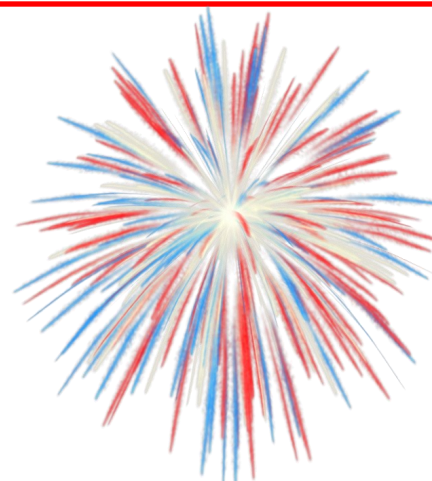




# HUNT COUNTY EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



JULY 2025 EDITION

## Important & Fun Dates

### to Remember

**July 4th**  
**Independence Day**  
*Courthouse will be closed*



**July 7th**  
Global Forgiveness Day

**July 11th**  
World Population Day

**July 14th**  
Bastille Day

**July 17th**  
National Hot Dog Day



**July 20th**  
National Ice Cream Day

**July 28th**  
Parents' Day

**July 29th**  
National Chicken Wings Day

**July 30th**  
International Friendship Day

**July 31st**  
National Avocado Day



**SMOKE SESSIONS**  
**FILL THE JEEP**  
**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

**BENEFITING TOYS FOR TOTS** **BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY** **\$20 ENTRY SHOW & SHINE**

**SATURDAY, JULY 26TH**  
**12PM-5PM**

SMOKE SESSIONS BARBECUE • 307 W HWY 66, ROYSE CITY, TX 71589

**Leonard**  
Chamber of Commerce

Who Loves this Pup?  
**Bluey**  
**Meet & Greet**

**146th Annual Leonard Picnic**  
July 10, 2025  
7pm-8pm  
Leonard City Park

**Bull Creek Cowboy Church**  
**fAMILY GAME NIGHT**

Free for Everyone Fun  
Night with Family & Friends.  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
Children's Barn



# Open Enrollment Dates:

**7/7/2025—7/25/2025**

We are switching to a new Dental and Vision provider so all full-time employees will be required to complete new forms.



**Open enrollment!**



## **Happy Work Anniversary!**

**Thank you to all the County Employees who began their employment or current position during the month of July. Thank you for your years of service!**

### **10 + Years of Service**

Mark Bussell, PCT 1 - 26 years

Kim Fannin, Jail - 19 years

Kelsey Crowther, Treasurer's - 17 years

Teri Robinson, S.O. - 13 years

Joshua Lunsford, Jail - 12 years

Jana Campbell, Jail - 9 years

### **1 to 9 Years of Service**

Angela Allen, Jail - 9 years

Jonathan Beasley, S.O. - 8 years

Michelle Rogers, Jail - 7 years

Michelle Looney, Tax Office - 4 years

Brandon Nafikov, S.O. - 4 years

Heather Gibson, Cty Clerk's - 4 years

Brandon Mott, Jail - 2 years

Daron Smith, PCT 3 - 2 years

Andrew McLarry, PCT 4 - 2 years

Kenneth Foster, PCT 2 - 2 years

Mary Corcoran, Auditor's - 2 years

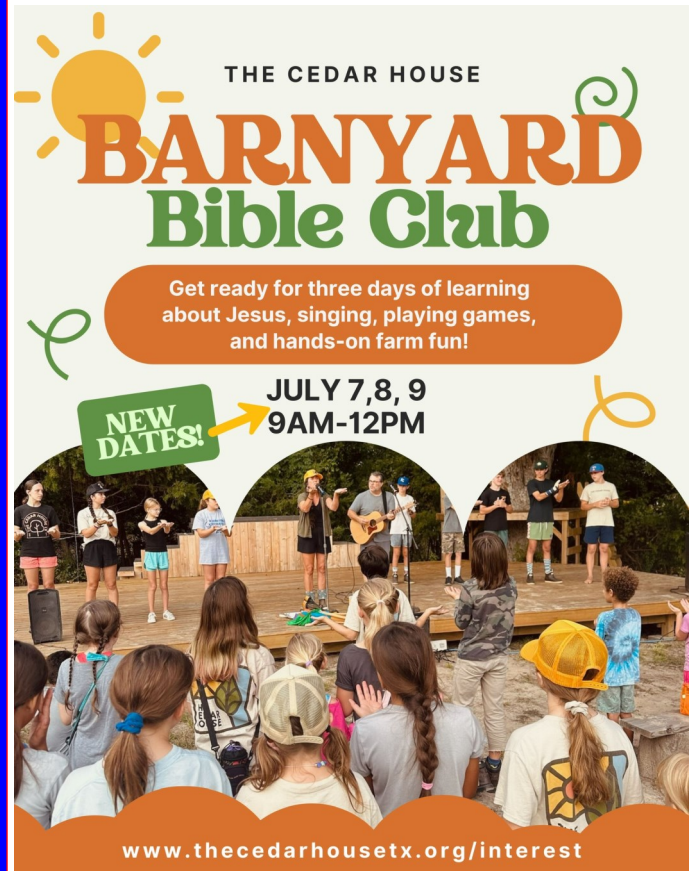
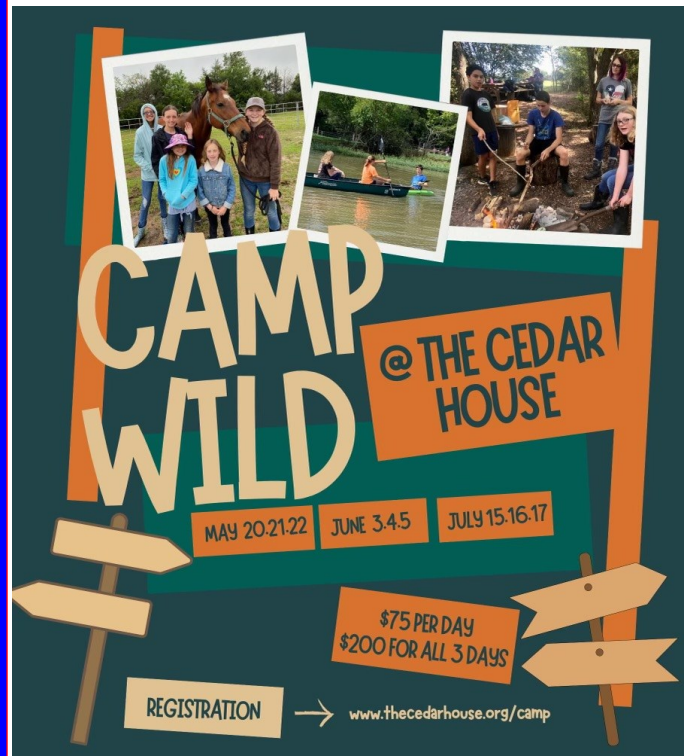
Cameron Kirschner, Jail - 2 years

Noah Farkosh, IT - 1 year

Robert Duncan, S.O. - 1 year

Joshua Richie, Health Dept - 1 year

Almina Cook, Elections - 1 year





*The City of Greenville & The Henry Group Presents*

# Bottle Rocket Bash

**JULY 4 6 PM - 10 PM**  
**GREENVILLE SPORTSPARK**  
**3603 LEO HACKNEY BLVD**  
**LIVE MUSIC FOOD TRUCKS**  
**KID ZONE FIREWORKS**

(903) 457-2994 GREENVILLETX.FUN

Greenville The Henry Group ROADRUNNER BRIDGE L3HARRIS

The City of Rockwall presents

# 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY

★ INDEPENDENCE DAY ★

## Celebration

**5PM-9PM**  
**HARRY MYERS PARK**  
**FOOD TRUCKS, LIVE MUSIC, AND FIREWORKS SHOW**

[HTTPS://WWW.ROCKWALL.COM/EVENT\\_JULY4TH.ASP](https://www.rockwall.com/event_july4th.asp)

City of Rockwall

L3HARRIS Academy SPORTS+OUTDOORS

RE/MAX FOUR CORNERS REAL ESTATE TEAM

RRCU

GEUS

Greenville

**FIRECRACKER 5K**  
**Friday, July 4 at 8:00 AM**

**RACE DAY CHECK-IN** 7:00 AM - 7:45 AM

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION** May 2 - June 6 | \$25

**REGULAR REGISTRATION** June 7 - June 29 | \$35

(903) 457-2994 greenvilletx.fun

## FUNDRAISER EVENT

ALL DONATIONS GO TOWARD THE COST OF THE ADA COMPLIANT BATHROOM

# ADRIANA ESTATES

VENUE & GARDENS

## 4TH OF JULY

**EXTRAVAGANZA: 5-9PM**  
**FIREWORK SHOW AT DARK**

**\$50 RSVP FOR VIP ROOFTOP SEATS!**  
**TEXT US TO RESERVE:**  
**(469) 789-9806**

- \* BEST FIREWORK SHOW EVER! \* LIVE MUSIC
- \* FOOD TRUCKS \* FREE BOUNCE HOUSES \* FREE OUTDOOR GAMES \* PETTING ZOO \* SNOW CONES
- \* BAKED SWEETS \* MONSTER TRUCK RIDES \* MECHANICAL BULL \* LOCAL BOUTIQUE SHOPPING IN A/C \* EXPLORE THE CASTLE

## HIGHER TRAILS CHURCH ANNUAL

# RED WHITE & BOOM

**JULY 2ND | EVENT STARTS AT 7 PM**

**FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, & FIREWORKS AFTER DARK**

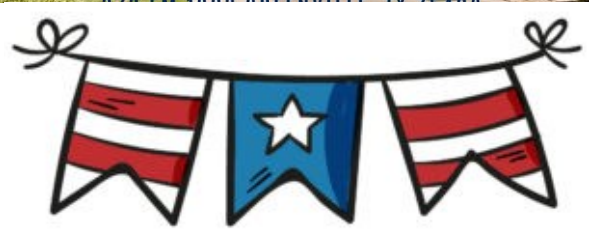
★ **HIGHER TRAILS ARENA** ★

5544 FM 903 CELESTE, TX 75423



**PARK STREET 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE**

Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>  
 10 am  
 Starting at Park & 4<sup>th</sup> Street







**JERROD STERRETT**

**07.11  
8PM**

2500 BOIS D ARC ST, GREENVILLE, TX 75401

8PM • FREE LIVE CONCERTS • DOWNTOWN GREENVILLE • FARMERS MARKET STAGE



**SOFIE AND THE NEW RELIES**

**07.18  
8PM**

2500 BOIS D ARC ST, GREENVILLE, TX 75401

8PM • FREE LIVE CONCERTS • DOWNTOWN GREENVILLE • FARMERS MARKET STAGE



**HEART OF THE CITY**

**07.25  
8PM**

2500 BOIS D ARC ST, GREENVILLE, TX 75401

8PM • FREE LIVE CONCERTS • DOWNTOWN GREENVILLE • FARMERS MARKET STAGE



To all the Hunt County employees born in **July** we wish you a wonderful Birthday!

1st Jacob Smith - Sheriff's Office  
2nd Cameron Kirschner - Jail  
4th Jessica Sims - County Judge's Office  
6th Kelly Phillips - Constable Precinct 1  
7th Tatiana Blackwell - Tax Office  
7th Jose Hinojos - Facilities  
12th Nobie Walker - District Attorney  
12th Nichole Chreene - Tax Office  
13th Matthew Regan - Constable Precinct 4  
14th Donita Robins - 196th District Court  
16th Matthew Gibson - Facilities  
17th Terry Jones - Sheriff  
17th Matthew Klopfenstein - Jail  
17th Brian Toole - County Development  
17th Christopher Kuykendall - Facilities  
18th Barbara Baker - Veteran's Service  
18th Tina Fruge - Tax Office  
18th Gloria Hinojos - County Clerk's Office  
19th John Robinson - Jail  
19th Andy Bench - Judge 196th District Judge  
20th Peggy Freeman - Veteran's Office  
20th Daniel Looney - Sheriff's Office  
21st Kerry Crews - JP 2  
22nd Joe Browning - PCT 2  
22nd Joel Gibson - Constable Precinct 1  
22nd Virginia Phillips - Dispatch  
25th Connie Porter - Constable Precinct 4  
25th Vanessa Woodlee - Sheriff's Office  
26th Kenneth Foster - PCT 2  
27th Francisco Lopez Jr - Sheriff's Office  
27th Sarah Shea - Homeland Security  
28th Keli Aiken - Judge 354th District Judge  
28th Timothy Brown - Sheriff's Office  
28th Clifton King - Jail  
28th Michael Benson - Constable Precinct 2  
28th Tracer Lynch - Sheriff's Office  
29th Brittany Cooper - Health Department  
30th Stacy Green - Sheriff's Office  
30th Caden Carlson - Jail

# WELCOME

**We're glad you're here  
with us at Hunt County!**

Jadene Benton - Tax Office

Reese Goodwin - Jail

Logan Pille - Jail

Claritza Rodriguez - Jail

Charmayne Randolph - Dispatch

Brooks Robles—Jail

Dalli Valentine—Jail

John White—Jail

Halle Himes—911 Addressing Coordinator

## Fun Facts about July 4th

- \* Did you know that the Liberty Bell, located in Philadelphia, is tapped (13) thirteen times every July 4th? It is a way to honor the original (13) thirteen colonies! It has not been rung since February 1846.
- \* Massachusetts was the first state to make July 4th an official holiday, however, in 1870 it became a federal holiday.
- \* Despite what you might have thought or known, but only (2) two men signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4 1776, John Hancock and Charles Thompson. The other delegates signed it with-in the next few weeks. So, that famous painting showing the signatures, well, it is a bit of an exaggeration!
- \* (1) one President of the United States was born on July 4th, that was America's 30th President Calvin Coolidge.
- \* Americans spend over a \$1 billion on fireworks every 4th of July.
- \* July 4th produces the highest beer and wine sales out of all the federal holidays.
- \* Americans eat a lot of hot dogs on July 4th, approximately, 150 million pounds, which would stretch from Washington DC to Los Angeles more than (5) five times



## Hunt County Employee Spotlight

Human Resources would like to introduce **July's** employee of the month, **Blaine Roberts with Courthouse Security**. Get to know **Blaine**, read below to find out **his** answers to our questions.

What's the last thing you watched on TV?

**Live PD**

What were you like in high school?

**Party animal**

What's been your favorite purchase so far this year?

**Radio in my red truck**

What kind of old person would you be?

**Grumpy**

If you could have dinner with any two people, dead or alive, who would you choose?

**Grandma & Grandpa**

What's your favorite season and why?

**Fall—because it's cooler and the holidays**

What's the best concert you've ever been to?

**George Strait**

What's your go-to karaoke song?

**80's-90's country**

What does your typical Sunday look like?

**Going into the shop, blasting Def Leppard and piddling around**

What's your bucket list destination?

**Germany**



## Hunt County Leadership Message

“Become the kind of leader that people would follow voluntarily, even if you had no title or position.”



## Military Service Time



Can I get TCDRS service time for my active military service?



You can get service time for up to 60 months (or five years) of active military service under the following conditions:

- Your discharge was under honorable conditions
- You are vested
- You haven't applied for military service time in another Texas public retirement system

## 4 Tips for a Healthy Summer

### 1 Stay hydrated

Care for a water?



### 2 Wear sunscreen and hats

You need **at least** SPF 50!

We KNOW, Bob!



### 3 Watch for signs of heat stress

I've got heat stress!

Are you dizzy? Nauseous?



### 4 Stay cool

Oh, I'm cool.

Not that kind of cool, John.





**Sweetwater Grill**

**Disco Cowgirl Market**

Sunday, July 27th | 12:00pm-5:00pm

Local Vendors to Shop (INDOORS)  
Come dressed in western or pink outfit!  
Permanent Jewelry | Hat Bar  
Candles & Wax Melts | Unique Finds  
Family & Dog Friendly | And More!

4884 TX-276, Royse City, TX 75189

*Happy Ever Sip & Shop*




**JULY 1 AT 2 PM**

**FARMER JASON**

W. Walworth Harrison  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
#1 Lou Finney Blvd  
Greenville, TX 75401 (903) 457-2992



**let's flamingle!**

Summer Sip & Shop

**friday**  
**july 11, 2025**

**6:30pm - 8:30pm**

**downtown farmersville**

**think pink!**



**MUSIC**

**B I N G O**

FREE TO PLAY  
GREAT PRIZES  
FOR EVERY ROUND!

**FRIDAYS 7-9PM**

**LANDON WINERY - GREENVILLE, TX**

2508 Lee street, Greenville, TX

**GREENVILLE, TX**

**CIRCUS**

★★★ IS COMING TO ★★★

**TOWN**

Tickets starting at **\$10**  
LIMITED OFFER  
Online only

**UNDER THE BIG TOP JULY 5-7**

**WWW.CIRCUSDUMBAR.COM**








## Red Velvet Fireworks Cake

### Ingredients:

- 1 1/3 cups vegetable oil, plus more for the pans
- 3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for the pans
- 1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 3 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 teaspoons red gel food coloring
- For the frosting:
- 2 8-ounce packages cream cheese, at room temperature
- 4 sticks unsalted butter, at room temperature
- Pinch of salt
- 5 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup (one 3.8-ounce container) red, white and blue nonpareils

### Directions:

- 1 Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Brush two 9-inch-round cake pans with vegetable oil; dust with flour and tap out the excess.
- 2 Make the cake: Whisk the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt in a medium bowl. Combine the granulated sugar, vegetable oil, buttermilk, eggs and vanilla in a large bowl; whisk until smooth. Whisk in the food coloring, then add the flour mixture and whisk until smooth.
- 3 Spread 3/4 cup batter in each of the prepared pans (you'll have a very thin layer of batter); set the remaining batter aside. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center of a cake comes out clean and the top springs back when pressed, 16 to 18 minutes. Transfer to a rack and let cool about 5 minutes in the pans, then invert the cakes onto the rack to cool completely.
- 4 Meanwhile, cool the pans under cold water, then wipe clean. Brush with oil and dust with flour again. Repeat to make 2 more cake layers, using 3/4 cup batter for each, then repeat again. You will have 6 layers.
- 5 Make the frosting: Beat the cream cheese, butter and salt in a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment on medium-high speed until fluffy. Beat in the vanilla, then beat in the confectioners' sugar in three additions until smooth.
- 6 Put 1 cake layer on a serving plate and spread evenly with a scant 1 cup frosting. Repeat with the remaining 5 cake layers, then frost the top and sides of the cake with the remaining frosting in a thin layer (just enough so the nonpareils will stick). Refrigerate until the frosting is just set but still soft, about 10 minutes.
- 7 Put the cake (on the plate) on a rimmed baking sheet. Cover the top and sides completely with the nonpareils, reusing the ones that fall onto the baking sheet.



## Star-Studded Berry Tarts

### Ingredients:

- For the crusts:
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- 3/4 cup pecans
- 6 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 sticks cold unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 large egg, beaten
- For the pastry cream:
- 1 cup whole milk
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup plus 3 tablespoons buttermilk
- 3 large egg yolks
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 pint raspberries
- 1 pint blueberries
- Confectioners' sugar, for dusting

### Directions:

- 1 Make the crusts: Pulse the flour, pecans, granulated sugar and salt in a food processor until the nuts are finely ground. Add the butter and pulse until the mixture looks like coarse meal. Drizzle in 6 tablespoons ice water and pulse until the dough comes together. Turn out onto a piece of plastic wrap and form into a disk; wrap and refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour.
- 2 Lightly flour a large sheet of parchment paper. Roll out the dough on the parchment into a 9-by-13-inch rectangle. Trim into an 8-by-12-inch rectangle (reserve the scraps). Cut into eight 3-by-4-inch rectangles. Separate the pieces slightly on the parchment, then use your fingers to crimp the edges. Slide the parchment onto a baking sheet. Roll out the scraps until 1/4 inch thick. Cut out 8 stars using a small floured star-shaped cookie cutter; arrange on the baking sheet around the crusts. Refrigerate until firm, about 20 minutes.
- 3 Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Poke holes in the crusts with a fork. Brush the stars and the edges of the crusts with the beaten egg. Bake until golden brown, about 25 minutes; remove to a rack to cool completely.
- 4 Make the pastry cream: Combine the milk, 1/3 cup granulated sugar and the vanilla in a saucepan and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Whisk 1/2 cup buttermilk, the egg yolks, cornstarch and the remaining 1/3 cup sugar in a bowl. Slowly pour the hot milk mixture into the egg mixture, whisking constantly. Pour the mixture back into the saucepan and cook, whisking, until thick and bubbling, about 3 minutes. Transfer to a bowl; stir in the remaining 3 tablespoons buttermilk. Lay plastic wrap on the surface and refrigerate 45 minutes.
- 5 Carefully transfer the crusts to a platter. Spread the pastry cream on the crusts, then top with the berries. Top each tart with a star. Dust with confectioners' sugar.



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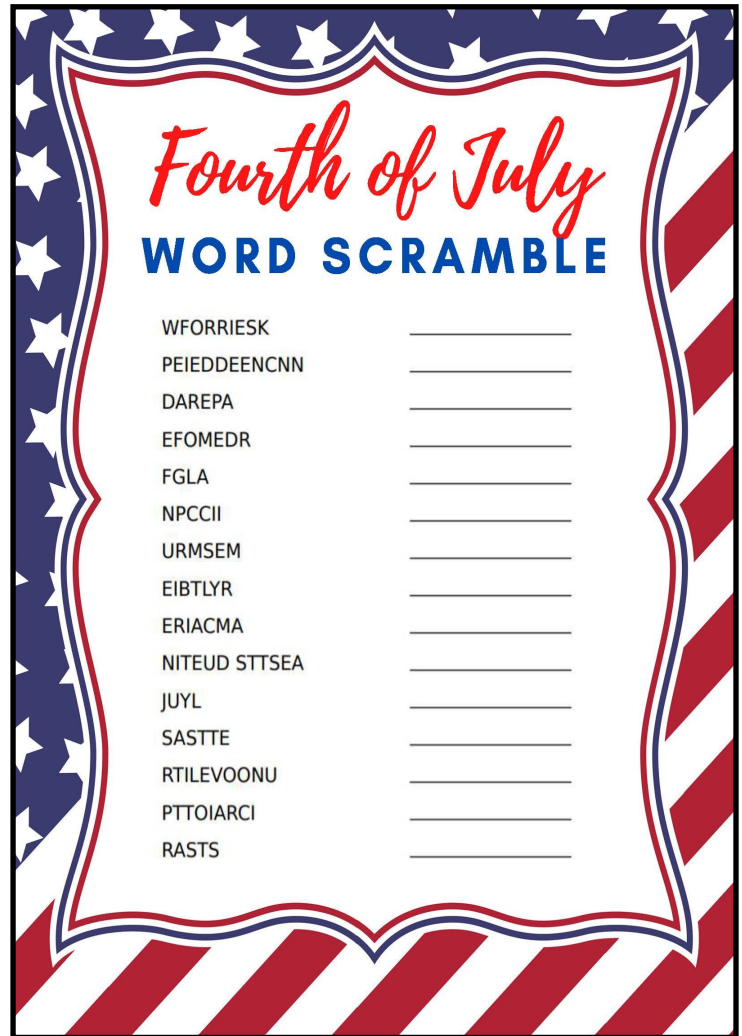
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Responsibility	Percentage
Current government	75%
Previous government	15%
No government	10%



### Jolly Facts about July

- July was named after the famous Roman general Julius Caesar; it was selected by the Roman senate, based on his birth month.
- On July 16, 1945, a day with a dark period of world history, the first atomic bomb, called “Fat Boy”, was detonated in Alamogordo, New Mexico. The explosion caused a mushroom cloud that was 41,000 feet high!
- July was a significant time for the space race of the '60s. The Apollo 11 Mission, was launched on July 16, 1969. On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong made history by taking the first step on the moon while announcing, *“That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind!”*.
- Even though, July, being the first month in the second half of the year, July 1<sup>st</sup> is not actually the middle of the year. In a regular non-leap year, the midpoint is actually on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 pm.
- The full Moon in July is called the Buck Moon because the antlers of male deer (bucks) are in full-growth mode at this time.
- On July 10, 1913, the hottest temperature ever recorded in the US, was in Greenland Ranch CA, it soared to 134°. It was hot enough to fry an egg on a rock in a matter of seconds!
- The first bikini, a audacious two piece, debuted in Paris on July 5th, 1946 at the famous Piscine Militar swimming pool, unveiled by French designer, Louis Réard.



### Unusual Patriot Ways to Celebrate July 4th

- 1) **Make a Patriotic Playlist.** Get creative by picking out songs that reference the good ole Red, White & Blue!
- 2) **Do a Red, White and Blue potluck.**
- 3) **Heard of Secret Santa,** how about Secret Uncle Sam! Have fun with family and friends playing along!
- 4) **Play an American game,** such as baseball or dodgeball!
- 5) **Enjoy a patriotic movie outside (or inside),** such Independence Day or Hamilton

**THE Local Vendor Market**  
**Tin Cup Saturday July 19th, 2025**  
TAVERN

**GOAL OF 250+ VENDORS**

**3667 E I-30 Frontage Rd**  
**Campbell, TX 75422**  
**9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**FREE ADMISSION**  
**FREE PARKING**

**To register as a vendor :** TEXT: 903-630-0382  
EMAIL: TheLocalVendorMarket@gmail.com

903-630-0362  
EST. 2022



**Hunt County Human Resources Department**  
Wishes all of you a fun, safe and happy July!