

## BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL

For nearly two decades, butterflies have been landing at the Shops at Willow Bend. For two weeks in May, the shopping center's Grand Court will host a conservatory filled with more than a thousand of them for its annual Butterfly Festival. Families will be able to walk through the conservatory and learn why butterflies are so important to the environment and how we can continue to protect them. Kids can learn about the butterfly life cycle and have the chance to see a butterfly emerge from its chrysalis. A free coloring sheet from Crayola Experience is included, and Paint My Pottery will have crafts for sale. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Greater Plano Kiwanis Club, an organization that helps kids around the world.

■ May 4-13 at the Shops at Willow Bend, 6121 W. Park Blvd., Plano. \$5-\$6. [shopwillowbend.com](http://shopwillowbend.com).

## FIRST FRIDAYS AT THE FARM: DECORATION DAY

This family-friendly event features a different theme each month, with May focused on paper decorations. To celebrate the beautiful blooms of spring, attendees will design and create colorful flowers out of paper.

■ May 4 from 10 a.m. to noon at Nash Farm, 626 Ball St., Grapevine. Tickets start at \$3. [grapevinetexasusa.com](http://grapevinetexasusa.com).

## NORTH DALLAS TOY SHOW

Enjoy perusing more than 90 vendor tables with vintage toys and collectibles, including Hot Wheels, Transformers, Matchbox cars, DC and Marvel comic books, trading cards, *Star Wars* action figures and more. Touted as the largest toy show in Dallas, the event takes place on the first Saturday of every month. Kids 11 and younger get in free.

■ May 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dallas Events Center, 4343 Sigma Road, Farmers Branch. \$2. [northdallastoyshow.wixsite.com/toys](http://northdallastoyshow.wixsite.com/toys).

## A PEEP AT THE COOPS — URBAN CHICKEN COOPS TOUR AND COUNTRY MARKET

A Peep at the Coops is a one-day tour of private urban chicken coops in North and East Dallas. The event features some of the most innovative coops for raising chickens in the city, with experts



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Shane Shirley of Little Elm and daughter Lauren attended a previous Butterfly Festival at the Shops at Willow Bend.

on hand to answer questions about urban chickens. The event also features a Country Market at Moss Haven Farm (next to Moss Haven Elementary) with local artisans and food vendors, community information booths, live entertainment, food trucks and other activities for the whole family. Children 11 and younger are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.

■ May 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Moss Haven Elementary School, 9202 Moss Farm Lane, Dallas. Tickets start at \$10. [apeepatthecoops.org](http://apeepatthecoops.org).

## WYLIE 500 PEDAL CAR RACE

Gear up for the 14th annual Pedal Car 500 Race. Kids 2-5 can choose a car provided by downtown merchants and race 500 inches in heats of six. Winners receive trophies in two age brackets. The entry fee includes a T-shirt, and proceeds benefit Special Olympics and downtown Wylie beautification.

■ May 6 from 1 to 5 p.m. at South Ballard Avenue and East Oak Street in downtown Wylie. \$10. [discoverwylie.com](http://discoverwylie.com).



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Davis Hangartner comes in first in his heat during the 2016 Wylie 500 Pedal Car Race.

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