

# THE JOURNAL

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## Father's Day

The annual celebration in June to honor fathers all across the United States was started over a century ago in Spokane, Washington. Sonora Smart Dodd, in 1910, wanted to do something to honor her father who was single-handedly raising her and her five siblings following their mother's death. It took a while for the idea to catch on but Father's Day was eventually codified into law by President Richard Nixon in April 1972.

(Source:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Father%27s\\_Day\\_\(United\\_States\)#::~:~:text=Father's%20Day%20is%20an%20annual%20holiday%20honoring,annually%20on%20the%20third%20Sunday%20in%20June.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Father%27s_Day_(United_States)#::~:~:text=Father's%20Day%20is%20an%20annual%20holiday%20honoring,annually%20on%20the%20third%20Sunday%20in%20June.))

## NATIONAL TRAILS DAY JUNE 1, 2024



Claudia Garza, Chair of Floresville El Camino Trail Committee, organized and hosted this year's National Trails Day held along the newly-paved section of El Camino Real trail in Floresville. Our society was well represented by Clay Maeckel. In addition to the Society and Trail de Flores Chapter of El Camino Real NHT Assoc, other participating organizations included the de la Zerda Cemetery, San Antonio Railroad Heritage Museum, Floresville Emergency Services, Wilson County Beautification Society, and the Floresville Lions Club.





## Floresville Opry Line-Up

# Floresville Opry

## HEADLINER SCHEDULE

**Call EARLY for reservations!**

**Reserved Tables (Seat 8) - \$100**  
**General Admission - \$15**  
*Catered Dinner*  
*Desserts by WCHS*

**6-9:15 pm • Doors Open @ 5 pm**  
**WILSON COUNTY EXPO AND COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**435 Hwy 97 E, Floresville**

**April 4 – Billy Mata *SOLD OUT***

**May 2 – Randy Carson**

**June 6 – Jody Jenkins**

**July 4 – Freddy Cruz**

**Aug. 1 – Jake Blocker**

**Sept. 5 – Sean O'Brien**

**Oct. 3 – Derek Spence**

**Nov. 7 – Wyatt Aleman**

**Dec. 5 – Mike Hughes**

### Floresville Opry House Band

**Contact: Viola (830) 391-1062**

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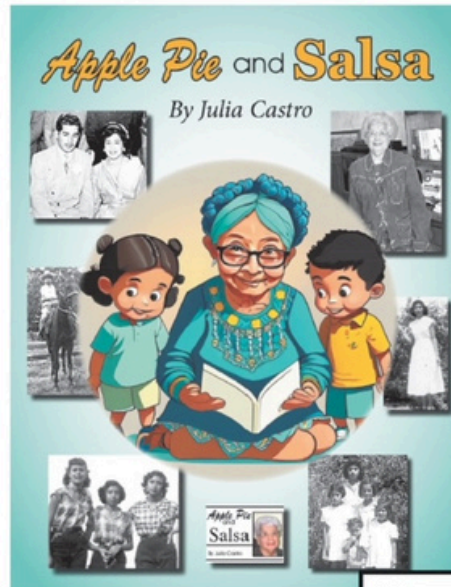
Do not take your chances by waiting to purchase your tickets at the door. Viola and her team have **SOLD OUT** the previous months and this will likely continue. **Reserve your seats now!**

## Julia Castro To Be Recognized

The society will recognize, at its next meeting on June 18th, Floresville native and long time society member, Julia Castro, for her two decades of hundreds of articles she wrote under the heading "Apple Pie and Salsa". Her wonderful columns, published weekly in the Wilson County News, have been compiled and published by the Wilson County News. Her wonderful stories that share a bit of our local history will now be enjoyed by generations to come.

### Join us for a special Book Signing

- ✓ MEET THE AUTHOR!
- ✓ GET YOUR COPY!



### JULIA CASTRO

Author of popular column "Apple Pie and Salsa" that was published in the *Wilson County News* from 2008-2022. The book is a collection of her columns.

Apple Pie and Salsa,  
\$30 + tax.  
Available at  
C Street Gift Shop/  
Wilson County News  
or online at  
[cstreetgiftshop.com/apple-pie-and-salsa](http://cstreetgiftshop.com/apple-pie-and-salsa)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19  
FROM 2-3 P.M.  
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## YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

**VIOLA AND  
HER  
STELLAR  
TEAM  
NEEDS A  
FEW MORE  
HANDS FOR  
THE JULY  
4TH SHOW.  
CONTACT  
HER  
SOONEST!**

*Come listen and dance to some Live Classic Country Music!  
First Thursday of every month!*

### Floresville Opry

THURSDAY  
JULY 4, 2024

**Wilson County Expo  
and Community Center**  
435 Hwy 97 E, Floresville  
6 - 9:15 pm ~ Doors open @ 5 pm

Bring your own  
adult beverages!  
Set-ups & soft drinks  
available.

**GRILLED PORK STEAK  
DINNER AVAILABLE — \$12**  
*by Malcher's Catering*

\$20.00

ARM STRETCH  
RAFFLE

CONCESSIONS  
& SWEETS SILENT  
AUCTION



### Freddy Cruz

General Admission  
**\$15**

Reserved Table  
(Seats 8)  
**\$100**



**Floresville Opry House Band**  
Roger Edgington, Fred Michalczak, Larry Horwedel,  
John Schattenberg, Sally Carlson, Terrell O'Neal, Alan Kolby,  
Gary Trial-Manager, Nell Baeten-Emcee, Mark Odom-Sound,  
and Viola Henke-Producer



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For info., or to reserve a table, call  
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# Museum Plans New Exhibit



The Jailhouse Museum plans a new exhibit focused on Wilson County schools, including those that no longer exist. Do you have memorabilia from your school days that you would consider loaning to the museum for the new exhibit? The museum team will begin taking donations June 22nd through July 10th. You can contact the museum team via email at: [wcjailhousemuseum@gmail.com](mailto:wcjailhousemuseum@gmail.com)

# Historical Marker Scavenger Hunt

One way to explore Wilson County is to participate in the library's *Marker Scavenger Hunt*.

Visit any of the Wilson County libraries and ask for the Marker Scavenger Hunt game sheets then get ready to learn all about our remarkable history and the people that made it.

Visit your local WCPL location to obtain your game sheets!

**Adventure Begins @ Your Library**  
**Summer Reading 2024**

This is a teen and adult scavenger hunt that will take you around Wilson County.

To play our game, you will need our featured game sheets for the communities in Wilson County, a pen or pencil, and a navigation system to take you on your adventure.

When you find the featured historical marker, please make sure that you are safely parked, if at a roadside marker. Read about the area's history, fill in the blanks and turn your game sheet in at any Wilson County Public Library. You will earn an entry for a special prize for each game sheet submitted. All entries must be submitted by close of business on Friday, July 12, 2024.

Addresses and some GPS coordinates have been listed as a way of finding our selected historical markers. In addition, we have paper copies of maps if needed.

Be sure to check out our Website and "like" our Facebook page



<https://www.wilsoncountyhistory.org>



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## Our Website Story Highlight:

### **THE TRIAL BROTHERS**

*Early Real Estate Developers in Lodi & Floresville*

Read about them here:

[Trial Brothers](#)



*Make your mark in Wilson County's history!*

# BUY A BRICK

*Consider an inscribed brick paver  
as a tribute or memorial to a friend, family member,  
a loved one, or yourself, as a permanent part  
of Wilson County History!*

We are taking orders for engraved bricks that will replace the  
existing sidewalk leading to the Wilson County Jailhouse Museum.  
As a "State Antiquities Landmark" we must preserve  
and protect the old Jailhouse.


*Orders for engraved bricks will help fund  
the restoration and upkeep of the  
Wilson County Jailhouse Museum.*

The Wilson County Historical Society's goal  
is for ALL families in Wilson County to be  
represented with an engraved brick.


*Thank You!*

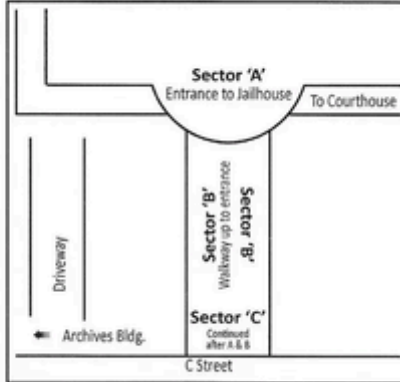
**4x8 Brick Pavers**  
3 Lines, 20 Characters per line  
**\$100**

Order at  
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## Congratulations and Thanks!

**Congratulations** Neila on your successful jailhouse fundraising campaign selling more than 200 bricks sold thus far.

**Thanks** to each of you who purchased a brick that now graces the entry to our Jailhouse Museum. Proceeds from brick sales directly contributes to funding museum renovations.

If you have not yet purchased a brick paver, or wish to purchase another, feel free to contact Neila or Viola.