internet service to the patrons of the library through the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) program.

Visit [GetFreeInternetToday.com](http://GetFreeInternetToday.com) for more information and to sign up or call the library.

\*Households can receive free internet for one year.

### **Young Adult D & D Nights**

Tuesday, January 23rd, 4:30pm-7:30pm

Location: Sherman Public Library, 421 N. Travis. Sherman

\*Our Young Adult D&D group meets twice in January - Tues. Jan. 9 and Tues. Jan. 23! Teens ages 12-17 are invited to come play Dungeons and Dragons from 4:30-7:30pm. There are no signups or tickets required for this event.

### **Night Sky**

Friday, January 26th, 7-8p

Location: Bonham State Park, 1363 State Park 24 Bonham, 75418

\*Meet at the flagpole and take a short hike over paved road to the viewing area. Observe the night sky and look for Orion, Taurus, the Dippers, and other constellations.

Viewing is weather dependent.

\*What to bring: Flashlight (red lens is best), binoculars/telescope are optional.

### **Winter Retro Swap Meet**

Saturday, January 27th, 12pm-8pm

Location: Glitch's Arcade, 1950 N. Grand Ave. Sherman

\*Join us as we host our first-ever retro game swap meet. We will have tables set up with a variety of retro games, consoles, and collectibles to buy, sell, and trade. Table space is free but limited. If you are interested in setting up a sale, email [drglitch@glitchsarcade.com](mailto:drglitch@glitchsarcade.com) and let us know soon. Space will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis.

### **Health & Wellness Festival**

Saturday, January 27th, 10am-1pm

Location: Creative Arts Center located at 200 W. 5th St. Bonham, 75418

\*The Creative Arts Center is excited to host their 2nd annual Wellness Festival on Saturday January 27th from 10am-1pm!

Vendor applications are currently being accepted for vendors in fields related to wellness, health, beauty, selfcare, massage, aromatherapy, and spirituality. We would love to include herbalists, dietitians, counselors, and life coaches, and to have both vendors offering products as well as services for sale, live classes, demonstrations, and presentations. Vendor spaces are limited, and applications will be honored on a first come, first served basis; \$35 for Members of the CAC, or \$50 for Non-Members.

\*The event is free to attend. Vendor space fee \$35 for Members of the CAC, or \$50 for Non-Members.

Link: <https://creativeartscenterbonham.com/>

### **Senior Health Fair**

Wednesday, January 31st, 10:30am-12:00pm

Location: Stanford House, 401 W. Garnett St. Gainesville, 76240.

\*Join NTMC for a health fair focused on healthy living for seniors ages 55 and up. There will be free health screenings and you can get information from NTMC professionals on Diabetes Education, Physical Therapy, Lymphedema Therapy, Joint Replacement Surgery, Nutrition, Wound Care, Mammograms, Volunteer Opportunities and more. We will have refreshments and prizes as well and it's all FREE!