

World's Only St. Paddy's Pickle Parade and Palooza salutes the military in 2020

The World's Only St. Paddy's Pickle Parade and Palooza marches into historic downtown Mansfield for its 9th year on March 13-14, 2020. The Mansfield Pickle Queens and the Pickled Mansfield Society will present two days of free fun and entertainment, with this year's event paying tribute to the USA's military.

The two days of fun are highlighted by the annual Pickle Parade featuring the Pickle Queens in their signature red wigs and green prom gowns, stepping off at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 14. The party starts at 5 p.m. Friday, March 13 with a Pet Parade, Dirty Job Brewing beer keg races, cornhole tournament and a free concert at 7 p.m. by Texas country artist Cody Wayne, all in downtown Mansfield, the official Pickle Capital of Texas.

Saturday's activity kicks off with the Methodist Mansfield Medical Center Pickle Runs beginning at 8 a.m., live entertainment on the Best Maid stage and Camp Anothan Community Stage. The Pickle Playground, the food court and vendor market open at 10 a.m., with the Baby Parade taking to Main Street at 10:30 a.m.

After the Pickle Parade, country star Coffey Anderson returns to Mansfield, taking the stage at 2:30 p.m. followed by the Kendra's Kreations pickle eating and pickle juice drinking contests and the Mindy Lu's pie eating contest while A Shot of Benatar performs at The LOT. The evening wraps up with a free live concert by Little Skynyrd. After the Palooza wraps up, partyers can head to the LOT in downtown Mansfield for a free concert by popular local singer Josh Weathers.

Admission and parking are free, with free shuttle service provided from Mansfield Legacy High School, 1263 N. Main St.

About the Mansfield Pickle Queens

The Pickle Queens are hand-picked, well-seasoned women who love their families, their friends and their community. They have presented the Pickle Parade annually since 2012 and have participated in events around the state, including the State Fair of Texas parade, the Fort Worth Parade of Lights, the Westfest and Ennis Polkafest parades, and the Rose Parade in Tyler, among others.

About the Pickled Mansfield Society

The all-volunteer nonprofit group organizes and stages the World's Only St. Paddy's Pickle Parade and Palooza. The organization provides college scholarships through the Mansfield ISD Education Foundation Scholarship Program. It also donates to the Feed the Kids program.

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