

Subject line: History comes alive for the 4th of July in beautifully restored Granbury courthouse

Every year as the 4th of July approaches, people scramble to find the best place to celebrate – a place with good food, family fun and the biggest fireworks. *The good news for your readers is that Granbury, TX has it all – and a patriotic Broadway musical to boot!*

For the second year in a row, the Granbury Theater Company will present **1776**, a witty and entertaining story about the birth of our nation. The three-time Tony Award-winning musical gives a passionate and sometimes funny look into the lives of our forefathers and their political struggles in colonial America.

The historic Hood County Courthouse will host the musical beginning June 6 with performances every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and matinee performances on Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. The company also will put on two special performances for July 4 at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$30 per person. For more information on tickets and show times, please call the box office at 817-579-0952 or visit granburytheatrecompany.org.

Before and after the show, visitors can enjoy a packed weekend of festivities. The **Granbury Old-Fashioned 4th of July Celebration** will take place July 4-6 and includes:

- Tom Ward Decorated Bike Contest
- Granbury Hometown Parade
- Ranch Rodeo
- D&D Rockin' Rods Car Show
- Live Music on the Square
- Old-Fashioned Games in Shanley Park
- Stonewater Church Service on City Beach
- Arts/Crafts/Food Vendors all day

The entire day caps off with a fireworks show over Lake Granbury at 9:45 p.m. – ranked as a **Top 10 fireworks show in the southwestern United States and Top 50 in the nation**. The celebration was also chosen as one of the top 4th of July celebrations in the state by *Texas Highways* magazine. More information, including a full schedule of the weekend's events, can be found at <http://granburychamber.com/4th-july-celebration>.

We hope you will consider this for your 4th of July events coverage. Please let me know if I can provide you with high-resolution photography or any additional information about *1776* or the festivities.

Thank you,
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