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### Celebrate America at the 2nd Annual Freedom Festival & Fireworks Show

ABILENE, TX – The countdown is on for the second annual Freedom Festival & WestTex Connect Fireworks Spectacular, and committee members are busy accepting parade float entries, signing up volunteers and setting up the biggest pyrotechnic show in West Texas.

"We're launching more than rockets. We're launching new traditions," said Gary Grubbs, who co-chairs the event's steering committee with partner in patriotism Kelly Jay. "This fireworks show will be one of the grandest in Texas, and that's a big brag. We're grateful to the community for making this happen."

Even better, to celebrate Flag Day, general admission tickets at [www.abilenefreedomfestival.com](http://www.abilenefreedomfestival.com) are half-price today through Sunday with promo code: FLAG.

The extravaganza will start Wednesday evening, July 3, when the Stars & Stripes Parade marches through downtown, followed by a showing of "The Avengers" at the Historic Paramount Theatre.

Thursday, July 4, the action moves to the Taylor County Expo Center grounds, which will burst with live music, vendors, shiny cars and bikes, a VIP tent and tailgate parties. Entertainers include American Idol alum Savannah Votion and fan favorites Deryl Dodd, Jerrod Medula and Willie Mack. Recent additions to the festival include ticket levels for RVs and big tailgate parties with full service set up.

Freedom Festival general admission tickets include the Car & Motorcycle Show, as well as the live music stage, children's activity area, vendors and food trucks.

Clubs and business owners still can join the community effort: Show your patriotic flair in the parade, book a vendor space or help underwrite a festival event. Volunteers are needed, too.

General admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 to 15. Active and retired military pay \$7 at the gate. New this year is a range of RV spots and Tailgate Party choices, with prices ranging from \$100 to \$175, based on space and amenities.

Abilene's New Car Dealers Association, a group of four local dealerships, are the presenting sponsor. These generous underwriters are Arrow Ford, Star Dodge, Lawrence Hall Abilene and Toyota of Abilene. Get tickets, volunteer or join the parade at [abilenefreedomfest.com](http://abilenefreedomfest.com) and follow [Abilene Freedom Festival](#) on Facebook for updates. More:

#### **Schedule:**

**July 3, 6:30 p.m.**

Stars & Stripes Parade  
sponsored by  
Justice Construction

**7:30 p.m.**

"The Avengers"  
Historic Paramount Theatre

**July 4**

**10 a.m. – 10 p.m.**

**Taylor County Expo Center**

*Five Star Power Coating*

*Car & Motorcycle Show*

Food Vendors

Merchandise Vendors

Kids' Activities

Tailgate Parties

RV Spots

Souvenir T-Shirts

**10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.**

Live Music

**2 p.m.**

Car Trophy Ceremony

Bike Trophy Ceremony

**6 p.m.**

Black Plumbing

V.I.P Tent opens

**10:30 p.m.**

**WesTex Connect**

**Fireworks Spectacular**

*East of Festival Gardens in*

*Grover Nelson Park*