

52nd Annual Grand Saline Salt Festival

Schedule of Events 2026

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **DESSERT BAKING CONTEST TURN IN** @ Main Street Office
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. **GOSPEL & PRAISE NIGHT** @ Pavilion with LIVE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES - Free

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **★NEW TIME★ MORNING YOGA** @ Pavilion - BYOM - Bring your Own Mat!
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **VIRGINIA MILAM OLD FASHIONED SOUTHERN LUNCHEON**
\$10 @ Pavilion Take Out & Delivery Available
12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m. **★GRAND OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE EDC PAVILION★**
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **FLORAL CONTEST DISPLAYS** @ Pavilion
1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. **COMMUNITY BINGO (Free)** @ Pavilion
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. **GS INDIAN FOOTBALL GAME** at Memorial Stadium
7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. **STREET DANCE** on Frank Street | Tickets: \$10 (age 5 and over) | Cooler Fee: \$15
Gates Open 7:00 p.m. - Early Arrivals Not Permitted - Tickets at Gate
Live Music: 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Brett Boatman
9:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Billie Jo

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Downtown

6:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Vendor Set Up
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **★NEW★ SALT CITY 5K FUN RUN - All Ages Welcome** - Sponsored by Van Run Club
Start & Finish Line @ Salt Palace - Benefiting the Breaking Bread Community Pantry
8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. **★ PARADE LINE UP ★NEW TIME★**
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **STREET VENDORS OPEN**
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **CAR SHOW** - Contact Kerry Phillips, Salt Shakers Auto Club
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **★ PARADE ★NEW TIME★**
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT** Downtown, East Texas Cornhole Leagues
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT** - Location TBD | Contact Cody Akins
10:15 a.m. - Noon **★PHASE 10 TOURNAMENT UNDER THE TENT**
10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. **DECORATED PUMPKIN PAGEANT** TURN-IN at Main Street Stage
Pre-Designed and Pre-Decorated Pumpkins will be displayed all day at Festival -Secretly judged
10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. **★NEW★ SHOWCASE – Dance Dimension Performers**
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. **★ FAMILY FOLLIES & KIDDIE KAPERS** in front of Main Street Stage **★NEW TIME★**
Sponsored by the Hooker Group with assistance of the Grand Saline High School Cheerleaders

- Pet Show
- Turtle Races
- Hula Hoop Contest
- Three Legged Race
- Prettiest Eyes
- Best Beard
- Bike & Trike Races
- Balloon
- ★NEW★ Pie Eating Contest
- Pickled Jalapeno Eating Contest
- Sack Hop/Stick Horse Races
- And More!!!

★NEW★ THE GREAT PUMPKIN RACE - That's right! Pumpkins on wheels!! All ages welcome!
★NEW★ LITTLE PUMPKINS PLAY PATCH - Bounce House/Slide & Petting Zoo
1:00 p.m. - end **★NEW★ MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINO TOURNAMENT UNDER THE TENT**
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. **★NEW★ SHOWCASE - Local Fiddlers and/or Cultural Talents**
3:30 p.m. **AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED**
3:30 p.m. **STREET DANCE AREA CLOSED** - Curtains Pulled
5:30 p.m. **SECURITY SWEEP** - Street Clearing in Street Dance Area
6:00 p.m. - Midnight **STREET DANCE** on Frank Street
Tickets: \$35 Pre-Sale, \$50 at Gate; Cooler Fee: \$25
6:00 p.m. - GATES OPEN FOR ALL GENERAL ADMISSION - **No Early Set Up**
Live Music: 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Knox LaPrade
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Damon Momon & Matt Fisher
8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Heather Linn and the Deacons

10:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. TRACY BYRD

BYOL – Bring your Own Lawn Chair! No chairs allowed in the center aisle. BYOB – NO GLASS ALLOWED!

**SATURDAY STREET DANCE PRE-SALE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN PERSON
AT ANY LOCAL BANK, THE SALT PALACE MUSEUM, GS CITY HALL, TRAX, FARMHOUSE, or
ONLINE at STUBWIRE**