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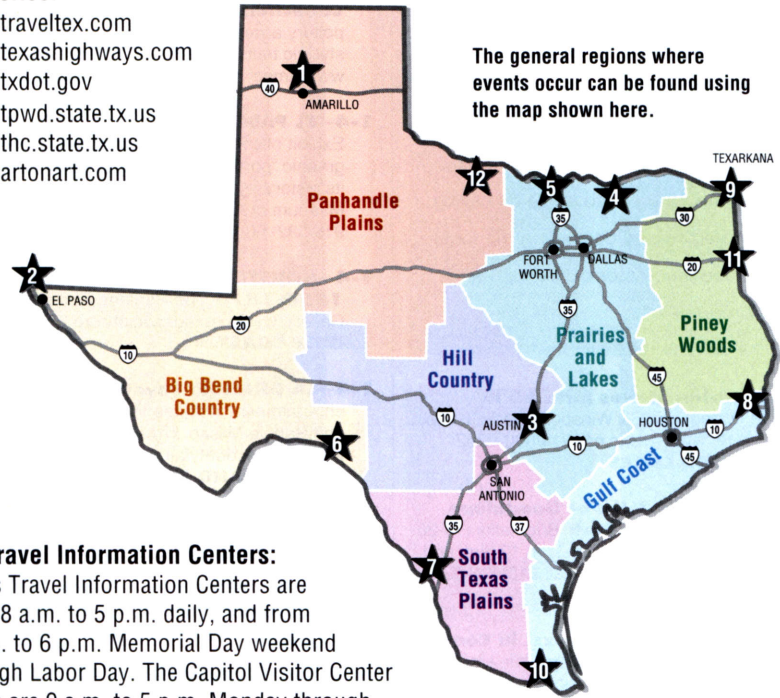
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- 1—DALLAS: Brian Stokes Mitchell in Concert** Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House, 2304 Flora St. www.attpac.org 214/880-0202 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—SALT FLAT: Patio Talks at Guadalupe Mountains National Park** Brief talks (15-20 minutes) by park rangers are held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Pine Springs Visitor Center. 915/828-3251 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 1—THE WOODLANDS: Poperazzi in Concert with the Houston Symphony** The Houston Symphony performs with this “pop-opera” vocal trio. Begins at 8 p.m. The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. www.woodlandscenter.org 281/363-3300 **PINEY WOODS**
- 1-2—GALVESTON: Hotel Galvez Through the Ages in Postcards** Exhibit showcases selections from a collection of more than 700 postcards of Galveston, circa 1900–30, plus other postcards from the Rosenberg Library, revealing the hotel’s 100-year history. Hotel Galvez. www.galveston.com/galvez 409/765-7721 **GULF COAST**
- 1-3—AMARILLO: AQHA Adequan Select World Championship Show** Features more than 700 entries in a show dedicated to competitors older than 50. Amarillo National Center, Tri-State Fairgrounds. www.aqha.org 806/376-4811 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1-3—HOUSTON: Crafting Live(s): Ten Years of Artists in Residence** Approximately 35 former artists-in-residence from the Houston Center for Contemporary Craft participate in this exhibition, which features their more recent works. 4848 Main St. www.crafthouston.org 713/529-4848 **GULF COAST**
- 1-3, 8-10—CLEBURNE: Smoke On the Mountain** Presented by the Plaza Theatre Company. 111 S. Main. www.plaza-theatre.com 817/202-0600 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29—GRAPEVINE: Grapevine Market** Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Liberty Park. www.grapevinetexasusa.com 800/457-6338 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

- 1-4—BEAUMONT: Contemporary Regional Folk Art: Selections from the Permanent Collection** See sculpture and paintings in a variety of styles by talented artists without formal art training. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org 409/832-3432 **GULF COAST**
- 1-4—BEAUMONT: Southeast Texas Collects: Jamie Paul Kessler German Pottery Collection** Features a local collection of German pottery arranged in groups that showcase unique stylistic traits. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org 409/832-3432 **GULF COAST**
- 1-4—EL PASO: Paul Strand in Mexico** Exhibit offers a unique and important photographic “portrait” of Mexico at a critical point in its history. by a master of the medium. El Paso Museum of Art. www.elpasoartmuseum.org 915/532-1707 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 1-4—HOUSTON: Culture in Frontier Texas: 1820-1870** The Heritage Society Museum Gallery. www.heritagesociety.org 713/655-1912 **GULF COAST**
- 1-4—LA GRANGE: Fayette County Fair** Live entertainment includes The Triumphs, Pat Green and Ronnie Milsap. Fayette County Fairgrounds. www.fayettecountyfair.org 979/968-3911 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-4, 29-Oct. 2—CANTON: First Monday Trade Days** Largest trade days event in the nation includes more than 7,000 vendors on 200 acres. On I-20 in Canton from exits 523, 526, 527 or 528. www.visitcantontx.com 877/462-7467 or 903/567-1849 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-5—BIG SPRING: First Ladies of Big Spring** Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry St. www.bigspringmuseum.com 432/267-8255 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1-5—CORPUS CHRISTI: Flamingo Fandango** Features about 100 classic pink plastic yard flamingos theme-designed and “dressed,” plus about 200 more “naked” birds for photo opportunities. South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center. 8545 S. Staples St. www.stxbot.org 361/852-2100 **GULF COAST**
- 1-5—DALLAS: Charlie and Kiwi’s Evolutionary Adventure** To understand how kiwis evolved, Charlie travels back in time to the age of the dinosaurs. Visitors learn with Charlie by unraveling puzzles, playing games, exploring computer interactives and observing live birds. Museum of Nature and Science, 1318 S. Second Ave. www.natureandscience.org 214/428-5555 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-5—DALLAS: Chinasaurus** The prehistoric past collides with the mysticism of the Far East in this exhibit. Go back 65 million years to learn about Asia’s dinosaurs and discoveries made in China that establish exciting new links between dinosaurs and birds. Museum of Nature and Science. www.natureandscience.org 214/428-5555 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-5—GRAPEVINE: Great Train Robberies** Experience the great train robbery on this Grapevine-to-Fort Worth train trip. The train must stop to allow gunslingers on horseback to board, and then the fun really begins. Cotton Belt Depot, 701 S. Main St. www.grapevinetexasusa.com 800/457-6338 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

- 1-5—HOUSTON: Texas! Making History Since 1519** Exhibit explores the unique roles that Texas has played: as a Spanish colony, part of the Mexican frontier, an independent republic and an American state. Houston Museum of Natural Science. www.hmns.org **GULF COAST**
- 1-5—SAN ANTONIO: Amazon Voyage: Vicious Fishes and Other Riches** This exhibit takes visitors on an exciting journey covering diverse ecosystems, the vicious creatures known as the Seven Perils and the amazing people who inhabit the areas along the Amazon River. Witte Museum. www.witemuseum.org 210/357-1900 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 1-5—WACO: Lost Egypt: Ancient Secrets, Modern Science** Through hands-on challenges, authentic artifacts and guidance from real archaeologists, visitors unearth the mysteries of Egypt, its culture and its people. Exhibit includes real mummies, as well as scans and facial reconstructions. Baylor University’s Mayborn Museum Complex. www.maybornmuseum.com 254/710-1104 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-11—DALLAS: Tradition Transformed: Tibetan Artists Respond** There is no Tibetan word for “art”—the closest approximation is *lha dri pa*, “to draw a deity.” That premise is explored in this exhibit of 24 works including paintings and alternative media by eight Tibetan artists. The Crow Collection of Asian Art. www.crowcollection.org 214/979-6430 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-11—DICKINSON: Anybody for Murder: A Play** As two husbands scheme to kill their wives for insurance and inheritance, all that stands in their way is a neighbor who knows a thing or two about murder: crime writer Edgar Chambers. Bay Area Harbour Playhouse. www.harbourplayhouse.com/season.html 281/337-7469 **GULF COAST**
- 1-11—SAN ANTONIO: George Nelson: Architect, Writer, Designer, Teacher** Retrospective focuses on the architecture and design work of George Nelson, one of the most influential American designers of the 20th century. McNay Art Museum. www.mcnayart.org 210/824-5368 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 1-12—GRAND PRAIRIE: Playoffs and Championship Series** Independent minor league baseball teams compete. QuikTrip Park, 1600 Lone Star Parkway. www.airhogsbaserball.com 972/504-9383 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1, 15, 29—BLANCO: Romper Rangers** Parents and children up to age 5 are invited to enjoy nature through walks, plant and animal friends, and stories. Begins at 10 a.m. Blanco State Park. 830/833-4333 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-17—DALLAS: Featured Artist Series** Exhibit highlights diverse images in glass from seven artists. Kittrell/Riffkind Art Glass. www.kittrellriffkind.com 888/865-2228 or 972/239-7957 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-18—FORT WORTH: Guest of Honor: Titian’s La Bella: Woman in a Blue Dress** One of Titian’s most iconic creations, popularly known as *La Bella*—the beautiful woman—is recently restored and graces the galleries of the Kimbell. Kimbell Art Museum. www.kimbellart.org 817/332-8451 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**



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1-18—SAN ANTONIO: A Fine Line: The Woodcuts of John Lee Lee—a Trinity University assistant professor from Korea who makes his own inks, paper, and tools—creates woodcuts that are minimal and reserved in character. McNay Art Museum. www.mcnayart.org 210/824-5368 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

1-18—SAN ANTONIO: Football: The Exhibit Institute of Texan Cultures, 801 E. Durango. www.texancultures.com 210/458-2300 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

1-19—DALLAS: Art of the American Indians: The Thaw Collection A group of 135 works of art from the renowned Eugene and Clare Thaw Collection of American Indian Art goes on display. Dallas Museum of Art. www.dallasmuseumofart.org 214/922-1200 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-22—DALLAS: Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs Learn about how scientists piece together archeological and genetic clues to unlock the mysteries of ancient Egyptian mummies. Museum of Nature and Science, 1318 S. Second Ave. www.natureandscience.org 214/428-5555 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-24—PLANO: Black Comedy Presented by Rover Dramawerks. Cox Building Playhouse. www.roverdramawerks.com 972/849-0358 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-25—EL PASO: Common Language, Punctuating the Landscape This project by Suzi Davidoff and Rachel Thiewes includes large-scale photographs on aluminum, video projections and a published book. El Paso Art Museum. www.elpasoartmuseum.org 915/532-1707 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

1-25—FORT WORTH: No Glitz, No Glory Exhibit features stunning dresses and the museum's wildest Western wear—from rhinestone chaps to fringe and metallic boots—that demonstrate the individualism that embodies Texas and the American West. National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame. www.cowgirl.net 817/336-4475 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-29—COLLEGE STATION: Exhibits: Susan Sheets and Carol Zeigler Spirit of Texas Bank Gallery at the Arts Council of Brazos Valley, 2275 Dartmouth St. www.acbv.org 979/696-2787 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-30—IRVING: Genghis Khan: The Exhibition Explore the life and influence of the world's greatest conqueror in this stunning and interactive exhibition. The exhibit looks beyond the barbarian commonly pictured in the West and explores the brilliant adapter and innovator who encouraged religious and artistic freedom within his empire. Irving Arts Center. www.irvingartscenter.com 972/252-2787 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-30—NEW BRAUNFELS: Land and Sea Exhibit includes paintings, sculpture pottery, photography and jewelry. New Braunfels Art League Gallery. www.newbraunfelsartleague.com 830/629-8022 **HILL COUNTRY**

1-30—SAN ANTONIO: Fotoseptiembre USA This international photography festival is a unique, eclectic, monthlong celebration of the photographic arts. Various venues. www.fotoseptiembreusa.com **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

1-Oct. 2—MESQUITE: Molas: Wearable Art from the Kuna Indians See hand-stitched molas from the collection of Cathy Bradley. Mesquite Arts Center. www.mesquiteartscenter.org 972/216-6444 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-Oct. 9—CANYON: Not Just for Show: Working Saddles from the Permanent Collection Popular exhibition features some of the finest horse-related artifacts in the United States, including saddles, bits, spurs, stirrups and other tack. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, 2503 Fourth Ave. www.panhandleplains.org **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

1-Oct. 9—EL PASO: The Hand of God This series of *retablos* reveals the ongoing development and understanding of the Roman Catholic image of the all-powerful hand—*la mano todo poderosa* in Spanish—that depicts the right hand of God. El Paso Museum of Art, 1 Arts Festival Plaza. www.elpasoartmuseum.org 915/532-1707 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

1-Oct. 15—CORPUS CHRISTI: Beyond Shared Language: Contemporary Art and the Latin American Experience Exhibition of works by 14 artists of Latin American descent explores issues of cultural identity, ethnicity, religion and both the fragility and fluidity of their visual language. Art Museum of South Texas, 1902 N. Shoreline Blvd. www.artmuseumofsouthtexas.org 361/825-3500 **GULF COAST**

1-Oct. 22—ABILENE: Dancing by the Light of the Moon: The Art of Fred Marcellino Exhibit includes his rich illustrations and designs for *Puss in Boots*, a winner of the Caldecott Honor, and *I, Crocodile*, named a Best Illustrated Children's Book by the *New York Times*. National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature. www.nccil.org 325/673-4586 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

1-Oct. 23—AMARILLO: National Juried Exhibition: Figurative Painting Amarillo Museum of Art. www.amarilloart.org 806/371-5050 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

1-Oct. 23—AUSTIN: Strife in the City: Austin During the Civil War Historic photos and documents from the Civil War era in Austin shed light on topics such as the political climate leading up to the conflict, Austin's contributions on the battlefield, life on the home front, and Austin's role in the Reconstruction period. Austin History Center. www.austintexas.gov/library 512/974-7480 **HILL COUNTRY**

1-Oct. 30—SAN ANTONIO: Texas Contemporary Artists Series: Rex Hausmann Institute of Texan Cultures. www.texancultures.com 210/458-2300 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

1-Nov. 6—BEAUMONT: Artwork by Joey Blazek Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org 409/832-3432 **GULF COAST**

1-Nov. 12—AMARILLO: America's Horse in Art This Western fine art show and sale is a tribute to the American quarter horse. American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame and Museum, 2601 I-40 East. www.aqhhalloffame.com 806/376-5181 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

1-Nov. 20—SAN ANTONIO: Laura McPhee: River of No Return Respected photographer confronts issues of land and wilderness in large-scale works. Russell Hill Rogers Gallery, Navarro Campus of the Southwest School of Art. www.swschool.org **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

1-Dec. 11—FORT WORTH: Amon Carter Museum of American Art: The First 50 Years With fascinating images drawn from extensive archives, this exhibit commemorates the first half-century of one of Fort Worth's leading art institutions. 3501 Camp Bowie Blvd. www.cartermuseum.org 817/738-1933 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-Dec. 11—SAN MARCOS: The Edge of Time: Photographs of Mexico This exhibition honors Mariana Yampolsky's role in the Wittliff Collections' history with nearly 60 silver-gelatin photographs of Mexico she created from 1964–94. Texas State University's Alkek Library, seventh floor. www.thewittliffcollections.txstate.edu 512/245-2313 **HILL COUNTRY**

1-Dec. 16—HOUSTON: KJV@400: From Hampton Court, around the Globe and to the Moon Exhibit features 16th-century printings of the English Bible, the earliest editions of the King James version, and a Bible taken to the Moon with Apollo XIV. Dunham Bible Museum at Houston Baptist University, 7502 Fondren Road. www.hbu.edu/biblemuseum 281/649-3287 or 281/649-3997 **GULF COAST**

1-Dec. 21—ORANGE: Visions of the West Exhibit features art depicting the culture of the American West and explores how the land, wildlife, people, conflicts and communities shape perceptions of the West. Stark Museum of Art. www.starkmuseum.org 409/886-2787 **GULF COAST**

1-Dec. 21—SAN ANTONIO: "Jeme Souviens": The Return of Napoleon Select Napoleonic memorabilia from Villa Finale's collection illustrates the much-celebrated return of Napoleon Bonaparte's remains to France in 1840. Villa Finale Visitor Center. www.villafinale.org 210/223-9800 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

1-Dec. 31—DALLAS: Dallas Blooms: It's a Fairy Tale World This one-of-a-kind exhibit features seven castles designed and built by local architecture and construction firms, bringing to life beloved stories for families to enjoy. Dallas Arboretum. www.dallasarboretum.org 214/515-6500 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-Dec. 31—FORT WORTH: Will Barnett: Relationships, Intimate and Abstract, 1935-65 Nearly 50 prints, drawings and paintings explore the momentous evolution of Barnett's art from realism to abstraction. Amon Carter Museum of American Art. www.cartermuseum.org 817/989-5067 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-Dec. 31—HOUSTON: Celebrating 15 Years of History at Holocaust Museum Houston Exhibit offers a visual storytelling of the museum's history with items from the institutional archives, such as photographs, programming and event materials. 5401 Caroline St. E-mail: exhibits@hnhm.org 713/942-8000 **GULF COAST**

1-Jan. 8—EL PASO: Tom Lea: The Turning Point Includes six preparatory drawings for the 1964 oil-on-canvas painting *The Turning Point*, as well as the actual painting. El Paso Museum of Art. www.elpasoartmuseum.org 915/532-1707 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

1-Jan. 9—CANYON: Spiritual Places This exhibit features items portraying spiritual places, from prehistoric American pictographs and petroglyphs to sacred American Indian locations and Christian churches. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. www.panhandleplains.org 806/651-2244 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

2—AMARILLO: First Friday Art Walk Stroll among the displays at The Galleries at Sunset Center. Hours are 5–9 p.m. 3701 Plains Blvd. www.amarilloartists.com 806/353-5700 or 806/651-2244 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

2—BONHAM: Meet the Artist Night Exhibit and Reception Hours are 6–8 p.m. Creative Arts Center. www.creativeartscenter.us 903/640-2196 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

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2—CASTROVILLE: Fiorella Friday Features local artisan crafts, shopping, live music and food. Hours are 6–9 p.m. Fiorella, Lafayette and Paris streets. www.castroville.com 830/538-9705 **HILL COUNTRY**

2—CEDAR PARK: Bertram Oatmeal Festival Flyer Take a steam-train ride and arrive in time to see the Oatmeal Festival parade and enjoy the festivities for 1.5 hours. Leaves Cedar Park at 9 a.m. Cedar Park Depot. www.austinsteamtrain.org 512/477-8468 **HILL COUNTRY**

2—DALLAS: Kid Rock in Concert With Sheryl Crow. Gexa Energy Pavilion. www.livenation.com 214/421-1111 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

2—LA PORTE: Art Walk by the Bay Features work by local artists in the Main Street district, along with live entertainment and refreshments. Hours are 6–9 p.m. Main Street. www.artwalkbythebay.com 281/470-5017 **GULF COAST**

2—MESQUITE: Joe Gordon's Gospel Concert Showcases local talent in gospel music. Begins at 7:30 p.m. Rodeo City Music Hall, 214 W. Davis. www.rodeocitymusichall.com 214/537-2097 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

2—NACOGDOCHES: First Friday Cruise Nights Includes a classic car show and film at the Cole Art Center. Hours are 5–8 p.m. Downtown. 936/559-2573 **PINEY WOODS**

2-3—BERTRAM: Oatmeal Festival This 34th-annual festival celebrates Oatmeal, Texas, with a 3K run, pet parade, barbecue, vendors and Bertram's homecoming. Downtown. www.oatmealfestival.com 512/355-2197 **HILL COUNTRY**

2-3—BRADY: World Championship Barbecue Goat Cook-Off Features 200 cooking teams, a 5K fun run, arts and crafts, food booths, children's games, horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments, a barbecued goat meal, and street dance featuring Johnny Bush and The Josh Abbot Band. 101 E. First St. www.bradytx.com 888/577-3491 **HILL COUNTRY**

2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-Oct. 1—GLEN ROSE: The Promise Musical drama is based on the life of Jesus Christ. Texas Amphitheatre. www.thepromiseglenrose.com 800/687-2661 or 254/897-3926 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

2-4—ATHENS: Fire It Up! Productions—Team Roping Henderson County Fair Park. 903/721-0303 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

2-4—BANDERA: Celebrate Bandera Includes a Texas longhorn cattle drive and parade on Saturday, two nights of bull riding, cowboy-mounted shooting, historical re-enactments, Native American powwow, arts and crafts and the best of western swing music. Downtown. www.celebratebandera.com 800/364-3833 **HILL COUNTRY**

2-4—BELTON: Central Texas State Fair Includes professional bull riding, live music, a carnival, arts and crafts, food booths, livestock shows and more. Bell County Expo Center, 301 W. Loop 121. www.centraltexasstatefair.com 254/933-5353 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

2-4—FREEPORT: Summertime Blues Festival Features music by Los Lonely Boys, The Fabulous Thunderbirds featuring Kim Wilson, Wes Jeans, Dan Lawson Band and more. Other activities include a parade, car and bike shows, bull riding, swap meet, burnout contest, tattoo contest, kids' and teens' zones, dog show and costume contest, bike rally and stunts, and a triathlon. 101 S. Gulf Blvd. www.freeportbluesfestival.com 979/215-6019 or 979/233-3526 **GULF COAST**

2-4—LUFKIN: Fall Consignment Sale George H. Henderson, Jr. Exposition Center, 1200 Ellen Trout Drive. 936/637-3976 **PINEY WOODS**

2-4—WEST: Westfest Czech heritage festival features a parade, arts and crafts, Czech food, music, midway rides, a children's area, karaoke, Polka Mass at 10:15 a.m. Sunday and more. Opens at 5:30 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. West Fair Grounds. www.westfest.com 254/826-5058 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

2, 9, 16, 23—KARNACK: Owl Prowl Join park staff in an adventurous evening presentation and hike to discover the owls that live around Caddo Lake. Meet at the amphitheater, weather permitting. Start times are based on sunset—call for exact start time. Caddo Lake State Park, 245 Park Road 2. 903/679-3351 **PINEY WOODS**

2, 9, 16, 23, 30—EL PASO: Alfresco! Fridays Enjoy live music and street food at Arts Festival Plaza. www.alfrescofridays.com **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

2, 9, 16, 23, 30—WESLACO: Butterfly Walk Join a park naturalist on a walk to observe the vast numbers of colorful butterflies that are attracted to the park's gardens. Begins at 1:30 p.m. Estero Llano Grande State Park—World Birding Center. 956/565-3919 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

2-28—FORT WORTH: Rhythm and Blues, The Music of the Loom This juried handmade textile exhibition features works by more than 70 members of the Fort Worth Weavers Guild. Fort Worth Community Arts Center, 1300 Gendy. www.fortworthweaversguild.org 817/921-6676 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

2-Oct. 16—VICTORIA: Mel Chin: The Funk and Wag from A to Z Houston-born artists envisions art in unlikely places, including destroyed homes, toxic landfills and popular television. The Nave Museum. www.victoriaregionalmuseum.com 361/575-8227 **GULF COAST**

3—ALBANY: Communitywide Garage Sale Maps of sale locations available at the Visitor Center, 2 Railroad St. www.albanytexas.com 325/762-2525 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

3—ARLINGTON: Animal Exploration Discover the habits and adaptations of one of the native animals during a live animal observation with a River Legacy Naturalist. Reservations requested. Begins at 2 p.m. River Legacy Living Science Center. www.riverlegacy.org 817/860-6752 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

3—BIG SPRING: West Texas Rod Run Car show event also includes games, barbecue, a cruise through town and prizes. Old Settlers Pavilion. 432/263-0693 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

3—BLANCO: Fish with a Ranger A park ranger will be on hand to provide a basic safety and skills lesson. Appropriate for adults, children and families new to fishing or just looking for a refresher. Begins at 10 a.m. Blanco State Park. 830/833-4333 **HILL COUNTRY**

3—COLEMAN: Dove Fest Celebrates the beginning of dove-hunting season with a fish fry. Starts at noon. Bill Franklin Center. www.colemantexas.com 936/625-2163 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

3—DALLAS: Butterfly House Discovery Tour Take a guided tour of the Butterfly House and get a behind the scenes look at these winged wonders. Begins at 11 a.m. Texas Discovery Gardens. <http://texasdiscoverygardens.org> 214/428-7476 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

3—DECATUR: Cruise Night on the Courthouse Square See classic cars from 4–8 p.m. Downtown. www.decaturnainstreet.com 940/627-6158 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

3—DEER PARK: Ultimate Labor Day Tournament Teams compete in this ultimate Frisbee contest. Deer Park Soccer Fields. 281/478-2050 **GULF COAST**

3—EDNA: Labor Day Fun and Games Includes horseshoe tournaments, volleyball tournaments, sack races, washers and other fun games. Hours are 2–4 p.m. Lake Texana State Park. 361/676-6055 **GULF COAST**

3—FORT WORTH: Star Party Spend an evening exploring the night sky through the telescopes. Starts at dusk and lasts until approximately 10:30 p.m., weather permitting. Fort Worth Museum of Science and Natural History. www.fortworthmuseum.org 817/255-9300 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

3—GOLIAD: Music at the Winery Hours are 6–10 p.m. Texas South Wind Vineyard and Winery. www.texassouthwind.com 361/526-4662 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

3—GRAPELAND: Angler Education Learn about basic tackle, knot tying, fish species, casting, ecology and fish regulations while fishing. Equipment provided. Bring proper clothing, sunscreen and bug repellent. Begins at 9 a.m. Mission Tejas State Park. 936/687-2394 **PINEY WOODS**

3—JASPER: Labor Day Fun and Games Fun-filled day of activities includes horseshoes, washer pitching, bocce ball, ladder ball, hula hoops, flying disks, soaker ball and more. Hours are 2–4 p.m. Martin Dies, Jr. State Park. 409/384-5231 **PINEY WOODS**

3—LAGO VISTA: Murder in the Cellar Dinner Theater The Capital City Mystery Players present an intriguing mystery of theft and murder as diners enjoy fine food and wine. Flat Creek Estate Winery and Vineyard, 24912 Singleton Bend Road East. www.flatcreekestate.com 512/267-6310 **HILL COUNTRY**

3—LAKE JACKSON: Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tours Discover the sugar making process of the 1840s, how convict labor replaced slave labor during the 1870s, and how destructive the 1900 hurricane that destroyed Galveston truly was. Jackson Plantation Site. www.lakejacksonmuseum.org 979/297-1570 **GULF COAST**

3—MESQUITE: Championship Finals at Devil's Bowl Speedway Dirt-track racing. 1711 Lawson Road. www.devilsbowl.com 972/222-2421 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

3—PORT LAVACA: Flip Flop Festival Enjoy a relaxing day of music, food and fun, perfect for wearing flip flops and enjoying the ocean breeze. Bayfront Peninsula. www.portlavacatx.org 361/552-2959 **GULF COAST**

3—QUITAQUE: Kids' Fish Day Learn about species, equipment, safety and the basics of fishing. Then cast a line in Lake Theo. All equipment is provided, and program is open for all ages. Begins at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., weather permitting. Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway. 806/455-1492 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

3—SALT FLAT: Pratt Cabin Tour Tour this historic cabin at McKittrick Canyon with a park ranger. Bring sunblock, a hat, snacks and plenty of water. Guadalupe Mountains National Park. 915/828-3251 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**



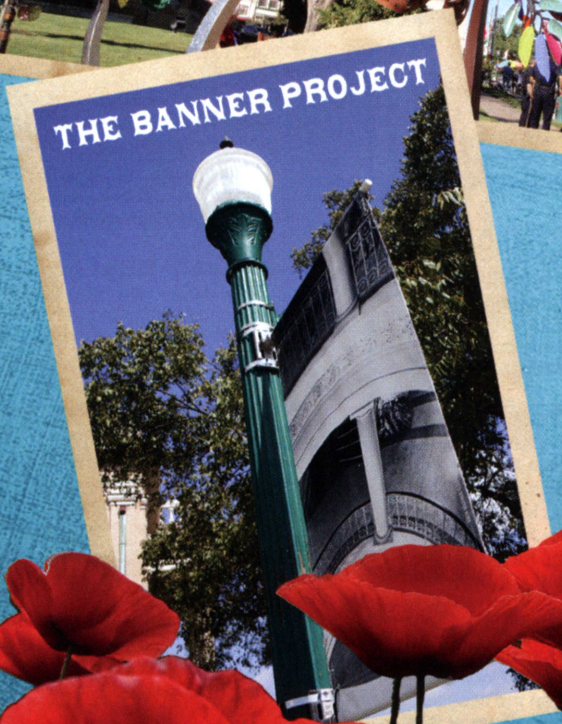
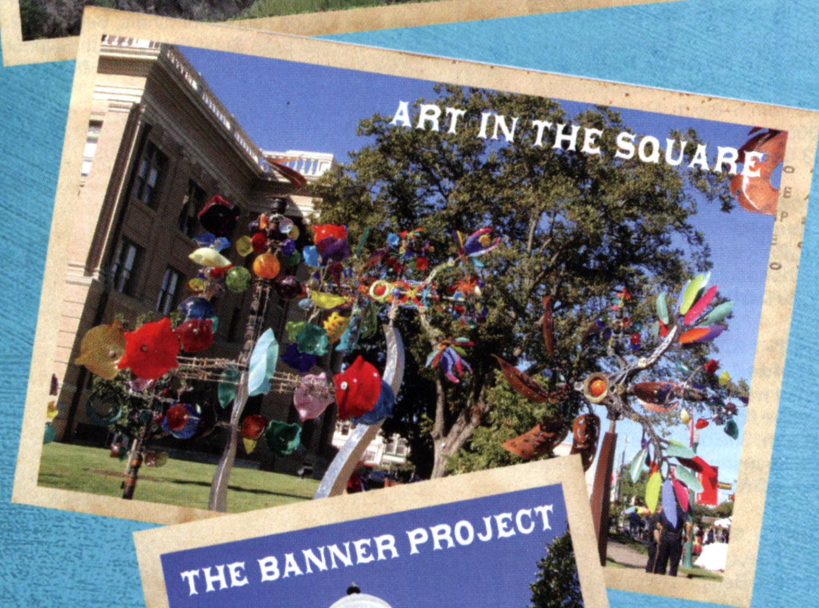
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- 3—SAN ANGELO: Longhorn Tour** Learn about the official Texas Longhorn Herd and how they evolved into the wild and colorful creature of Western lore. Begins at 10 a.m. Meet at the South Shore Gatehouse at San Angelo State Park. 325/947-2687 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 3—SAN ANTONIO: First Saturdays at the Alamo** Living-history demonstrations include period cooking, corn-husk doll making and weapon displays. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Alamo. www.visitsanantonio.com **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 3—SEGUIN: Tejano Fest** Hours are 3–8 p.m. Downtown. www.visitseguin.com 800/580-7322 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 3—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Fun With Knots** Meet at the Honey Creek Amphitheater to learn how to tie useful and decorative knots. Rope is provided. Begins at 2:30 p.m. Cooper Lake State Park's South Sulphur Unit. 903/945-5256 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 3—THE WOODLANDS: Kid Rock in Concert with Sheryl Crow** Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. www.woodlandscntr.org 281/363-3300 **PINEY WOODS**
- 3—TYLER: Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration** Learn the basics of the fine art of historic camp cooking with cast iron. Begins at 10 a.m. Tyler State Park. 903/597-5338 **PINEY WOODS**
- 3—UVALDE: Gary P. Nunn in Concert** With the Clint Martin Band. House Pasture Cattle Company. www.housepasture.com 830/232-6580 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 3—UVALDE: Texas Labor Day Weekend Celebration** Includes the Second Annual Briscoe Ranch Beef Barbecue Cook-Off Challenge, 11 a.m. parade, team roping, three-on-three basketball tournament, live music, horse-shoes, washer pitching and children's activities. Hours are noon to midnight. Memorial Park. www.texaslabordayweekend.com **HILL COUNTRY**
- 3—WIMBERLEY: Market Day** Shop more than 475 booths from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lions Pavilion on R.R. 2325. www.shopmarketdays.com 512/847-2201 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 3—WINTERS: Dove Fest** Hunter appreciation event features live music, a gun and knife show, clay-pigeon shoot, food and prizes to celebrate the hunting opportunities in Texas. Novice Road at Main Street. www.winters-texas.us 325/754-4424 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 3-4—ABILENE: Movin' at Midnight 5K Run, Walk and Wheel** Enjoy music and food after the race. 4545 Hartford St. 325/668-4321 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 3-4—ARLINGTON: Gem and Mineral Club Show** Explore rock, gem and fossil exhibits; how-to demonstrations; vendor booths; a silent auction and prizes. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way. www.arlington.org **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 3-4—BEDFORD: Labor Day Blues and Barbecue Festival** Blues acts including Jonny Lang and Buddy Guy perform. Event includes arts and crafts, food vendors and a barbecue cook-off. 2000 Forest Ridge Drive. www.bedfordbluesbbq.com 817/952-2128 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 3-4—BOYS RANCH: Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Rodeo** In addition to highlighting the skills of the Cal Farley boys and girls ages 5 to 18, the rodeo serves as the annual homecoming

- for Cal Farley's alumni. On U.S. 385, 36 miles northwest of Amarillo. www.calfarley.org 806/372-2341 or 800/687-3722 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 3-4—BUFFALO GAP: Chili Super Bowl** Cook-off of chili, brisket, chicken, ribs, bean and desserts benefits the Ben Richey Boys Ranch. See and sample the world's largest bowl of chili, and enjoy live music, concessions, nightly dances, a kids' playground and more. Old Settlers Reunion Grounds. 325/675-8412 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 3-4—LINDSAY: Antique Tractor and Farm Machinery Show** This 26th-annual event includes wheat threshing, hay baling, small engine displays, corn grinding in a grist mill, horse-drawn equipment, tractor games and races, steam tractors, old-fashioned plowing, a parade, and arts and crafts. www.antiquetractorshow.net 940/665-6823 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 3-4—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Ruffrider Regatta** Features a race for catamarans. Registration is from 5–8 p.m. Friday at Louie's Backyard. 2305 Laguna Blvd. www.ruffrider.net 956/761-6433 **GULF COAST**
- 3-4—THE WOODLANDS: Labor Day Weekend Event** Enjoy live music and picnic on the square. Concerts start at 6 p.m. Waterway Square. www.thewoodlandscvb.com 281/363-2447 **PINEY WOODS**
- 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25—HOUSTON: Weekend Guided Nature Walk** Enjoy a one-hour guided walk led by a park interpreter to learn about native flora and fauna. Tours begin at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sheldon Lake State Park and Environmental Learning Center. 281/456-2800 ext. 225 **GULF COAST**
- 3-4, 23—BURNET: Sunset Boat Jaunts** Experience the beauty of an evening on the lake on an electric boat. Begins at 6:30 p.m. Reservations required. Meet behind the Park Store at Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 3-5—ALPINE: Big Bend Balloon Bash** See balloons take flight daily between 7:30–10 a.m. A Sunday evening fire glow and concert features balloon pilots "playing" their burners, begins at 8 p.m. at Alpine's Buck Stadium. Alpine-Casparis Municipal Airport. www.bigbendballoonbash.com 432/837-7486 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 3, 10, 17, 24—BRACKETTVILLE: Wild Cave Tour** Take a rugged, two-hour adventure hike across fields of loose boulders into the heart of Kickapoo Cavern. Participants should be in good physical condition, bring two light sources each and wear sturdy footwear for hiking. Reservations required. Begins at 1:30 p.m. Kickapoo Cavern State Park. 830/563-2342 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 3, 17—HOUSTON: Twilight Tours on Buffalo Bayou** Enjoy a 30-minute pontoon boat cruise on Buffalo Bayou and look for graceful herons, jumping fish and even the occasional alligator on the bayou's banks. Starts at Sabine Promenade, 150 Sabine St. **GULF COAST**
- 3, 17—LAKE JACKSON: Alden B. Dow Office Tours** Tour the re-created 1943 office of Alden B. Dow, where the city of Lake Jackson's buildings and winding streets were designed, and experience what life was like in the new town during World War II. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Alden B. Dow Museum. www.lakejacksonmuseum.org 979/297-1570 **GULF COAST**
- 4—BURNET: Family Fun Day at Inks Lake State Park** Families are invited to play games, make crafts, go on a scavenger hunt, hike or go kayaking. Hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 512/793-2223 **HILL COUNTRY**

- 4—CEDAR PARK: SplashJam** Enjoy a washer tournament, children's activities, video games, laser tag, hamsterballs, live music and dance, fireworks and more. Milburn Park. www.cedarparkfun.com 512/401-5500 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 4—DALLAS: Asleep at the Wheel in Concert** Begins at 7 p.m. Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Road. www.dallasarboretum.org 214/515-6500 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 4—HOUSTON: Brazilian Festival** Showcases dance, art, history, culture and cuisine from across Brazil. Jones Plaza. www.houstonbrazilianfest.org 713/862-3300 **GULF COAST**
- 4—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Geocaching 101** Get started in this popular activity with basic information about looking for geocache sites as well as how to hide caches for others. Begins at 2:30 p.m. Cooper Lake State Park's South Sulphur Unit. 903/945-5256 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 4, 11, 17, 25—JASPER: Reptile Time** Watch non-venomous snakes eat their weekly meal, learn about snake and alligator behavior and anatomy, see recently-shed skins and learn how to identify venomous snakes by looking at realistic replicas. Begins at 10 a.m. Martin Dies, Jr. State Park. 409/384-5231 **PINEY WOODS**
- 5—BURLESON: Labor Day Monday Classic Car Show** Enjoy live music and see classic cars, hot rods, trucks and customized vehicles. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Lynn Smith Chevrolet, 925 N. Burleson Blvd. www.ddrockinrods.com 817/797-1197 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 5—GARLAND: Labor Day Parade** Begins at 9 a.m. Downtown. 972/463-1971 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 5—MCKINNEY: Labor of Love Run and Pooch Parade** Includes routes for 1K, 5K and 10K distances. Stonebridge Beach Club. www.active.com/running/mckinney-tx 214/726-9886 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 5—MIDLAND: Susan Graham Day Celebration** Celebrates the musical artistry of former Midlander Susan Graham, "America's Favorite Mezzo." Blakemore Planetarium. www.midlandoperatheater.org **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 5—WACO: Sorghum Festival** See traditional sorghum cane pressing with a horse-powered mill and enjoy hayrides, craft demonstrations, barbecue, music and homemade ice cream. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Homestead at Brazos de Dios, on Halbert Lane. www.homesteadheritage.com 254/754-9600 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 6—BANDERA: Cowboy Capital Opry** Old-style opry entertainment hosted by Gerry and Harriet Payne. Begins at 7 p.m. Silver Sage Corral. www.silversagecorral.org 830/796-4969 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 6—FORT WORTH: Public Knowledge** Monthly adult gathering offers informative presentations on science and nature topics at a rotating selection of Fort Worth watering holes. www.fwmsh.org 817/255-9300 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 6—LUFKIN: Bluegrass Gospel Concert featuring The Marksmen** Lufkin Pitser Garrison Civic Center. 936/632-7821 **PINEY WOODS**
- 6-Jan. 22—AUSTIN: Banned, Burned, Seized and Censored** Learn about censorship and the legal intimidation that forces some books to be censored in the United States. Harry Ransom Center, 21st Street at Guadalupe. www.hrc.utexas.edu **HILL COUNTRY**

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7—GRAND PRAIRIE: Avenged Sevenfold in Concert Verizon Theatre, 1001 Performance Place. www.verizontheatre.com 972/373-8000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

7—MCKINNEY: Art History Brown-Bag Lunch Art historian and artist Annie Royer presents lectures to increase appreciation of art and provide insight into the mind of the artist. Begins at 12:30 p.m. Heard-Craig House, 205 W. Hunt St. www.heardcraig.org 972/569-6909 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

7-8—SAN ANTONIO: Taste of the River Walk Sample the culinary fare of 30 participating River Walk establishments and enjoy an after-party. Tickets required. www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

7-10—COLUMBUS: Colorado County Fair Enjoy a livestock show and sale, baked goods, CPRA rodeo action, ranch rodeo, live music featuring Jason Boland, shopping and food. Colorado County Fairgrounds on Texas 71. www.coloradocountyfair.org 979/732-8385 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

7, 14, 21, 28—SAN ANGELO: Fort Concho Speakers Series Talks cover area history and heritage. Fort Concho National Historic Landmark's commissary building. www.fortconcho.com 325/657-4441 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

7, 14, 21, 28—SEABROOK: Sailboat Races on Clear Lake Professional and amateur sailors get together for a friendly sailboat race on the waters of Clear Lake. Begins at 6:15 p.m. www.clearlakeracing.com 281/468-6909 **GULF COAST**

7-Dec. 18—SAN ANTONIO: Shakespeare to Sondheim: Designs from the Tobin Collection Includes four thematic groupings of drawings, maquettes and costumes, plus rare theater books, costume bibles and more. McNay Art Museum. www.mcnayart.org 210/824-5368 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

8—ABILENE: ArtWalk Enjoy entertainment and special events at restaurants, shops, museums and galleries. Hours are 5–8:30 p.m. Downtown. 325/677-8389 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

8—ABILENE: Zoobilation 2011: "A Caribbean Celebration" Enjoy music, food and fun at the Abilene Zoo. Hours are 6–9 p.m. 2070 Zoo Lane. 325/676-9620 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

8—AMARILLO: Good Times Barbecue Cook-Off Attracts more than 100 cooking teams. Amarillo Chamber grounds, 10th Street at Polk Street. www.amarillo-chamber.org 806/373-7800 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

8—AUSTIN: I Art Congress Local artists are challenged to create and decorate a cultural canvas that embodies Austin. Hours are 6–9 p.m. Various venues. www.amoa.org **HILL COUNTRY**

8—DALLAS: Nasher Salon Speaker Series: Kevin Bacon Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora St. www.nashersculpturecenter.org 214/242-5100 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

8-10—CALDWELL: Creative Memories Quilt Guild's Annual Show Features more than 100 quilted items, a raffle quilt and country store. Civic Center. E-mail: Cmqguildbc@yahoo.com. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

8-11—BONHAM: Kiwanis Trade Days Fort English Park, Texas 56 at U.S. 82. www.visitbonham.com 903/227-4477 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

8-17—ABILENE: West Texas Fair and Rodeo Includes exhibits, rodeo, livestock shows and a carnival. Parade is 10:30 a.m. Sept. 10 in downtown Abilene. Taylor County Expo Center, 1700 Hwy. 36. 325/677-4376 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

8-10, 16-17, 23-25—ARANSAS PASS: Harvey Rialto Theater, 327 S. Commercial. <http://rialtotheater.tix.com> **GULF COAST**

9—CANTON: Cain Center Golf Tournament and Golf Ball Drop Twin Lakes Golf Course. 903/677-2001 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

9—CASTROVILLE: Friday Night Fever This is a show of cars, trucks and bikes, plus food for sale and live music. Hours are 6–10 p.m. Wommack Chevrolet. www.castroville.com 830/931-2479 **HILL COUNTRY**

9—DALLAS: Meet the Museum: History Detectives Children can use detective skills to unpack 1960s time capsules made up of items from the Museum's education collection—a fun assortment of books, magazines, clothing, cameras, toys, newspapers, music and other materials. Begins at 11:30 a.m. Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza. www.jfk.org/go/events 214/747-6660 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

9—GRAND PRAIRIE: Brave Combo in Concert Uptown Theater. www.uptowntheatergp.com 972/237-UPTN **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

9—PORT ARANSAS: Champagne Cruise/Mini Taste of Port A Enjoy samples from local restaurants, cruise the city harbor and enjoy live music. Fisherman's Wharf, 900 N. Tarpon. 361/749-5448 **GULF COAST**

9-10—KIRBYVILLE: Community Garage Sale Magnolia Park. 409/423-6500 **PINEY WOODS**

9-10—SAN ANGELO: Coin Show of the Concho Valley La Quinta Inn, Loop 306 at Knickerbocker Road. 325/224-8051 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

9-10—SANGER: Sanger Sellabration Includes a Friday night street dance, entertainment, food and vendor booths. Downtown, Bolivar at Second Street. www.sangertexas.com 940/458-7702 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

9-10—STAFFORD: 2001: A Quilt Odyssey Judged show of more than 200 quilts also features dolls, demonstrations, appraisals and an auction. The Stafford Centre, 10505 Cash Road. www.qqgh.org **GULF COAST**

9-11—ABILENE: The Peddler Show Abilene Civic Center. www.peddlershow.com **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

9-11—ATHENS: The Show Henderson County Performing Arts Center, 400 Gibson Road. 903/675-3908 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

9-11—BOWIE: Second Monday Trade Days Friday is set-up day, but visitors are welcome to browse before the main sales Saturday and Sunday. 1415 E. Wise St. www.secondmonday.com 940/872-4861 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

9-11—GRAND PRAIRIE: National Championship Powwow Features colorful tribal dance contests, arts and crafts, cultural heritage demonstrations, teepees and Native American food. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 972/647-2331 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

9-11—IRVING: North Texas Gun Club Show Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas, 500 W. Irving Blvd. www.classicshows.com 972/252-7476 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

9-11—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: First International SPI Fishing Tournament Sea Ranch Marina. www.apescar.net 800/657-2373 **GULF COAST**

9-11, 16—SAN ANTONIO: Diez y Seis Mark Mexico's independence from Spain with special events, including a street parade, festivals, dance presentations and other activities. Market Square and other locations. www.sanantonio.gov/market-square 210/207-8600 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

9-11, 23-25—STEPHENVILLE: Chicken House Flea Market Hwy. 377, 2.5 miles west of Stephenville. E-mail: allencrafts@directv.net 254/592-6674 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

9-18—ODESSA: Permian Basin Fair and Expo Features a carnival, lumberjack show, arts and crafts, food, petting zoo, livestock shows, BMX bike exhibits, a high-wire act, motorcycle cage and more. Ector County Coliseum Grounds. www.permianbasinfair.com **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

9, 23—HOUSTON: Bat Tours on the Buffalo Bayou Learn about how a bat sleeps, eats and contributes to the ecosystem while observing approximately 250,000 of the creatures emerging from under the Waugh Street Bridge. www.buffalobayou.org 713/752-0314 **GULF COAST**

10—ANDERSON: Stagecoach Day Ride the replica stagecoach, and enjoy relaxing dulcimer music and the heart-tugging words of the cowboy poet. Tour the inn to see how people lived in mid-1800s Texas. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site. www.birthplaceoftexas.com 936/873-2633 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10—ARLINGTON: Nature Walk Explore nature trails on a naturalist-led walk. Begins at 2 p.m. Registration requested. River Legacy Living Science Center. www.riverlegacy.org 817/860-6752 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10—ATHENS: Bird and Nature Walk Expect to see 25 or more different species while exploring the Interpretive Wetland Trail and more. Begins at 9 a.m. Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center. 903/676-2277 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10—AUSTIN: Pride Festival Join the LGBTQ community in celebrating pride in who they are while enjoying local artists, vendors and entertainment. www.austinpride.org **HILL COUNTRY**

10—BASTROP: Pine Street Market Day 700 Pine St. www.bastropbusinesswomen.com 512/303-6233 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10—BIG SPRING: Comanche Warrior Triathlon Includes a 500-meter swim in Comanche Trail Lake, 30K bike ride to the highest point in Howard County and a 5K run in Comanche Trail Park. www.comanchewarriortriathlon.com 432/263-8235 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

10—BLANCO: Planting Wildflowers Fall is the time to plant wildflowers, so come learn how to get them in the ground to deliver a successful spring show. Begins at 10 a.m. Blanco State Park. 830/833-4333 **HILL COUNTRY**

10—BOERNE: Second Saturday Art and Wine Visit art galleries for wine tastings, hors d'oeuvres and guest artists. Hours are 5–8 p.m. Boerne Visitor Center. www.secondsaturdayartandwine.com 830/249-7277 or 830/249-1500 **HILL COUNTRY**

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10—BUDA: Brew-B-Que Celebrate Oktoberfest Texas style with regional beers, local barbecue, games, competitions, The Lumberjack Show and live music. Buda City Park. www.roadwayevents.com/RoadStar/Events.asp **HILL COUNTRY**

10—BUFFALO GAP: Chautauqua Learning Series Lecture series based on the Chautauqua movement, which brought educational talks and entertainment to rural U.S. areas in the late 1800s and early 1900s, covers a new topic each month. Begins at 11 a.m. Buffalo Gap Historic Village. 325/572-3365 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

10—CALDWELL: Kolache Festival Annual festival includes Czech music and entertainment, dancing, a bake show, food and craft vendors, an art show and, of course, tasty kolaches. Courthouse square. www.burlesoncountytexas.com 979/567-0000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10—CANADIAN: The Bellamy Brothers in Concert Texas Crown Hall. www.canadiantx.com 806/323-6234 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

10—CEDAR PARK: Hill Country Flyer Travel to Burnet by steam train, and enjoy lunch and shopping during a 2.5-hour layover before returning to Cedar Park. Departure times may vary to accommodate special events in Burnet. Cedar Park Depot. www.austinsteamtrain.org 512/477-8468 **HILL COUNTRY**

10—COLLEGE STATION: Ziegenbock Music Festival Performances include country musicians such as Randy Rogers Band, Josh Abbott Band, Whiskey Myers and Wade Bowen. Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater, 1015 Colgate Drive. 832/428-5283 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10—CORNICANA: The Cast of Beatlemania Performance traces the Beatles' evolution through changing times and tunes. Begins at 7:30 p.m. The Palace Theater. www.corsicanapalace.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10—DALLAS: Aspen Santa Fe Ballet Winspear Opera House. www.attpac.org 214/880-0202 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10—DENTON: Arts, Antiques and Autos Extravaganza Hot rods, classic and custom cars line the square. Includes antique appraisals and dealers, juried art show and strolling entertainment. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Downtown. www.dentonmainstreet.com 940/349-8529 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10—DRIFTWOOD: Dripping With Taste Wine and Food Festival Showcases Texas wineries along with fine art, live entertainment, food vendors, culinary demonstrations and more. Hours are noon to 7 p.m. Creekside Pavilion, 18315 F.M. 1826. www.drippingwithtaste.org 512/858-4740 **HILL COUNTRY**

10—EDINBURG: Market Days Downtown square, weather permitting. www.edinburg.com 956/383-4974 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

10—EDNA: Grandparents' Day Celebration Includes free fishing at the day pier starting at 9 a.m. and a lesson in "fish printing" on T-shirts (bring one or buy at the event) at 2 p.m. at the amphitheater. Lake Texana State Park. 361/676-6055 **GULF COAST**

10—FAIRFIELD: Citywide Garage Sale www.fairfieldtexaschamber.com 903/389-5792 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10—FAIRFIELD: Show of Wheels Car Show Includes a judged show, children's activities, entertainment and food. Hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Courthouse square. www.fairfieldtexaschamber.com 903/389-5792 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10—GOLIAD: Market Day Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 231 S. Market St. www.goliadcc.org 361/645-3563 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

10—GRAPELAND: Aquatic Resources Education This class presents basic fishing concepts on how, when and where to fish, as well as tackle selection. Begins at 10 a.m. Mission Tejas State Park. 936/687-2394 **PINEY WOODS**

10—GRUENE: Gruene 10K www.athleteguild.com/node/296 830/708-2991 **HILL COUNTRY**

10—HOUSTON: Boat Rides on the Buffalo Bayou The Buffalo Bayou Partnership offers 30-minute tours of the bayou on their pontoon boat. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sabine Promenade, 150 Sabine St. www.buffalobayou.org 713/752-0314 **GULF COAST**

10—IRVING: Irving Main Street Festival Enjoy great food and the fascinating sounds of pocket performers, stage musicians and bands, Industrial Movement performances, kids' games, vintage cars and more. Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Downtown, 217 S. Main St. www.irvingtexas.com 972/252-7476 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10—JASPER: Canoe Basics Get dry-land instruction and practice to safely carry, enter, paddle and exit a canoe, plus free, supervised time to practice new skills. Begins at 10 a.m. Hen House Canoe Dock at Martin Dies, Jr. State Park. 409/384-5231 **PINEY WOODS**

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- 10—KIRBYVILLE: Texas Country Music Show** Palace Theater, 305 E. Main. 409/423-3319 **PINEY WOODS**
- 10—LAKE JACKSON: Brazosport Relay Triathlon** MacLean Park. www.brazosportrelaytriathlon.org 979/297-4533 **GULF COAST**
- 10—LEWISVILLE: "Around the World" Series with Maud Laforest** Award-winning classical guitarist performs. Medical Center of Lewisville Grand Theater. www.mclgrand.com 972/219-8446 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 10—LLANO: Llano Country Opry with Johnny Rodriguez** Performances at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Lantex Theater. www.hillbillyhits.com 325/247-5354 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 10—LUFKIN: Dinner and Dancing Under the Stars** Museum of East Texas. 936/639-4434 **PINEY WOODS**
- 10—MARBLE FALLS: Market Day** Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Main Street. www.marblefalls.org 830/693-2815 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 10—MCKINNEY: Second Saturday on the Downtown Square** Includes live music, art demonstrations, art gallery exhibit openings and meet-the-artist receptions. Hours are 7–10 p.m. Downtown square. www.downtownmckinney.com 972/547-2660 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 10—MONAHANS: Desert Reflections Car Show** Hill Park, at Allen and Fifth streets.

www.monahans.org 432/943-2187 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

- 10—MOUNT VERNON: Mount Vernon Music's Heavenly Sounds of the Harp** Begins at 7:30 p.m. 402 Leftwich St. www.mountvernonmusic.org **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 10—PILOT POINT: Go Fish! Learn-to-Fish Event** Covers casting, the different habitats and animals found in and around lakes, preparing a pole for fishing, and fishing rules and regulations. Equipment provided, or bring your own. Lake Ray Roberts State Park, Isle du Bois Branch. 940/686-2148 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 10—PORT ARTHUR: Mexican Fiesta** Celebrates Hispanic culture with mariachi bands and food. Bob Bowers Civic Center. 409/724-6134 **GULF COAST**
- 10—POTH: Ride to Remember** Cyclists can go distances of 12, 22, 44 or 66 miles to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association and the City Park Fund. 801 Coy St. www.cityofpoth.org 830/484-2111 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 10—QUANAH: Fall Festival** Features live entertainment, a car and tractor show, arts and crafts booths, museum tours, sidewalk sales and more. Downtown, around the Hardeman County Court House. www.quanahnet.com 940/663-2222 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 10—QUITAQUE: Trail Ride** Take a guided horseback ride with a park ranger and learn about the history of the park while taking in the magnificent scenic vistas of the canyonlands. Bring a horse or rent one from the Quitaque Riding Stables. Held weather permitting—call

ahead. Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway. 806/455-1492 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

- 10—SEGUIN: Pontiac Car Club Classic Car Show** Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Downtown. www.visitseguin.com 800/580-7322 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 10—SHERMAN: Hispanic Heritage Festival** Features a custom car show, live entertainment including Mariachi Mexicanisimo and folklorico dancers, food, children's area, contests and more. Sherman Municipal Grounds. www.shermantx.org 888/893-1188 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 10—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Dutch-Oven Cooking** Learn the basics of camp Dutch-oven cooking using charcoal and sample the grub. Begins at 9:30 a.m. Cooper Lake State Park's South Sulphur Unit, 1690 F.M. 3505. 903/945-5256 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 10—THE WOODLANDS: Santana in Concert** Begins at 7:30 p.m. Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. www.woodlandscenter.org 800/745-3000 **PINEY WOODS**
- 10—TYLER: Knotty Time for Kids** Celebrate past cultures and enhance outdoor living skills by learning a few basic camp knots and who developed them. Begins at 11 a.m. Tyler State Park. 903/597-5338 **PINEY WOODS**
- 10—TYLER: Wilderness Backpacking and Kids' Wilderness Survival** Learn what to put in a wilderness pack and how to use it as an emergency pack at 10 a.m. A children's program on making a survival pack starts at 3 p.m. Tyler State Park. 903/597-5338 **PINEY WOODS**

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10—UVALDE: Zack Walther Band in Concert House Pasture Cattle Company. www.housepasture.com 830/232-6580 **HILL COUNTRY**

10—VERNON: Vintage Vernon Ghost Tour and Folk Festival Includes historical re-enactments, ghost tours, story telling, live music, food, shopping, kids' games and more. Courthouse square. www.vintagevernon.org 940/553-3104 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

10—VICTORIA: Get Fit 5K Hours are 7–11 a.m. Riverside Park. www.victoriatx.org 361/485-3200 **GULF COAST**

10-11—AUSTIN: Collector Car Swap Meet Includes classic cars for sale or trade, parts and more. Travis County Expo Center. www.earhartproductions.com 254/751-7958 **HILL COUNTRY**

10-11—BELTON: Sami Show Marketplace Features arts, crafts and home decor. Bell County Expo Center. www.samishow.com 512/441-7133 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10-11—BOERNE: Market Days Main Plaza. www.boernemarketdays.com 830/249-5530 or 210/844-8193 **HILL COUNTRY**

10-11—CAT SPRING: Antiques and Garden Show Agriculture Society Hall. www.ruraltexasantiques.com 979/865-5618 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10-11—DALLAS: Buchanan's Show Features antiques and collectibles with dealers from across the United States and Europe. Dallas Market Hall. www.buchananmarkets.com/Dallas.html 214/655-6181 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10-11—DALLAS: Home and Garden Show Dallas Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Freeway. www.texashomeandgarden.com 214/655-6181 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10-11—GRUENE: Texas Metal Arts—A Festival in Gruene Features 50 Texas artists demonstrating the wide range of techniques used to create fine metal art and folk art. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gruene Historic District. www.texasmetalarts.com 903/852-3311 **HILL COUNTRY**

10-11—PORT ARTHUR: Dick Dowling Days See a re-enactment of a Civil War battle in which a small band of Confederate soldiers, led by Confederate Lt. Richard "Dick" Dowling, defeated four Union gunboats and prevented Union forces from invading Texas in 1863. Sabine Pass Battleground State Historic Site. www.visitsabinepassbattleground.com 409/866-1655 **GULF COAST**

10-11—WINNSBORO: Greater Northeast Texas Gun Show and Outdoor Expo Winnsboro Auditorium and city park grounds. www.winnsboro.com 903/342-3666 **PINEY WOODS**

10-12—DALLAS: Total Home and Gift Market Dallas Market Center. <http://dallasmarketcenter.com> 214/655-6100 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10-16—GALVESTON: Special Exhibit by Rosenberg Library on Galveston in 1911 Learn more about happenings in Galveston in 1911, a pivotal year in the city's history, through a presentation by the Texas History Center of Rosenberg Library. Hotel Galvez,

2024 Seawall Blvd. www.galveston.com/galvez 409/765-7721 **GULF COAST**

10-17—BRENHAM: Washington County Fair This event, in its 143rd year, includes shows, rodeos, music, entertainment, a carnival, crafts, food, livestock auctions and exhibits. Washington County Fairgrounds. www.washingtoncofair.com 979/836-4112 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10-17—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Hopkins County Fall Festival Includes a petting zoo, antique tractor pull, arts and crafts, 42 tournament, quilt show, golf tournament, youth fishing contest, carnival, barbecue cook-off, gospel concert, strolling clowns and magicians, a "Guitar Hero" contest, pet show, Friday night street dance and the stew cook-off. Hopkins County Regional Civic Center. www.hopkinscountyfallfestival.com 903/885-8071 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10, 17—LAKE JACKSON: Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza Watch the hummingbirds feed and see bird banders measure, weigh and tag the tiny birds. Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. www.gcbo.org 979/480-0999 **GULF COAST**

10, 17, 24—BANDERA: Cowboys on Main Features a Western display in front of the Bandera County Courthouse and strolling entertainers on Main Street. Hours are 1–4 p.m. Main Street. www.frontiertimesmuseum.com 800/364-3833 **HILL COUNTRY**

10, 17, 24—LIBERTY: Liberty Opry Branson-style show includes music and a little comedy. 1816 Sam Houston Ave. www.libertyopry.com 936/336-5830 or 877/729-9103 **PINEY WOODS**

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10-18—EL PASO: EPCON 2011 and Guerilla Music Fest Cohen Stadium and El Paso Convention Center. <http://ep-con.blogspot.com> 915/755-2000 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

10, 24—GOLIAD: Shady Oaks Speedway Races Races begin at 7 p.m. Shady Oaks Speedway. www.shadyoaksspeedway.com 361/645-3563 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

10, 24—JASPER: Saturday Programs at Martin Dies Jr. State Park Programs may include presentations by naturalists on topics ranging from recreation to conservation, demonstrations and games. Begins at 3 p.m. In the park nature center. 409/384-5231 **PINEY WOODS**

10-25—CLIFTON: Bosque Art Classic Show and Sale Bosque Arts Center, 215 College Hill Drive. www.bosqueartscenter.org 254/675-3724 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10-Oct. 1—AUSTIN: Jan Heaton: Tranquillo Heaton, a watercolorist, is known for her rich and lyrical watercolors inspired by nature. Wally Workman Gallery www.wallyworkmangallery.com 512/472-7428 **HILL COUNTRY**

10-Jan. 8—DALLAS: Tony Cragg Exhibit The Nasher Sculpture Center presents this award-winning, internationally-acclaimed artist's first U.S. museum exhibition in 20 years. Nasher Sculpture Center. www.nashersculpturecenter.org 214/242-5100 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

11—AUSTIN: Austin Museum Day Enjoy local exhibits and activities at participating institutions. www.austinmuseums.org **HILL COUNTRY**

11—BEAUMONT: Sept. 11 Memorial Concert Presented by Opera Beaumont. Lamar

University's Rothwell Recital Hall. www.opera-beaumont.org **GULF COAST**

11—CORPUS CHRISTI: Chocolate Pathway to the Gods: The Sacred Realm of Chocolate in Mesoamerica Join artist Ovidio Bibergera for a panel presentation, tour the Pre-Columbian ceramics and discuss the *Beyond Shared Language* exhibition in a gallery walk with the artist. Begins at 2 p.m. Art Museum of South Texas. www.artmuseumofsouthtexas.com 361/825-3504 **GULF COAST**

11—FAIRFIELD: Freedom Fest Celebrate the military, law enforcement, firefighters and other first responders at this event with ice-cream-making contests, horseshoe competitions, children's activities, food and games. Moody Reunion Fairgrounds. www.fairfieldtexas.com 817/988-8533 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

11—FORT WORTH: Public Education Programs at the Modern Explore the museum's permanent collection with a one-hour gallery talk led by an art scholar. Begins at 1 p.m. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. www.themodern.org 817/738-9215 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

11—GEORGETOWN: Temple Symphony Orchestra Performance Begins at 4 p.m. Georgetown High School. www.gsstx.org **HILL COUNTRY**

11—GRUENE: Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist Serves up gospel music with a mouth-watering buffet from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Advance tickets recommended. Gruene Hall www.gruenehall.com 830/629-5077 **HILL COUNTRY**

11—MOUNT VERNON: National Barrel Horse Association Play Day Competition

begins at 1 p.m. Franklin County Sheriff's Posse Arena. 903/881-9571 or 903/629-5531 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

11—SEGUIN: 9/11 Patriots' Day Celebration Event honoring military, law enforcement, fire fighters and other first responders offers live music and more. www.visitseguin.com 830/305-4502 or 800/580-7322 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

11-20—LULING: Reflections of Texas Art Show Celebrates Texas artists and art. Central Texas Oil Patch Museum. www.oilmuseum.org 830/875-1922 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

12—KILGORE: Annual Golf Tournament Tee times are 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Meadowbrook Country Club. www.kilgorechamber.com 903/984-5022 **PINEY WOODS**

13—BURNET: Moonlight Hike and Owl Prowl Meet at the amphitheater for a talk about owls and trail safety before venturing out for a hike on the Pecan Flats Trail to listen for owls. Bring closed-toed shoes and a flashlight. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223 **HILL COUNTRY**

13—CORPUS CHRISTI: Sensational Sustainable Seafood A local chef offers seafood recipes along with wine to bring awareness to overfishing and help people choose sustainable seafood. Texas State Aquarium. www.texasstateaquarium.org 361/881-1200 **GULF COAST**

13—DALLAS: Los Lobos in Concert Winspear Opera House, 2304 Flora St. www.attpac.org 214/875-0202 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

13—DALLAS: Patti LuPone in Concert Meyerson Symphony Center. www.dallasymphony.com 214/692-0203 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**



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13-17—WICHITA FALLS: Texas-Oklahoma Fair Features live music, livestock shows and more. Multi-Purpose Events Center. www.joetomwhite.com 940/692-3766 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

14—GRAND PRAIRIE: Return to Forever IV with Zappa Plays Zappa Verizon Theatre. www.verizontheatre.com 972/373-8000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

14, 28—WASHINGTON: Home School Days Discover what life was like for a child in the mid-19th century through this interactive, hands-on program. Reservations required. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site. www.starmuseum.org 936/878-2461 ext. 236 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

14-Oct. 6—KILGORE: Four-Star Cinema Fall Film Festival Fans of independent and foreign films can take in a variety of acclaimed films. 4-Star Cinema, 1607 U.S. 259 N. 903/983-1249 **PINEY WOODS**

14-Jan. 1—SAN ANTONIO: The Nightmare Before Christmas See items and sets used in Tim Burton's 1993 film, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. McNay Art Museum. www.mcnayart.org 210/824-5368 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

15—AMARILLO: Third Thursdays at the Amarillo Museum of Art Enjoy films, art activities, complimentary coffee and tea tastings, live music, and gallery tours from 6:30–9 p.m. 2200 S. Van Buren. www.amarilloart.org 806/371-5050 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

15—CUERO: Cuero Country Opry Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m., with music starting at 7 p.m. VFW Hall, 934 U.S. 183 N. 361/275-3009 or 361/275-6334 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—KILGORE: Derrick Stars Concert World's Richest Acre, Historic Downtown Kilgore. www.khpf.org 903/984-1333 **PINEY WOODS**

15—THE WOODLANDS: Brahms' Violin Concerto The Houston Symphony performs. Begins at 8 p.m. The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. www.woodlandscenter.org 281/363-3300 **PINEY WOODS**

15-17—FORT WORTH: U.S. National Dirt Track Championship Texas Motor Speedway. www.texasmotorspeedway.com 817/215-8500 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15-17—HENRIETTA: Clay County Pioneer Reunion Features rodeo events, parades, dances, art shows, live music, frog races, barbecue and more. Courthouse square and rodeo grounds. www.claycountypioneerreunion.com 940/538-5261 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

15-17—HOUSTON: Contemporary Handweavers of Houston Annual Sale Includes handwoven, hand-spun, hand-dyed and hand-felted items for sale. Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St. www.crafthouston.org 713/529-4848 **GULF COAST**

15-18—ADDISON: Addison Oktoberfest Enjoy an authentic re-creation of the Munich Oktoberfest with Bavarian food, entertainment, traditional folk dances, children's entertainment and more. Addison Circle Park. www.addisontexas.net **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15-18—ALPINE: Shooting West Texas Photography Symposium Professional photographers explain their techniques and show their work. Also includes portfolio reviews, workshops, field trips, lectures, demonstrations and a photo contest. Sul Ross State University campus. www.shootingwesttexas.org **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

15-18—DALLAS: Southwest RV Super Show Dallas Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Freeway. www.southwestrvsupershow.com 214/655-6181 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15-18—EL PASO: PRCA Southwestern Rodeo Includes rodeo action and live entertainment nightly. Cohen Stadium. www.elprodeo.com 915/755-2000 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

15-18—GRAPEVINE: GrapeFest Includes wine tasting, grape stomp, carnival and midway, arts and crafts, live music, festival food and more. Main Street at Dallas Road. www.grapevinetexasusa.com 800/457-6338 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15-18—GROVES: Texas Pecan Festival Includes carnival rides, live music, arts and crafts, a parade and vendors. Lions Park. www.texaspecanfestival.com 409/962-3631 **GULF COAST**

15-18—NACOGDOCHES: Oldest Town in Texas Motorcycle Rally Features motorcycle shows and competitions, live concerts, street bike freestyle exhibitions, barbecue cook-off, classic car show, downtown parade and the Harley's Angels charity poker run. Nacogdoches County Exposition Center Fairgrounds. www.otrally.com 936/632-4936 **PINEY WOODS**

15, 22, 29—DALLAS: Cool Thursdays Fall Concert Series Performances feature bluegrass Beatles tribute band Beatlegras on Sept. 15, Dallas Unlimited on Sept. 22 and Max Stalling on Sept. 29. Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Road. www.dallasarboretum.org 214/515-6518 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15-Nov. 15—KILGORE: The Maize at Danville Farms Find the way out of the corn maze, and enjoy a barrel train, hayrides, pumpkin patch and more family fun. Danville Farms, 2366 Danville Road. www.danvillemaize.com 903/218-4628 **PINEY WOODS**

16—DALLAS: 'Til Midnight at the Nasher Features live outdoor concerts and movie screenings in the garden. Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora St. www.nashersculpturecenter.org 214/242-5100 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

16—LEWISVILLE: "Texas Tunes" Series with Del Castillo Medical Center of Lewisville Grand Theater, 100 N. Charles. www.mclgrand.com 972/219-8446 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

16—LUFKIN: Pulling for Jesus Tractor and Music Expo George H. Henderson, Jr. Exposition Center. <http://destinationlufkin.net/events> 936/637-3976 **PINEY WOODS**

16-17—CONROE: Golden Needles Quilt Show and Auction See judged quilt displays and demonstrations. Live auction at 3 p.m. Saturday. Lone Star Convention Center. www.goldenneedles.org 936/522-3500 **PINEY WOODS**

16-17—KERENS: Homecoming Includes a football game, parade, barbecue lunch, reunions and more. Downtown. E-mail: kerenschamber@txun.net 903/396-2391 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

16-17—SEGUIN: Fiestas Patrias/Diez y Seis Celebration Features entertainment, street dances, food booths and more. Seguin Coliseum. www.visitseguin.com 800/580-7322 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

16-17—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Lone Star Heritage Quilt Guild Show Features more than 100 quilts on display, as well as a judged show and quilts for sale. Hopkins County Regional Civic Center. www.sulphurspringstxquilts.com 903/885-8071 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

16-17—WACO: Skittles Waco Wild West Century Bicycle Tour Cyclists ride routes of 10, 25, 50, 65 and 100 miles. Pre-ride party is 6-9 p.m. Friday. Pancake breakfast is before the tour begins at 8 a.m. Indian Spring Park. www.wacowildwest.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

16-17—WINNSBORO: Third Friday Arts Festival Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. The Depot. 903/850-1662 **PINEY WOODS**

16-17, 22-24, 29-30—GRAND PRAIRIE: Fall Meeting of Champions See world-class quarter horse racing. 1000 Lone Star Parkway. www.lonestarpark.com 800/795-RACE **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

16-17, 22-24, 29-Oct. 1—CLEBURNE: Treasure Island Presented by the Plaza Theatre Company. 111 S. Main. www.plaza-theatre.com 817/202-0600 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

16-18—AUSTIN: Austin City Limits Music Festival More than 130 local and nationally known music acts perform on eight stages. Headliners include Stevie Wonder, Kanye West, Coldplay and The Arcade Fire. Zilker Park. www.aclfestival.com **HILL COUNTRY**

16-18—BROWNWOOD: Reunion Celebration Features a midway, live entertainment, children's area, contests and concerts, with Eddie Money performing Friday night and Easton Corbin on Saturday. Downtown. www.celebratebrownwood.com 325/998-4636 **HILL COUNTRY**

16-18—CLEBURNE/GRANDVIEW: Antique Alley and Yard Sale Hundreds of vendors offer antiques and collectibles, arts and crafts, locally grown produce, food, Western decor, wrought iron furniture, and Texas-grown plants and flowers. Occurs in Grandview, Maypearl and Cleburne. www.antiquealleytexas.com 817/641-0183 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

16-18—CORPUS CHRISTI: Home and Garden Fall Expo American Bank Center, Exhibit Hall. www.americanbankcenter.com 361/826-4700 **GULF COAST**

16-18—FORT WORTH: Violin Virtuoso Violinist Augustin Hadelich joins the orchestra for the Spanish motifs of Lalo's *Symphonie Espagnole*. Bass Performance Hall. www.fwsymphony.org 817/665-6000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

16-18—GONZALES: First Shot Barbecue Cook-Off Cooks compete to make the best brisket, pork spare ribs, chicken, beans and chili. Also features musical entertainment during the day. J.B. Wells Park Pavilion. www.gonzalezstexas.com 830/672-6532 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

16-18—HOUSTON: Polish Harvest Festival Includes international food, beer garden, dancing to polish and traditional music, carnival and other activities for children. Admission is free to those in traditional Polish dress. Our Lady of Czestochowa Catholic Church, 1731 Blalock Road. www.polishharvestfestival.org **GULF COAST**

16-18—MCKINNEY: Third Monday Trade Days Features more than 900 vendors. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 4550 W. University. www.tmtd.com 972/562-5466 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

16-18—PLANO: Balloon Festival Enjoy a kaleidoscope of colors above Plano as more than 65 hot-air balloons take flight. Also features live music, a children's zone, nightly balloon glows and fireworks Saturday evening. Oak Point Park. www.planoballoonfest.org 972/867-7566 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

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16-18—TERRELL: Flights of Our Fathers Fly-In No. 1 British Flying Training School Museum hosts a fly-in to honor the WWII British pilots who trained there and the American officers and staff who assisted in that training. Includes a dinner and dance with live '40s music, pancake breakfast, speakers, demonstrations, plane rides and a memorial service. Terrell Municipal Airport, 119 Silent Wings Blvd. www.bftsmuseum.org 972/524-1714 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

16-18—WACO: Cultural Arts Fest Browse an eclectic variety of fine art from 50 juried artists, participate in hands-on art activities and interactive demonstrations, and enjoy live music. Indian Spring Park, 100 University Parks Drive. www.wacoartfest.org 254/772-7637 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

16-18, 23-25, 30-Oct. 2—CLEBURNE: Sabrina Fair Presented by the Carnegie Players. Cleburne Conference Center. www.carnegieplayers.com 817/645-9255 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

16-24—AMARILLO: Tri-State Fair and Rodeo This 88th-annual event includes a top-notch regional fair and PRCA rodeo. Amarillo Tri-State Exposition Grounds. www.tristatefair.com 806/376-7767 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

16-Oct. 9—DICKINSON: The Warrior's Husband When the handsome Greeks arrive on the island of the Amazons, a war of the sexes ensues. Bay Area Harbour Playhouse. www.harbourplayhouse.com/season.html 281/337-7469 **GULF COAST**

16-Jan. 2—SAN ANGELO: The Great Flood of 1936 Exhibit Display marks the 75th anniversary of the flood with maps, photos and more. Fort Concho Visitor Center, 630 S. Oakes

St. www.fortconcho.com 325/234-0316 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

17—ADDISON: Oktoberfest 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run for the Children Begins at 8 a.m. Addison Circle Park. www.addisontexas.net **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

17—ARCHER CITY: Shortgrass Scamper Includes a 10K run, 5K run and 1-mile fun run/walk. Begins at 8 a.m. 600 S. Ash St. E-mail: Tami.Crowley@esc9.net **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

17—ARGYLE: Solutions of North Texas Recovery Ride Motorcyclists gather for a rally, car show, poker run and more. Cross Timbers Community Church. www.sontx.org/events.htm 940/898-6202 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

17—ARLINGTON: WATER Festival Celebrate the wonderful resource of water with a variety of family-friendly activities, crafts and demonstrations at the water science fair. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. River Legacy Living Science Center. www.riverlegacy.org 817/860-6752 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

17—BELTON: Market Days Central Avenue at Penelope. www.downtownbelton.com 254/939-2661 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

17—BLANCO: Market Day County Courthouse, 300 Main St. www.historicblanco.org/market_day.htm 830/833-2211 **HILL COUNTRY**

17—BRONTE: Annual Fort Chadbourne Fundraiser Enjoy dinner and a show at this historic fort, and stroll the grounds to see restored buildings, including the only restored Butterfield Stage stop in Texas. Fort Chadbourne. www.fortchadbourne.org 325/743-2555 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

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- 17—CANADIAN: Doug Ricketts Exhibit**
Canadian River Art Gallery. www.canadianriverart.com 806/323-6234 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 17—CEDAR PARK: Bertram Flyer Steam Train**
Historic railroad operates vintage passenger cars on a three-hour journey from Cedar Park to Bertram and back. A short stop in Bertram offers a chance to tour the fully restored 1912 train depot. Cedar Park Depot. www.austinsteamtrain.org 512/477-8468 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 17—CEDAR PARK: The Cattleman's Ball Killing**
Evening train ride includes box dinner, beer and wine, and a who-done-it mystery with the Capital City Mystery Players. Departs at 7 p.m. Cedar Park Depot. www.austinsteamtrain.org 512/477-8468 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 17—CHILDRESS: Golf Tournament**
Four-person scramble format with a shotgun start. Begins at 1 p.m. Stoney Ridge Golf Course. 940/937-2567 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 17—DALLAS: Butterfly Seasons: Autumn**
Dallas County Lepidopterists co-founder Dale Clark offers this program on butterfly-watching in the fall. Begins at 1 p.m. Texas Discovery Gardens. www.texasdiscoverygardens.org 214/428-7476 ext. 240 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 17—DALLAS: Celebrity Mystery Theater**
Who did it? It could be Marilyn Monroe, Cher, Elvis Presley, Elizabeth Taylor, Rocky Balboa, Bill Clinton, Joan Crawford . . . or you? Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Reservations required. Spaghetti Warehouse—West End. www.celebritymysterytheater.com 214/651-8475 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 17—DALLAS: Garden Walk: Butterflies in My Backyard**
Explore native butterflies and their habitat, and learn what they eat as caterpil-

lars and as adults. Appropriate for ages 3 and older. Begins at 11 a.m. Texas Discovery Gardens. www.texasdiscoverygardens.org 214/428-7476 ext. 240 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

- 17—DALLAS: Tour Des Fleurs 10K/20K**
Cyclists race around White Rock Lake. Dallas Arboretum www.tourdesfleurs.com 214/515-6500 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 17—DALLAS: TX Tough Grand Prix**
Professional bicycle race goes counter-clockwise around American Airlines Center in downtown. Begins at 5:30 p.m. Victory Park. www.txtgrandprix.org 214/416-9029 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 17—DENISON: Venomous Snakes of Texas**
This 45-minute presentation identifies the myths and examines the truth about venomous snakes of Texas. Begins at 8:15 p.m. Eisenhower State Park. 903/465-1956 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 17—DENTON: Blues Fest**
Includes live music, a Blues Idol contest and Apollo Night for the young. Hours are noon to 11:30 p.m. Quaker Town Park. www.dentonblackchamberonline.org 940/382-9100 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 17—ELGIN: Market Day**
Veterans Park www.elginmarketonmain.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 17—EMORY: Classics 'Round the Square Car Show**
Features vehicles made in 1987 or earlier. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Awards will be announced at 3 p.m. 903/243-3926 or 903/473-4445 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 17—FAIRFIELD: Dinner Theater**
Fairfield History Club. 903/390-1863 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

- 17—FORT WORTH: Animals Alive**
Animal education and entertainment event features Texas Wildlife Animal Shows with animal expert Critterman, a petting zoo, armadillo races and pony rides. Stockyards Station. www.stockyardstation.com 817/625-9715 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 17—GALVESTON: Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons**
Begins at 8 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894 or 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**
- 17—GLEN ROSE: Meander Trail**
Arts-and-crafts event features tours, fossil finding, jewelry making and soap making at local businesses. Downtown. 817/357-6205 or 254/897-7772 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 17—GRAPELAND: Wild Fun**
Children are invited to learn about the outdoors through games, crafts and activities. Begins at 10 a.m. Mission Tejas State Park, 120 State Park Road 44. 936/687-2394 **PINEY WOODS**
- 17—JASPER: Paddling the Forks: Guided Canoe Trip**
Start at historic Bevilport and paddle down the Angelina River. Some paddling experience required. Reservations required. Martin Dies Jr. State Park. 409/384-5231 **PINEY WOODS**
- 17—KEMAH: Toughest 10K**
Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 **GULF COAST**
- 17—LA GRANGE: Texas Heroes Day**
Event honoring heroes who fought and died for the Republic of Texas features pioneer-craft demonstrations, re-enactors, cannon and musket salutes, dulcimer music, historic flag display and guided tours. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon. Monument Hill/Kreische Brewery State Historic Site. 979/968-5658 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 17—LAKE JACKSON: Bird Banding**
The public is invited to join workers collecting data on bird populations at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon. www.gcbo.org 979/480-0999 **GULF COAST**
- 17—LAKE JACKSON: United In Him Festival**
Christian festival includes food, shopping and music. MacLean Park. www.unitedinhimfestival.com 979/299-0148 **GULF COAST**
- 17—LAKE JACKSON: Youth Fishing Event**
Bring sunscreen, a hat, lawn chair and fishing gear for catch-and-release fishing open to guests up to 16 years old. Bring gear and bait with barbless hooks. Volunteers and staff are on hand to help first-time anglers. Hours are 10 a.m. to noon. Sea Center Texas. 979/292-0100 **GULF COAST**
- 17—LUFKIN: High-Voltage Modern Dance**
Presented by modern dance choreographer Pascal Rioult. Begins at 7:30 p.m. Temple Theater, 3500 S. First St. www.angelinaarts.org 936/633-3220 **PINEY WOODS**
- 17—MCGREGOR: Founders' Day**
Includes a 10 a.m. parade, all-day entertainment, street dance, craft booths, children's area, men's area and more. Main Street. www.mcgregor-texas.com/foundersday **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 17—MESQUITE: Mesquite Symphony Orchestra Membership Concert 25th Season Celebration**
Enjoy the music of Rossini, Della Joio, Bach and Borodin, featuring Matson and Alicia Topper, violin soloists of Brookhaven College. 3939 Valley View Lane. www.mesquitesymphony.org 972/216-8127 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

17—PITTSBURG: Chickfest Features a 10 a.m. parade, carnival, arts and crafts, live music and more. Downtown. www.pittsburghchamber.com **PINEY WOODS**

17—ROSENBERG: Hispanic Heritage Day Enjoy mariachi bands, dance performances, cultural exhibits, children's activities, food contests, art displays and more. Downtown historic district. www.rosenbergevents.com **GULF COAST**

17—SAN MARCOS: Junior Texas Water Safari This 16-mile water adventure provides a great opportunity for young canoeists and kayakers to gain experience in the water. San Marcos City Park. www.texaswatersafari.org 512/738-6607 or 512/392-6171 **HILL COUNTRY**

17—SHERMAN: Arts Festival Includes a judged art show and sale, youth art show, wood-carving show and sale, 15K/5K runs, live music, pumpkin patch, pancake breakfast and museum tours. Municipal Grounds. www.shermantx.org 888/893-1188 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

17—SOUR LAKE: Lions Club Market Days Lions Park. 409/790-0587 **PINEY WOODS**

17—SPRINGTOWN: Wild West Festival This 27th-annual event includes a 10 a.m. parade, live music, dancers, puppet shows, The Legends of Texas gunfighter shows and children's activities. Tabernacle Square. www.springtownchamber.org 817/220-7828 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

17—STRAWN: Third Saturday Jamboree Features live country and bluegrass music performances in a smoke- and alcohol-free environment. Hours are 6–10 p.m. Civic Center, 301 E. Housley St. www.strawntx.com 254/672-5622 or 254/631-9223 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

17—TEXARKANA: "Grow Your Own Fall Garden" Get tips on growing a colorful and tasty fall garden from master gardeners and local farmers. 305 Texas Blvd. www.ci.texarkana.tx.us 903/798-3903 **PINEY WOODS**

17—TYLER: Woodpeckers! Enjoy a short hike up the Old Road to see woodpeckers. Bring binoculars and a camera. Begins at 3:30 p.m. Tyler State Park. 903/597-5338 **PINEY WOODS**

17—VICTORIA: Market Day Riverside Park. www.victoriatx.org 361/485-3200 **GULF COAST**

17—WASHINGTON: I'll Tell You a Tale Hear select readings of the rich folklore of old-time Texas at this one-hour program. Begins at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Education Center. Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site. 936/878-2214 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

17-18—ATHENS: Texas Palomino Exhibitors Association Gold Classic Show Henderson County Fair Park Complex 903/670-3324 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

17-18—BUFFALO: Buffalo Stampede Includes a fiddlers' contest, car show, chili cook-off, carnival, live music and horseshoe pitching Harriman Park. www.buffalochamberofcommerce.org 903/322-5810 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

17-18—GLADEWATER: Arts and Crafts Festival Includes art, woodcrafts, handcrafts, ceramics, dolls, jewelry, clothing and needlework. Pancake breakfast is Saturday at the Ken Bennett Pavilion. www.gladewaterartsandcrafts.com 903/845-5501 or 800/627-0315 **PINEY WOODS**

17-18—GRUENE: Old Gruene Market Days Gruene Historic District. www.gruenemarketdays.com 830/832-1721 **HILL COUNTRY**

17-18—HONDO: Medina County Fair Includes a 10 a.m. parade, live music, carnival, ranch rodeo, tractor pull, chili cook-off, and dancing to the music of the Charlie Lucas Band and The Bellamy Brothers on Saturday night. Medina County Fair Grounds. www.medinacountyfair.org 830/426-5406 **HILL COUNTRY**

17-18—HUNTSVILLE: Huntsville Antique Show Walker County Fairgrounds. www.huntsvilleantiqueshow.com 936/295-4162 **PINEY WOODS**

17-18—KEMAH: Jazz Festival Enjoy a phenomenal line up of some of the nation's best jazz performers. Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 **GULF COAST**

17-18—MARATHON: West Fest and Cabrito Cook-Off Includes a goat cook-off, softball tournament, team roping, washer-pitching tournament and Saturday night dance. Post Park. www.marathontexas.com/upcoming-events 432/386-4482 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

17-18—MESQUITE: North Texas Gun Club Show Big Town Exhibition Hall, 2323 Big Town Blvd. www.classicshows.com 214/341-2895 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

17, 24—MOUNT VERNON: Lone Star Barrel Racing Association Competition Franklin County Sheriff's Posse Arena. www.lsbra.weebly.com 903/563-0629 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

17, 24—TYLER: Birding 101 On this short hike, learn to identify birds by sight, sound and where they live. Begins at 10:30 a.m. Tyler State Park. 903/597-5338 **PINEY WOODS**

17-Jan. 8—SAN ANTONIO: Amazing Butterflies! Explore this interactive maze to learn about the incredible life cycle of butterflies and the surprising challenges they face every day. San Antonio Botanical Garden. www.sabot.org 210/829-5100 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

17-Feb. 19—CANYON: The Littlefield Murals Three murals by famed Taos Colony artist E. Martin Hennings, thought to be lost after being removed from their original home in Austin's Littlefield Building 1954, go on display. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. www.panhandleplains.org 806/651-2244 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

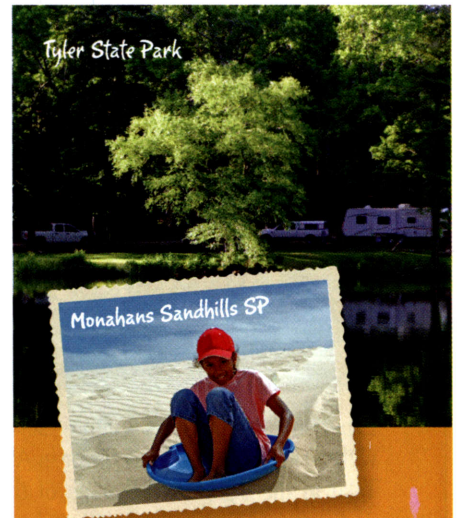
18—BURNET: Tri-Hard Triathlon Includes an 800-meter swim, 18-mile bike ride and 5K run at Inks Lake State Park. www.signmeupsports.com 512/756-6640 **HILL COUNTRY**

18—GATESVILLE: Spurfest Classic Golf tournament is held at Gatesville Country Club. 254/865-2617 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

18—SAN ELIZARIO: Mission Trail Art Market More than 50 professional artisans from across the region present quality arts and crafts. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Veterans Memorial Plaza. www.missiontrailartmarket.com 915/594-8424 or 915/790-0061 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

18-Dec. 31—AUSTIN: Storied Past: Four Centuries of French Drawings from the Blanton Museum of Art Includes works by Jean-Baptiste Greuze and Francois Boucher. Blanton Museum of Art. www.blantonmuseum.org 512/471-7324 **HILL COUNTRY**

19-24—ABILENE: West Texas Book and Music Festival Offers author presentations and workshops, cookbook gala, live music, luncheon and more. Abilene Public Library and other locations. www.abilenetx.com/apl/bookfest_general.html 325/676-6017 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

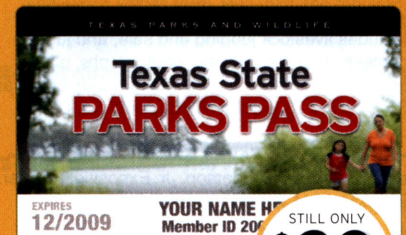


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20-25—AUSTIN: Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles

The Long Center. www.broadwayacrossamerica.com/austin 800/731-7469 **HILL COUNTRY**

20-Oct. 2—DALLAS: Hair

Winspear Opera House, 2304 Flora St. www.attpac.org 214/880-0202 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

21-25—CALDWELL: Burlleson County Fair

Includes livestock judging and sale, and judged contests in quilts, cooking, photography, plants and crafts. Burlleson County Fairgrounds on Texas 36. 979/567-2308 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

21-25—LUFKIN: Texas State Forest Festival

George H. Henderson, Jr. Exposition Center. 936/634-6644 **PINEY WOODS**

22—COLLEGE STATION: The Capitol Steps

This satire of the election process is sure to provide humor to all, regardless of political affiliation. Rudder Theater at Texas A&M University. 979/845-1661 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

22—DENTON: UNT College of Music Symphonic Band Performance

Begins at 7:30 p.m. Murchison Performing Arts Center. www.thempac.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

22—GRAND PRAIRIE: Taste of Grand Prairie and Community Spotlight

QuikTrip Ballpark. 972/264-1558 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

22-24—BIG LAKE: 100-Year Celebration, 1911-2011

Celebration of the city's centennial features a 10 a.m. parade Saturday, street dance with music by Bobby Flores and the Yellow Rose Band, car show, arts and crafts, golf, pageant, horseshoe and washer tournaments, beard contest and more. Downtown. www.biglake.tx.com 325/884-2511 **HILL COUNTRY**

22-25—DALLAS: Screenings from the 24-Hour Video Race

See entries from a race in which teams of filmmakers are assigned one theme, one prop, one location and one line of dialogue and must make a video in 24 hours. Angelika Film Center. www.24hourvideorace.com 214/428-8700 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

22-25—ENNIS: AAA Texas NHRA Fall Nationals

Texas Motorplex. www.texasmotorplex.com 972/878-2641 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

22-25, 29-Oct. 2—GRAND PRAIRIE: Rumors

The Grand Prairie Arts Council presents a performance of Neil Simon's comedy. Begins at 8 p.m. Uptown Theater. www.uptowntheatergp.com 972/237-UPTN **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

22-29—AUSTIN: Fantastic Fest

Horror, sci-fi, fantasy and action movie fans unite each year in Austin for the largest genre film festival in the country. Alamo Drafthouse South Lamar and other venues. www.fantasticfest.com **HILL COUNTRY**

22-Oct. 2—MARBLE FALLS: Wait Until Dark

This masterfully constructed thriller moves from one moment of suspense to another as a psychopath talks his way into the home of an

unsuspecting blind woman. Hill Country Community Theatre. www.hcct.org 830/798-8944 **HILL COUNTRY**

23—DENTON: Fiesta on the Square

Celebration of Hispanic Heritage features ballet folklorico, mariachis, Latin dance and Latin jazz bands. Hours are 6-10 p.m. Courthouse on the Square. www.dentoncounty.com/chos 940/349-2850 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

23—LEWISVILLE: Hollis Williford Sculpture Exhibit

Medical Center of Lewisville Grand Theater, 100 N. Charles. www.mclgrand.com 972/219-8446 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

23—MOUNT VERNON: Handicapable Rodeo

People with mental or physical challenges compete in rodeo events. Duke Arena. 903/537-4853 or 903/588-6042 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

23-24—BONHAM: Autumn in Bonham Bike Rally and Barbecue Cook-Off

Fannin County Multipurpose Complex. www.visitbonham.com 903/583-9830 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

23-24—DALLAS: Simplemente Lara

Performance explores the life and music of Mexican composer Agustin Lara, Mexico's most celebrated composer of the 1930s and '40s. Begins at 8 p.m. Latino Cultural Center. www.dallasculture.org 214/670-3320 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

23-24—GAINESVILLE: Pawlessfest Outdoor Texas Music Festival

The Cedars Ranch, 2621 F.M. 1201. www.pawlessfest.com 940/612-1375 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

23-24—HILLSBORO: Go Texan/Cotton Pickin' Fair and Elm Street Rod Run

Includes arts and crafts, vendors, classic cars, the Little Miss Cotton Pickin' Fair Contest, live entertainment and an outdoor movie screening. Hill County Courthouse square and along Elm Street. 254/582-2481 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

23-24—LEWISVILLE: Western Days Festival

Features three stages with live entertainment, art exhibits, vendors, gunfight re-enactments, Wild West Town, children's stick-horse rodeo, playland, National Tamale Eating Championship and more. Old Town Lewisville. www.lewisvillewesterndays.com 972/219-3401 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

23-24—LLANO: Llano River Outdoor Expo

Features gold panning, rock hunting and more. Badu Park. www.llanoexpo.com 325/247-4137 **HILL COUNTRY**

23-24—MCCAMEY: McCamey Cook-Off

Includes live music, games, dancing and a 5K run. Santa Fe Park. www.mccameychamber.com 432/652-8202 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

23-24—MCKINNEY: Oktoberfest

Features authentic German music, traditional costumes, dancing, children's activities and more. Downtown square. www.downtownmckinney.com 972/547-2660 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

23-24—MOODY: Big Cat Bonanza Catfish Tournament

Lake Waco and Lake Belton with weigh-ins in downtown Moody. 254/723-1524 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

23-24—POSTOAK: Busy Bee Quilt Show

Schmittou Road at F.M. 2127. www.postoakquilters.com 940/567-2771 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

23-24—TAYLOR: Annual Taylor SPJST Barbecue Cook-Off Taylor SPJST Hall. www.taylorchamber.org 512/365-8485 **HILL COUNTRY**

23-24—WEATHERFORD: Quilter's Guild of Parker County Quilt Show: Celebrating Texas Includes a judged quilt show, vendors, antique quilt "bed turning," raffle and mini-quilt auction. Parker County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Grounds. www.quiltersguildofparkercounty.org 817/925-1348 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

23-25—ABILENE: Big Country Balloon Fest Includes hot-air balloons, children's games, silent auction, craft vendors and balloon glows. Red Bud Park. 325/795-0995 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

23-25—ABILENE: U.S. Team Roping Championships: Texas Plains Classic Taylor County Expo Center, 1700 Hwy. 36. 254/968-0002 or 325/677-4376 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

23-25—ATHENS: Classic Rhonda-Voo Appaloosa Horse Show Henderson County Fairpark Complex, 3356 Texas 31 E. 903/670-3324 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

23-25—BURNET: A Day Out with Thomas Take a 25-minute ride with a full-size Thomas the Tank Engine, meet Sir Topham Hatt, and enjoy storytelling, live music, playing with Duplo blocks and more. Burnet Community Center. www.austinsteamtrain.org 512/439-1009 **HILL COUNTRY**

23-25—CORPUS CHRISTI: Celebration of Flight Festival Birding festival is held during the peak of raptor migration. Volunteers will be on hand to show and identify the migrating hawks. Hazel Bazemore County Park. www.visitcorpuschristitx.org 361/881-1888 **GULF COAST**

23-25—CORPUS CHRISTI: North American Wholesale Jewelry and Gift Show American Bank Center. www.americanbankcenter.com 361/826-4700 **GULF COAST**

23-25—FAIRFIELD: Trade Days Moody Reunion Fairgrounds. www.fairfieldtexas.com 903/389-2816 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

23-25—GALVESTON: Galveston Island Wild Texas Shrimp Festival Saengerfest Park and other locations. www.galveston.com/shrimpfestival **GULF COAST**

23-25—GRAND PRAIRIE: Fall Indie Fest Celebration of independent film and music. Uptown Theater. www.uptowntheatergp.com 972/237-UPTN **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

23-25—LEAGUE CITY: Gulf Coast Film and Video Festival Features independent films from local, regional and international artists. South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center. www.gulfcoastfilmfest.com 281/333-5804 **GULF COAST**

23-25—RISING STAR: Trade Days 713 W. College. www.risingstartradedays.com 254/643-1611 or 325/642-6621 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

23-25—SALADO: Chocolate and Wine Weekend Features chocolate and wine pairings, brunch, live music and more. Various Locations. www.saladochocolatefestival.com 254/947-8634 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

23-25—SAN ANTONIO: Jazz'Saliva Features local musicians and jazz legends, plus an opening gala, concluding brunch and children's activities. Travis Park. www.saparksfoundation.com.

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23-25—STEPHENVILLE: Veteran Flight Balloon Fest See hot air balloons, sky divers and balloon glows Friday and Saturday evenings. Super C Lake. www.texascountyveterans.com/erath 254/968-7563 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

23-25, 30-Oct. 2—HUNTSVILLE: Cheaper by the Dozen Presented by Huntsville Community Theatre. J. Philip Gibbs Jr. Center for the Performing Arts. www.huntsvillecommunitytheatre.org 936/291-7933 **PINEY WOODS**

23-25, 30-Oct. 2—WIMBERLEY: Arsenic and Old Lace Presented by the Wimberley Players. Wimberley Playhouse. www.wimberleyplayers.org 512/847-0575 **HILL COUNTRY**

23-Oct. 2—ROSENBERG: Fort Bend County Fair Includes a parade, headliner entertainment, midway ride, exhibits, dancing and pro rodeo. Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. www.fbca.org 281/342-6171 **GULF COAST**

23-Oct. 23—DALLAS: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day Musical based on a popular children's book is presented by the Dallas Children's Theater. Rosewood Center for Family Arts. www.dct.org 214/740-0051 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

24—ABILENE: Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra in Concert Abilene Civic Center. 325/677-6710 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

24—ABILENE: Texas Division III State Cross Country Championship McMurry University. 325/793-4939 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

24—ALPINE: Heaven to Hell Motorcycle Ride Motorcycle enthusiasts set off from Alpine

on a guided tour of the Far West Texas region. Registration required. E-mail: mlatta@sbcglobal.net 800/561-3712 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

24—ATHENS: Bluegill Family Fishing Tournament Enjoy a fun-filled day trying to catch the biggest bluegill. Registration required. Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, 5550 F.M. 2495. 903/676-2277 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

24—ATHENS: De Junque de Trunk Community garage sale offers a variety of items indoors and in one place. Cain Center, 915 S. Palestine. 903/677-2001 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

24—BAYSIDE: Fennessey Ranch Hawk Watch Site on the Mission River offers the opportunity to see more than a dozen species of hawks and watch kettles form. Reservations required. Fennessey Ranch. 361/529-6600 **GULF COAST**

24—BEAUMONT: Symphony of Southeast Texas Performances Julie Rogers Theatre. www.sost.org 409/892-2257 **GULF COAST**

24—BIG SPRING: Harvest Saturday Hayride Enjoy a guided tour of the park's historical and geological features on a hayride along a 200-foot-high bluff on the Edwards Plateau. Hours are 3–6 p.m. Big Spring State Park. 432/263-4931 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

24—BURNET: Kids' Kayak Basics Meet by the park store for a free kayaking lesson for children ages 6 to 12 years old. Bring water shoes and bottled water. Begins at 10 a.m. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223 **HILL COUNTRY**

24—COLDSPRING: Trade Day Vendors from all over Texas offer arts and crafts, antiques, collectibles and other items. Courthouse Square. 936/653-2009 **PINEY WOODS**



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24—CORPUS CHRISTI: Conquer the Coast Cyclists race along Corpus Christi Bay. Whataburger Field. www.conquerthecoast.org 361/881-1800 **GULF COAST**

24—CORPUS CHRISTI: Third Coast Exhibit K Space Contemporary Gallery, 415 Starr St. www.kspacecontemporary.org 361/887-6834 **GULF COAST**

24—DALLAS: All About Uptown Festival Explores the best of Uptown, including live music, restaurants, cemetery tours and trolley tours. 2808 McKinney Ave. www.allaboutuptown.com 214/871-7696 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

24—DALLAS: Cystic Fibrosis Climb For Life Take on 70 flights of stairs in Dallas' tallest building at this fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Bank of America Building. <http://netx.cf.org/> climb 800/344-4823 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

24—DALLAS: Green Dallas Festival Educational event is aimed at finding ways to be more eco-friendly. Includes lifestyle demos, recycled arts and crafts, and educational activities for adults and children. Texas Discovery Gardens. www.texasdiscoverygardens.org 214/428-7476 ext. 240 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

24—DALLAS: Journey in Concert With special guests Foreigner and Night Ranger. Gexa Energy Pavilion, 1818 First Ave. www.livenation.com 214/421-1111 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

24—DENTON: Wild Beast Feast Hours are 5-9:30 p.m. North Texas State Fairgrounds. www.dentonarts.com 940/382-2787 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

24—EDEN: Fall Fest Includes live entertainment, food and craft booths, bull riding, and a dance

featuring music by The Voice contestant Curtis Grimes. Downtown square and Ray Dockery Arena in Lee Pfluger Park. www.edentexas.com 325/869-3336 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

24—FORT STOCKTON: Championship Bull Riding Includes bull riding events, and an evening of live music and dancing. Pecos County Coliseum. 432/336-2264 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

24—FORT WORTH: The Planets: An HD Odyssey Projected on a giant screen over the stage, the latest high-definition images from modern space exploration provide a stunning backdrop as the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra plays Holst's complete score. www.fwsymphony.org 817/665-6000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

24—FORT WORTH: Day in the District Enjoy free admission at eight area museums, plus special performances by local arts groups. Fort Worth Cultural District. www.fwdayinthedistrict.org 817/255-9300 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

24—FREDERICKSBURG: Roots Music Series: Roots Remix Special Pioneer Museum, 325 W. Main St. www.pioneermuseum.net/roots-music 830/997-2835 **HILL COUNTRY**

24—GRAHAM: Western Heritage Days Includes a chuck-wagon cook-off, concerts, street dance, trade show, pony rides, pig wrestling, food and more. www.visitgrahamtexas.com 866/549-0401 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

24—GRAPELAND: Geocaching Learn to use a GPS to find treasure and hear about the historical significance of the park while exploring. Mission Tejas State Park. 936/687-2394 **PINEY WOODS**

24—HALLETTSVILLE: Kolache Fest Includes a parade, car and motorcycle show, 42 domino

tournament, kolache eating contest and kolache making demos, stew cook-off, live polka and country music, and more. Knights of Columbus Hall, 321 U.S. 77. www.hallettsville.com 361/798-2662 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

24—HUNTSVILLE: Huntsville Food Challenge Local celebrities compete for the Top Chef title. 1230 12th St. www.huntsvillemainstreet.com 936/295-2150 **PINEY WOODS**

24—KATY: Rice Harvest Festival Rice Cooking Contest Kenzo Sushi Bistro, 23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd. www.katy-chamber.com 281/391-5289 **GULF COAST**

24—KEMAH: Kemah Boardwalk Wine Festival Sample food and wine while learning about varietals, food pairings and more. Kemah Boardwalk, Kipp Avenue. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 **GULF COAST**

24—KERRVILLE: Kerr County Market Day Courthouse Square. www.kerrmarketdays.org 830/895-7962 **HILL COUNTRY**

24—LAKEHILLS: Cajun Festival Enjoy authentic Cajun food, music, dance lessons, arts and crafts, the Great gumbo Cook-Off and more. Hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Lakehills Civic Center. www.cajunfestival-medinalake.com 830/751-9904 or 800/364-3833 **HILL COUNTRY**

24—LIBERTY HILL: Rip Roarin' Ride Cycling event takes participants on routes of 14, 28, 50, 65, 79 or 103 miles. Registration required by Sept. 21. Begins at 8 a.m. at Liberty Hill High School. www.lhliions.org 512/515-6601 **HILL COUNTRY**

24—LUFKIN: Deep East Texas Rasslin' This is a family-oriented and kid-friendly wrestling event. Lufkin Pitser Garrison Civic Center. 936/404-9746 **PINEY WOODS**

24—MARBLE FALLS: Marble Falls Opry with Amber Digby and Justin Trevino Begins at 7:30 p.m. Uptown Theater. 830/693-9996 **HILL COUNTRY**

24—MOODY: Moody Cotton Harvest Festival Kicks off with a parade at 10 a.m. Includes live music, games, children's activities, contest, exhibits, arts and crafts, catfish dinner and more until 10 p.m. Texas 317 at F.M. 107. www.moodycottonharvestfestival.org 254/366-8603 or 254/366-3855 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

24—ORANGE: Orchidelirium: Past and Present A panel discusses the best-seller *The Orchid Thief* by Susan Orlean, in conjunction with the Orchid Festival. Begins at 6:30 p.m. Stark Museum of Art. www.starkmuseum.org 409/886-2787 **GULF COAST**

24—PORT ARANSAS: Conquer the Coast Bicycle Ride Ride 18-, 25- and 65-mile routes around Corpus Christi Bay. www.conquerthecoast.org 361/881-1800 ext. 224 **GULF COAST**

24—POTTSBORO: Frontier Days Features live entertainment, arts and crafts vendors, food and more. Friendship Park. www.pottsborchamber.com 903/786-6371 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

24—QUANAH: Christmas Benefit Golf Tournament Quanah Country Club, 556 Country Club Road. www.quanahnet.com 940/663-2222 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

24—SEGUIN: Main Street Trade Days Vendors gather with antiques, collectibles, and homemade arts and crafts. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Downtown. www.visitseguin.com 830/401-5000 or 800/580-7322 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

- 24—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Birding in the Park** Find out about the birds in the area, what is needed to watch birds and how they can be encouraged to hang around your home. Begins at 9 a.m. Cooper Lake State Park's South Sulphur Unit. 903/945-5256 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 24—TEXARKANA: Hot Dogs and Honey Bees** Celebrate four-legged friends and national honey month with dachshund races, costume contests, slam poetry, cooking demos and more. Downtown Farmers' Market. www.mainstreettexarkana.org 903/277-4603 **PINEY WOODS**
- 24—THE WOODLANDS: Maroon 5 and Train in Concert** Begins at 7 p.m. Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. www.woodlandscenter.org 800/745-3000 **PINEY WOODS**
- 24—TYLER: Let's Go Birding!** Go on a guided hike in the park to observe birds. Bring binoculars and a field guide. Begins at 8 a.m. Tyler State Park. 903/597-5338 **PINEY WOODS**
- 24—UVALDE: Market Day** Memorial Park, U.S. 90 at U.S. 83. www.uvaldemarketdays.com 210/844-8193 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 24—WAXAHACHIE: Chautauqua Assembly** Educational, inspirational and entertaining programs are presented by respected scholars, artists and teachers. Getzendaner Park. 972/937-8887 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 24—WOODVILLE: Ghosts of Texas Past** Listen to fascinating stories from Texas and Tyler County's colorful history. Hours are 7–9 p.m. Heritage Village. www.heritage-village.org 409/283-2272 **PINEY WOODS**
- 24-25—AUSTIN: Old Pecan Street Festival** Art festival features live music, fun workshops, craft and food vendors. Sixth Street. www.oldpecanstreetfestival.com **HILL COUNTRY**
- 24-25—AUSTIN: Texas Bamboo Festival** Find lectures, demonstrations, plants and crafts for sale, a live auction and more. Zilker Botanical Garden. www.bamboocentral.net 512/929-9565 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 24-25—BOWIE: Western Heritage Round-up** Features country music, story telling, chuck wagons, ranch rodeos, and a kids' tractor peddle pull. 507 Pelham Road. www.bowietxchamber.org 940/872-1173 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 24-25—COLORADO CITY: Mitchell County Frontier Days** Enjoy live music, children's arts and crafts, antiques, food and more. Also includes competitions in canning, baking, quilts and photography. Railhead Building, 150 E. First St. www.coloradocitychamberofcommerce.com 325/728-3403 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 24-25—COMANCHE: Comanche County Powwow Heritage Festival** Includes an antique engine and tractor show, classic cars, live entertainment, barbecue cook-off and outlaw run. City Park. www.comanchechamber.org 325/356-3233 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 24-25—MCKINNEY: Stonebridge Ranch Triathlon Sprint and Olympic Distance Race** Course includes a 750-meter swim, 24-mile bike ride and a 10K run. Stonebridge Ranch Beach and Tennis Club. www.playtri.com/sbr 972/542-1550 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 24-25—ORANGE: Showdown on the Sabine** Enjoy two days of speed-boat racing on the Sabine River. 700 Simmons Drive. www.orangetexas.org 409/883-1011 **GULF COAST**
- 24-25—STONEWALL: Annual LBJ Wildflower Seed Stomp** Help scatter provided wildflower seeds in the open areas and fields. Hours are 1:30–3 p.m. Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site. 830/644-2252 ext. 222 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 24-25—WEATHERFORD: Cowboy Gathering** Includes a chuck wagon cook-off, street dance, entertainment, antique tractors, demonstrations and vendors. Heritage House. 817/341-1410 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 24-Oct. 1—BURTON: La Bahia Antiques Show and Sale** La Bahia Hall. www.labahiaantiques.com 979/289-2684 or 888/273-6426 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25—BELLVILLE: Spring Creek Bluegrass Club Show and Jam** Jamming starts at 4 p.m., with a show at 6:30 p.m. Coushatta Recreation Ranch. www.springcreekbluegrass.com 979/865-5250 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25—MESQUITE: Florence Ranch Homestead Tours** Tour an early settler's homestead. Hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., or available by appointment. 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. www.cityofmesquite.com 972/613-7547 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25—SERBIN: Wendish Fest** Celebrate the heritage of Wendish immigrants in Texas with a coffee cake bake-off, Czech music, dancing, washer pitching, old-world skill exhibitions and more. St. Paul Lutheran Church. www.texaswendish.org 979/366-2441 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25—THE WOODLANDS: Journey, Foreigner and Night Ranger in Concert** Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. www.woodlandscenter.org 281/363-3300 **PINEY WOODS**
- 25—VICTORIA: Czech Heritage Festival** Includes traditional Czech music, cultural demonstrations, exhibits, and a homemade beer and wine show. Victoria Community Center. www.victoriaczechs.org 361/575-0820 **GULF COAST**
- 25-Jan. 22—AUSTIN: El Anatsui: When I Last Wrote to You about Africa** This retrospective exhibition of more than 60 works is the first opportunity for North American audiences to see how the Nigerian-born artist's ideas and working processes developed over three decades. Blanton Museum of Art. www.blantonmuseum.org 512/471-7324 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 27-Oct. 1—PARIS: Red River Valley Fair** Includes a carnival, roaming entertainers, live music, children's activities and contests, livestock shows, and arts and crafts. Paris/Lamar County Fairgrounds. www.rvfair.org 903/785-7971 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 27-Oct. 1—ROUND TOP: Marburger Farm Antique Show** Features 350-plus dealers. Marburger Farm, 2248 Texas 237. www.roundtopmarburger.com 800/999-2148, 713/703-6371 or 800/830-8358 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 28-Oct. 1—ROUND TOP: Fall Antiques Fair** At the Big Red Barn and Carmine Dance Hall. www.roundtopantiquesfair.com 512/237-4747 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 28-Oct. 1—WINNIE: Texas Rice Festival** Celebrate the rice harvest with family entertainment, a barbecue cook-off and down-home country flair. Winnie-Stowell Park. www.texasricefestival.org 409/296-4404 **GULF COAST**
- 28-Oct. 1—WOODVILLE: Tyler County Fair** Tyler County Fairgrounds. 409/429-5329 **PINEY WOODS**

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29-DENTON: UNT College of Music Wind Symphony Performance Begins at 7:30 p.m. Murchison Performing Arts Center. www.thempac.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

29-Oct. 1-BROWNFIELD: Terry County Harvest Festival Includes a talent show, Shelly Lares in concert, parade, vendors and a car show. Coleman Park. www.brownfieldchamber.com 806/637-2564 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

29-Oct. 1-GLEN ROSE: Paluxy River Bluegrass Festival Oakdale Park, 1019 N.E. Barnard St. www.glenrosetexas.net 254/897-3081 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

29-Oct. 9-SAN ANTONIO: Mary Poppins The Majestic Theater. www.broadwayacrossamerica.com/sanantonio 800/215-7469 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

30-BONHAM: Photography Group Exhibit Reception is 6-8 p.m. Creative Arts Center, 200 W. Fifth St. www.creativeartscenter.us 903/640-2196 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

30-DENTON: UNT College of Music Symphony Orchestra Performance Begins at 7:30 p.m. Murchison Performing Arts Center. www.thempac.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

30-GRANBURY: Last Friday Gallery Night Enjoy local art on Granbury's town square. Downtown. 817/579-7733 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

30-SPICEWOOD: Joel Guzman and Sarah Fox in Concert Advance tickets recommended. Begins at 7 p.m. Spicewood Vineyards Event Center, 1419 County Road 409. www.spicewoodarts.org 512/264-2820 **HILL COUNTRY**

30-Oct. 1-BIG SPRING: Howard County Fair Features exhibits, arts and crafts, carnival and nightly entertainment. Howard County Fair Grounds. www.howardcountyfairoftexas.com 432/263-7641 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

30-Oct. 1-BUDA: Fire Fest Texas Event honors Texas firefighters with adult and children's firefighter challenges, a barbecue cook-off and music festival. Buda City Park. www.firefesttexas.com 512/312-0084 **HILL COUNTRY**

30-Oct. 1-CALVERT: Victorian Tea and Gala Experience historic Calvert with a reception and hayride 7-9 p.m. Friday, Saturday morning history tours and shopping, afternoon tea and an evening gala. Victorian dress encouraged. E-mail: victoriancalvert@gmail.com. www.calvertx.com 512/468-8317 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

30-Oct. 1-COLORADO CITY: Boer Goat Cook-Off Cooks compete to make the best goat, beans, pork ribs, brisket and dessert. Ruddick Park. www.coloradocitychamberofcommerce.com 325/728-5252 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

30-Oct. 1-FAIRFIELD: Big T Memorial Chili Cook-Off and Music Festival Performers include Cory Morrow, Gary P. Nunn, Johnny Lee, and Jason Boland and the Stragglers. Also enjoy a chili cook-off and horseshoe tournament. Fairfield City Park. www.bigtbash.com 903/431-3611 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

30-Oct. 1-FORT WORTH: Jazz by the Boulevard Festival Will Rogers Memorial Center, 3401 West Lancaster. www.fortworthjazz.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

30-Oct. 1-GRAFORD: Possum Fest Great Outdoors Barbecue and Chili Cook-Off Includes barbecue, chili cook-off, live music and children's activities. Possum Kingdom Chamber

of Commerce. www.possumkingdomlake.com 888/779-8330 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

30-Oct. 1-MANOR: Manorfest Enjoy music, barbecue, and arts and crafts. Lions Club. www.manorlions.com 512/656-8011 **HILL COUNTRY**

30-Oct. 1-MINEOLA: Lone Star Barbecue Cook-Off Mineola Civic Center. www.mccrvpark.com 903/569-6115 **PINEY WOODS**

30-Oct. 1-MONAHANS: Sands Art Festival Find paintings, jewelry, sculpture and more. Ward County Convention Center. www.monahans.org 432/943-2187 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

30-Oct. 1-WICHITA FALLS: Falls Fest Outdoor festival features live music, festival food, sporting events, a poker run, chili cook-off, nightly fireworks and more. Lucy Park. www.fallsfest.org 940/692-9797 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

30-Oct. 2-ABILENE: Senior Team Roping Association Finals Taylor County Expo Center, 1700 Hwy. 36. 325/677-4376 or 940/989-2604 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

30-Oct. 2-GONZALES: Come and Take It Festival Celebrate the first shot fired for Texas Independence with a parade, live music, carnival, contests, 5K walk/run, a battle re-enactment and more. Various locations. www.gonzalezestexas.com 830/672-6532 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

30-Oct. 2-JACKSONVILLE: Thunder in the Pines Motorcycle Rally and Music Jam Downtown Jacksonville. www.jacksonvillerally.com 903/721-4121 **PINEY WOODS**

30-Oct. 2-JOHNSON CITY: Texas Hill Country Lavender Festival Visit lavender farms and enjoy special events, arts and crafts, educational sessions, music and food. www.texas hillcountrylavenderfestival.com 830/868-2806 **HILL COUNTRY**

30-Oct. 2-LUFKIN: Texas Youth Ranch Rodeo Finals George H. Henderson, Jr. Exposition Center. 936/637-3976 **PINEY WOODS**

30-Oct. 2-ODESSA: Briar Patch Trade Days Includes handmade items, antiques, vintage items and more. Ector County Coliseum. 432/272-1177 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

30-Oct. 2-PORT ARANSAS: MustangFest Ford Mustang drivers come to Mustang Island for the Mile of Mustangs lineup, car shows, live music and other events. Plantation Suites. www.mustangfest.org 405/563-0307 **GULF COAST**

30-Oct. 2-SOUTHLAKE: Oktoberfest Enjoy authentic German beer and food, live entertainment, a sports zone, children's area, and a wiener dog parade and competitions. Southlake Town Square. www.oktoberfestsouthlake.com 817/481-8200 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

30-Oct. 2-WICKETT: Bluegrass Festival Old Wickett School, 300 Brady St. 432/943-3135 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

30-Oct. 8-EDNA: Jackson County Youth Fair Includes a parade, carnival, pageants, circus, petting zoo, rodeo events and live music. Main Event Center. www.brackenridgepark.com 361/782-7272 **GULF COAST**

30-Oct. 23-DALLAS: State Fair of Texas The country's largest state fair features games and rides on the midway, corny dogs, Chevrolet Test Track, auto shows, stockyard shows, a wine garden, nightly parades, all-day concerts and college football games. Fair Park. www.bigtex.com 214/565-9931 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

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Dates for events listed in this calendar are subject to change.

Please confirm dates in advance by calling the number listed or by contacting the local chamber of commerce or convention and visitors bureau.

- 1—ADDISON: Community Garage Sale** Sam's Club Parking Lot. www.addisontexas.net 972/450-2884 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—ADDISON: MK5K** Begins at 8 a.m. Mary Kay Headquarters. www.addisontexas.net **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—ARLINGTON: Animal Exploration** Discover the habits and adaptations of a native animals during a live animal observation with a naturalist. Reservation requested. River Legacy Living Science Center. www.riverlegacy.org 817/860-6752 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—AUSTIN: Jan Heaton: Tranquillo** See Sept. 10 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1—BANDERA: Market Day** Courthouse Square. www.banderabusinesassociation.com 830/796-4447 800/364-3833 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1—BASTROP: Art on the Courthouse Green** Artists display paintings, ceramics, photographs, pottery, jewelry and more. 804 Pecan St. www.bastropfineartsguild.com 512/308-1837 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—BAYTOWN: Grito Fest** Filled with live entertainment, mariachis, a *grito* competition, accordion competition, salsa contest, jalapeno-eating contest and more. Bicentennial Park. www.baytown.org 281/420-6597 **GULF COAST**
- 1—BIG SPRING: Howard County Fair** Features exhibits, arts and crafts, carnival and nightly entertainment. Howard County Fair Grounds. www.howardcountyfairoftexas.com 432/263-7641 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1—BLANCO: Fish with a Ranger** A park ranger will be on hand to provide basic safety and skills lessons for all ages. Begins at 10 a.m. Blanco State Park. 830/833-4333 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1—BONHAM: Fannin County Fair Parade** Downtown square, around West Fifth and Main streets. www.fannincountyfair.com 903/583-9830 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—BONHAM: Lawnmower Races** 309 Old Ector Road. www.visitbonham.com 903/583-9830 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—BOWIE: Chicken and Bread Days Heritage Festival** Features a fiddlers contest, art contest, quilt show, car show, vendors, games and more. 201 Walnut St. www.bowietxchamber.com 940/872-6246 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—BRIDGEPORT: Coal Miners' Heritage Festival** Includes a 5K run/walk, craft and food vendors, a hot-dog eating contest, pet parade, baking contest, children's activities, 4x4 off-road show and shine, and living-history demonstrations. 1022 Halsell St. www.bridgeportchamber.org 940/683-2076 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—BROWNFIELD: Terry County Harvest Festival** Features a talent show, Shelly Lares concert, parade, vendors, car show and more. Coleman Park. www.brownfieldchamber.com 806/637-2564 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1—BRYAN: Buffalo Stampede** Features 5K and half-marathon races. Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History. www.brazosvalleymuseum.org 979/776-2195 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—BUDA: Fire Fest Texas** Event honors Texas firefighters with firefighter challenges, a barbecue cook-off and music festival. Buda City Park. www.firefesttexas.com 512/312-0084 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1—BURNET: Stumpy Hollow Hike** Master naturalists lead an informative hike. Meet at the Pecan Trailhead. Hours are 9–10 a.m. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1—BURTON: La Bahia Antiques Show and Sale** See Sept. 24 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—CALVERT: Victorian Tea and Gala** Experience historic Calvert with history tours and shopping, an afternoon tea and an evening gala. Victorian dress is encouraged. Various locations. E-mail: victoriancalvert@gmail.com. www.calverttx.com 512/468-8317 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—CAMERON: Arts and Crafts Fair** Enjoy artisan crafts, food and fun in City Park. Also offers a 5K fun run/walk and a children's half-mile run. Cameron City Park. www.cameron-tx.com 254/697-4979 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—CHILDRESS: Citywide Garage Sale and Sidewalk Sale** www.childresstexas.net 940/937-2567 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1—CHILDRESS: Tour d' Cotton Bike Ride** Includes courses of 8, 30 or 60 miles. Fair Park. www.childresspalacetheater.com 940/937-2197 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1—COLEMAN: Fiesta de la Paloma** Includes team roping, a tractor pull, car show, pet show, and arts and crafts. Rodeo Grounds, Fifth Avenue at Texas 206. www.colemantexas.org 325/625-2163 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1—COLORADO CITY: Beer Goat Cook-Off** Cooks compete to make the best goat, beans, pork ribs, brisket and dessert. Ruddick Park. www.coloradocitychamberofcommerce.com 325/728-5252 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1—DALLAS: David Crowder Band in Concert** With special guests Gungor, Chris August and John Mark McMillan. Begins at 7 p.m. House of Blues Dallas. www.houseofblues.com 214/978-2583 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—DALLAS: Southwest Airlines State Fair Classic** Football matchup features Prairie View A&M against Grambling State. Cotton Bowl at Fair Park. www.alwe.com/sports.shtml 214/670-8400 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—DECATUR: Cruise Night on the Courthouse Square** See classic cars from 4–8 p.m. Downtown. www.decaturmaintenance.com 940/627-6158 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—DUBLIN: Arena Fest** Includes a working cattle dog trial, chuck-wagon cooking, cowboy poetry, fiddling and other live music, greased-pig competitions, armadillo racing, horse-and-buggy rides, the Extreme Cowboy Race, mutton busting and ranch rodeo. City Park. www.cowboyculturecelebration.com 254/592-1653 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—EL CAMPO: Prairie Days Festival** Includes children's activities, live music, the Texaco Country Showdown State Finals and vendors. Alamo Park. www.elcampochamber.com 979/543-2713 **GULF COAST**
- 1—ELECTRA: Citywide Garage Sale** Maps of garage sales locations are available at 112 W. Cleveland. www.electratexas.org 940/495-3577 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1—FAIRFIELD: Big T Memorial Chili Cook-Off and Music Festival** Performers include Cory Morrow, Gary P. Nunn, Johnny Lee, and Jason Boland and the Stragglers. Also enjoy a chili cook-off and horseshoe tournament. Fairfield City Park, on U.S. 84. www.bigtbash.com 903/431-3611 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—FORT WORTH: Jazz by the Boulevard Festival** Will Rogers Memorial Center. www.fortworthjazz.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—GALVESTON: The Midtown Men** Four stars from the original cast of *Jersey Boys* showcase their unique musical style. Begins at 8 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894 or 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**
- 1—GATESVILLE: Citywide Garage Sale** Gatesville Chamber of Commerce. www.gatesville.tx.info 254/865-2617 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—GLADEWATER: Annual Black Rodeo** One of the largest rodeos of color in the nation. Rodeo Arena. www.realcowboyassociation.com 903/918-6023 **PINEY WOODS**
- 1—GLEN ROSE: Paluxy Pedal Bike Ride** Scenic bike ride includes routes in distances of 29, 45, 60 and 80 miles. Glen Rose High School. www.paluxypedal.com 254/897-3081 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—GLEN ROSE: Paluxy River Bluegrass Festival** Oakdale Park. www.glenrossetexas.net 254/897-3081 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—GOLIAD: Music at the Winery** Hours are 6–10 p.m. Texas South Wind Vineyard and Winery, 16375 U.S. 183 S. www.texasouthwind.com 361/526-4662 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

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1—GRAFORD: Possum Fest Great Outdoors Barbecue and Chili Cook-Off Includes barbecue chili cook-off, live music, auctions, mule raffle and children's activities. Possum Kingdom Chamber of Commerce. www.possumkingdomlake.com 888/779-8330 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

1—GRAND PRAIRIE: Asian American Cultural Festival Traders Village, 2602 Mayfield Road. www.tradersvillage.com 972/647-8205 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1—HONEY GROVE: Davy Crockett Festival Annual event honors David Crockett, who was responsible for naming Honey Grove. Includes fun, games, music, vendors, food and contests. Downtown square. www.honeygrovechamber.com 903/378-7211 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1—HUNTSVILLE: Fair on the Square Arts and crafts show also includes entertainment throughout the day. Downtown square. www.chamber.huntsville.tx.us 936/295-8113 **PINEY WOODS**

1—JASPER: October Fest Offers entertainment, arts and crafts, children's activities, re-enactments and more. Courthouse square. www.jaspercoc.org 409/384-2762 **PINEY WOODS**

1—JEFFERSON: Citywide Rummage Sale Maps of sale sites available at Marion County Chamber of Commerce. www.jefferson-texas.com 903/665-2672 **PINEY WOODS**

1—JOHNSON CITY: Wild Game Dinner Ticket includes dinner, dancing and live music. Blanco County Showbarn. E-mail: blancowildgamedinner@yahoo.com 830/833-5335 **HILL COUNTRY**

1—KATY: Rice Harvest Festival Parade Begins at Fifth Street and East Avenue. www.katy-chamber.com 281/391-5289 **GULF COAST**

1—LAGO VISTA: Murder in the Cellar Dinner Theater The Capital City Mystery Players present an intriguing mystery of theft and murder as diners enjoy fine food and wine. Flat Creek Estate Winery and Vineyard. www.flatcreekestate.com 512/267-6310 **HILL COUNTRY**

1—LAKE JACKSON: Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tours Learn about the sugar-making process of the 1840s, how convict labor replaced slavery in the 1870s and the power of 1900's hurricane. Jackson Plantation Site. www.lakejacksonmuseum.org 979/297-1570 **GULF COAST**

1—LLANO: Llano Country Opry with The Survivors Features Darrell McCall, Tony Booth and Curtis Potter. Lantex Theater. www.hillbillyhits.com 325/247-5354 **HILL COUNTRY**

1—LOCKHART: Evening with the Authors Meet Texas authors and enjoy wine, a buffet, book signings and socializing. Hours are 6–9 p.m. Hawener home, 625 W. San Antonio St. www.clarklibraryfriends.com 512/398-2818 or 512/376-2632 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1—LUFKIN: Lufkin's Bistro Enjoy food from local restaurants, wine from area wineries and music from 7–10 p.m. Downtown. <http://destinationlufkin.net/events> 936/633-0349 **PINEY WOODS**

1—LUFKIN: Pineywoods Purgatory Cycling event offers routes from 25 to 102 miles. Lufkin Pitser Garrison Civic Center. www.pineywoods-purgatory.com 936/634-5438 **PINEY WOODS**

1—MAGNOLIA: Ren Fest Meet-and-Greet Stroll through downtown to meet the characters who make the Texas Renaissance Festival so enjoyable. Includes children's activities, music and refreshments. www.cityofmagnolia.com 281/356-2266 **PINEY WOODS**

1—MANOR: Manorfest Includes live music, barbecue, and arts and crafts. Lions Club. www.manorlions.com 512/656-8011 **HILL COUNTRY**

1—MARBLE FALLS: Citywide Garage Sale More than 50 different garage sales set up in Johnson Park. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. www.marblefalls.org 830/693-2815 **HILL COUNTRY**

1—MINEOLA: Lone Star Barbecue Cook-Off Mineola Civic Center. www.mccrvpark.com 903/569-6115 **PINEY WOODS**

1—MONAHANS: Citywide Garage Sale Million Barrel Museum. www.monahans.org 432/943-8401 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

1—MONAHANS: Sands Art Festival Find paintings, jewelry, sculpture and more. Ward County Convention Center. www.monahans.org 432/943-2187 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

1—NEEDVILLE: Tunes and Tales Spend an evening under the stars listening to bluegrass music and stories. Hours are 5–7 p.m. Brazos Bend State Park. 979/553-5101 **GULF COAST**

1—NEW BRAUNFELS: Taste of the Hills Gala Celebrates Texas wineries, food vendors, auctions and music. Vintage Oaks Clubhouse. www.bulverdespringbranchchamber.com 830/438-4285 **HILL COUNTRY**

1—OZONA: Davy Crockett Festival Avenue E at 11th Street. E-mail: dcrockettdays@yahoo.com 325/392-2721 **HILL COUNTRY**

1—PARIS: Red River Valley Fair Includes a carnival, petting zoo, live music, children's activities and contests, livestock shows, arts and crafts, and a home and garden showcase. Paris/Lamar County Fairgrounds. www.rvfair.org 903/785-7971 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1—PLANO: Plano International Festival Features ethnic food, multicultural music and dance, children's activities and more. Haggard Park. www.planointernationalfestival.org 214/495-7838 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1—PORT ARANSAS: Sand and Surf Beach Run Features a 5K and 10K run. Port Aransas Beach. 361/749-4450 **GULF COAST**

1—QUITAQUE: Paleos in the Panhandle Learn about the first people to inhabit the Texas Panhandle. Begins at 7:30 p.m. Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway. 806/455-1492 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

1—ROUND TOP: Fall Antiques Fair At the Big Red Barn and Carmine Dance Hall. www.roundtop-antiquesfair.com 512/237-4747 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1—ROUND TOP: Marburger Farm Antique Show Features 350-plus dealers. Marburger Farm, 2248 Texas 237. www.roundtop-marburger.com 800/999-2148, 713/703-6371 or 800/830-8358 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1—SAN ANTONIO: First Saturdays at the Alamo Living-history demonstrations include cooking, doll making and weapon displays. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Alamo. www.visitsanantonio.com **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

1—SAN MARCOS: Pet Fest Annual festival and 5K fun run. San Marcos Plaza Park. www.pventalitter.com 512/754-7257 **HILL COUNTRY**

1—SANTA FE: Car and Bike Show Includes displays and a swap meet. 12408 Texas 6. 409/325-9558 **GULF COAST**

- 1—SMITHVILLE: Citywide Garage Sale**
Maps available from the chamber of commerce. First Street at Main Street. www.smithvillex.org 512/237-2313 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—SNYDER: Taste of Scurry County** Includes food, fun and a silent auction. The Coliseum. E-mail: scmdirector@snydertex.com 325/573-6107 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Indian Summer Festival and John Chester Dutch Oven Cook-Off** Features Native American dancers, Civil War re-enactors, musical groups, archeology dig pit, tin punch, handmade quilts on display, candle dipping and demonstrations of other old-fashioned skills. Heritage Park. 888/300-6623 or 903/885-2387 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Orienteering** Learn how to use a compass, set a course using a map and get around without getting lost. Cooper Lake State Park's South Sulphur Unit. 903/945-5256 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—TROUP: Four Winds Celtic Music Festival** Features Celtic music, artisans, vendors and more. Vizcaya Ranch, 21852 C.R. 2178. www.fourwindsfaire.com 903/839-5271 **PINEY WOODS**
- 1—VICTORIA: Fall Family Fun Fest** Enjoy children's activities, entertainment, clowns and more. 204 N. Main St. 361/485-9140 **GULF COAST**
- 1—WACO: Wine and Food Festival** Brings together the best in food, wine, beer and music. Indian Spring Park. www.humanesocietycentraltexas.org 254/235-3118 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—WALLIS: Wallis Fine Rides Autofest** Features classic cars, customs and street rods. Guardian Angel Catholic Church, 5610 Demel. 979/478-6712 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—WEATHERFORD: Clark Gardens Half Marathon, 5K and Fall Festival** Starts with a half-marathon run and 5K followed by a festival with pumpkin painting, pumpkin golf, live entertainment, children's authors, crafts and gardening experts at Clark Gardens. www.clarkgardens.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—WHITNEY: Lake Whitney Pioneer Days** Includes a rodeo, carnival games and rides, arts and crafts, food booths, baby and pet photo contests, horse apple bingo, German folk dancing, 3 p.m. parade and a street dance from 8 p.m. to midnight. Downtown. www.lakewhitneychamber.com 254/694-2540 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—WICHITA FALLS: Falls Fest** Outdoor festival features live music, festival food, sporting events, a poker run, chili cook-off, nightly fireworks and more. Lucy Park. www.fallsfest.org 940/692-9797 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1—WIMBERLEY: Market Day** Hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lions Pavilion on R.R. 2325. www.shopmarketdays.com 512/847-2201 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1—WINNIE: Texas Rice Festival** Celebrate the rice harvest with entertainment, a barbecue cook-off and more. Winnie-Stowell Park. www.texasricefestival.org 409/296-4404 **GULF COAST**
- 1—WINNSBORO: Taste of Winnsboro** City Park. www.winnsboroonlineguide.com 903/342-1958 **PINEY WOODS**
- 1—WOODVILLE: Tyler County Fair** Tyler County Fairgrounds. 409/429-5329 **PINEY WOODS**

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- 1-2—ABILENE: Senior Team Roping Association Finals** Taylor County Expo Center, 1700 Hwy. 36. 325/677-4376 or 940/989-2604 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1-2—ABILENE: Texas Gun and Knife Show** Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N. Sixth St. 830/285-0575 or 325/676-6211 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1-2—ANGLETON: 24 Hours of LeMons Races** MSR Houston, 1 Performance Drive. www.msrhouston.com 281/369-0677 **GULF COAST**
- 1-2—CANTON: First Monday Trade Days** Includes more than 7,000 vendors. On I-20 in Canton from exits 523, 526, 527 or 528. www.visitcantontx.com 877/462-7467 or 903/567-1849 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-2—CLEBURNE: Sabrina Fair** See Sept. 23 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-2—DALLAS: Hair** See Sept. 20 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-2—FORT WORTH: The Woodstock Tribute Show** A cast of musicians takes the audience on a musical journey back the 1969 festival. Stockyards Station. www.thewoodstocktributeshow.com 817/682-4027 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-2—FREDERICKSBURG: Oktoberfest** Experience this German festival with authentic food, a parade, Oktoberfest, Chicken Dance Around the Square, dominoes tournament, live entertainment and kids' activities. Marktplatz. www.oktoberfestinfbg.com 830/997-4810 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-2—GALVESTON: Downtown Lofts Tour** Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Downtown. www.galveston.com 409/763-7080 or 888/939-8680 **GULF COAST**
- 1-2—GONZALES: Come and Take It Festival** Celebrates the first shot fired for Texas Independence with a parade, beer garden, live entertainment, carnival, eating contests, 5K walk/run, and a battle re-enactment at Gonzales Pioneer Village Living History Center. www.gonzalestexas.com 830/672-6532 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-2—GRAND PRAIRIE: Rumors** See Sept. 29 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-2—HICO: Billy the Kid Chili Cook-Off and Car Show** Includes a CASI-sanctioned cook-off, an event for Backyard Rules Chili Cookers, car show, vendors and live music. Downtown. www.billythekidmuseum.com 254/796-4620 or 254/796-2523 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-2—HUNTSVILLE: Cheaper by the Dozen** See Sept. 30 listing for details. **PINEY WOODS**
- 1-2—HUNTSVILLE: David Boyd Huntsville Classic Mountain Bike Race** Cross-country mountain bike race begins Saturday with pre-racing and a Kids Kup. Main race is Sunday. Huntsville State Park. www.tmbra.org 936/295-5644 or 281/440-6100 **PINEY WOODS**
- 1-2—JACKSONVILLE: Thunder in the Pines Motorcycle Rally and Music Jam** Downtown Jacksonville. www.jacksonvillerrally.com 903/721-4121 **PINEY WOODS**
- 1-2—JOHNSON CITY: Texas Hill Country Lavender Festival** Local lavender farms open for a fall stroll through the fields, plus special events, arts and crafts, educational sessions, music and more. www.texashillcountrylavenderfestival.com 830/868-2806 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-2—LUFKIN: Texas Youth Ranch Rodeo Finals** George H. Henderson, Jr. Exposition Center. 936/637-3976 **PINEY WOODS**

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1-2—MARBLE FALLS: Wait Until Dark See Sept. 22 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**

1-2—MESQUITE: Molas: Wearable Art from the Kuna Indians See Sept. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-2—ODESSA: Briar Patch Trade Days See Sept. 30 listing for details. 432/272-1177 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

1-2—PORT ARANSAS: MustangFest Ford Mustangs arrive on Mustang Island for the Mile of Mustangs lineup, car shows, live music and other events. Plantation Suites. www.mustangfest.org 405/563-0307 **GULF COAST**

1-2—RICHARDSON: Cottonwood Art Festival Features limited edition paintings, sculptures, ceramics, jewelry, fine glass, woodwork and more. Cottonwood Park. www.cottonwoodartfestival.com 972/744-4580 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-2—ROSENBERG: Fort Bend County Fair The 75th-annual fair includes a parade, headliner entertainment, midway ride, exhibits, dancing and pro rodeo events. Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. www.fbcfa.org 281/342-6171 **GULF COAST**

1-2—SEGUIN: Central Texas Senior Men's Golf Fest Area Golf Courses. www.visitseguin.com 800/580-7322 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-2—SOUTHLAKE: Oktoberfest Try authentic German beer and food, live entertainment, arts and crafts vendors, a sports zone, children's area, and a wiener dog parade, contest and races. Southlake Town Square. www.oktoberfestsouthlake.com 817/481-8200 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-2—WEST COLUMBIA: Capitol of Texas Celebration Enjoy a wild game dinner, entertainment and a re-enactment of General Santa

Anna de Lopez being held prisoner of war at the Orozimbo Plantation. Begins at 4 p.m. American Legion Hall. www.texasgems.org/park 979/345-3335 or 979/345-5777 **GULF COAST**

1-2—WICHITA FALLS: Sheppard AFB Air Show Enjoy the Canadian Air Force Snowbirds and other flying demonstrations, as well as games, flight simulators and displays. Sheppard Air Force Base. www.facebook.com/sheppardairforcebase 940/676-7249 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

1-2—WICKETT: Bluegrass Festival Old Wickett School, 300 Brady St. 432/943-3135 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

1-2, 7-9, 14-16—WIMBERLEY: Arsenic and Old Lace See Oct. 7 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**

1-4, 8-11, 15-18, 22-26, 29-Nov. 3—MEDINA: Great Hill Country Pumpkin Patch Includes live entertainment, scarecrow building, hay maze and pumpkin painting. Love Creek Orchards. www.lovecreekorchards.com 800/449-0882 **HILL COUNTRY**

1-6—KILGORE: Four-Star Cinema Fall Film Festival Features independent and foreign films. 4 Star Cinema. 903/983-1249 **PINEY WOODS**

1, 6-8—CLEBURNE: Treasure Island See Oct. 6 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1, 6, 8, 13, 15—GRAPEVINE: Grapevine Market Liberty Park. www.grapevintexasusa.com 800/457-6338 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1, 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-29—GRAND PRAIRIE: Fall Quarter Horse Meet See live championship horse racing at Lone Star Park, 1000 Lone Star Parkway. www.lonestarpark.com 800/795-RACE **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-8—EDNA: Jackson County Youth Fair Includes a parade, carnival, bull riding, circus, petting zoo, rodeo events and live music. Brackenridge Main Event Center. www.brackenridgepark.com 361/782-7272 **GULF COAST**

1-8—ORANGE: Orchid Festival Enjoy a variety of orchids on display, along with presentations by guest speakers. Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center. www.shangrilagardens.org 409/670-9113 **GULF COAST**

1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29—GLEN ROSE: The Promise See Oct. 7 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1, 8, 15, 22, 29—BANDERA: Cowboys on Main Features a Western display in front of the Bandera County Courthouse and strolling entertainers on Main Street. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Main Street. www.frontiertimesmuseum.com 800/364-3833 **HILL COUNTRY**

1, 8, 15, 22, 29—BRACKETTVILLE: Wild Cave Tour See Sept. 3 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**

1, 8, 15, 22, 29—CEDAR PARK: Hill Country Flyer Travel to Burnet by steam train through the Texas Hill Country. Enjoy lunch and shopping during a 2.5-hour layover before returning to Cedar Park. Cedar Park Depot. www.austinsteamtrain.org 512/477-8468 **HILL COUNTRY**

1, 8, 15, 22, 29—LIBERTY: Liberty Opry Branson-style live show includes music and a little comedy. 1816 Sam Houston Ave. www.libertyopry.com 936/336-5830 or 877/729-9103 **PINEY WOODS**

1, 8, 15, 22, 29—NACOGDOCHES: Historic Downtown Walking Tours Starts at the Visitor Center, 200 E. Main St. www.visitnacogdoches.org 888/653-3788 **PINEY WOODS**

1, 8, 22—JASPER: Saturday Programs at Martin Dies Jr. State Park Programs may include presentations by naturalists on topics ranging from recreation to conservation, demonstrations and games. Begins at 3 p.m. In the park nature center. 409/384-5231 **PINEY WOODS**

1-9—CANYON: Not Just for Show: Working Saddles from the Permanent Collection See Sept. 1 listing for details. **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

1-9—DICKINSON: The Warrior's Husband See Sept. 16 listing for details. **GULF COAST**

1-9—EL PASO: The Hand of God See Sept. 1 listing for details. **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

1-9—SAN ANTONIO: Mary Poppins See Sept. 29 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

1, 13—BURNET: Afternoon and Sunset Boat Jaunts See Inks Lake from the comfort of an electric boat. Departs at 2 p.m. or 6:30 p.m., weather permitting. Reservations required. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223 **HILL COUNTRY**

1-15—CORPUS CHRISTI: Beyond Shared Language: Contemporary Art and the Latin American Experience See Sept. 1 listing for details. **GULF COAST**

1, 15—LAKE JACKSON: Alden B. Dow Office Tours Tour the re-created 1943 office of Alden B. Dow, where the city of Lake Jackson's buildings and winding streets were designed, and see what life was like in the new town during World War II. Alden B. Dow Museum. www.lakejacksonmuseum.org 979/297-1570 **GULF COAST**

1, 15, 29—EL PASO: Chopin Music Festival
Musicians interpret the music of Chopin and other famous composers. Performers are Ng An on Oct. 1, Richard Dowling on Oct. 15 and Lucy Scarborough on Oct. 29. Chamizal National Memorial Theatre. www.elpaso-chopin.com 915/584-1595 or 915/533-0348 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

1-16—VICTORIA: Mel Chin: The Funk and Wag from A to Z See Sept. 2 listing for details. **GULF COAST**

1-22—ABILENE: Dancing By The Light Of The Moon: The Art of Fred Marcellino See Sept. 1 listing for details. **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

1, 22—JASPER: Canoe Basics Get dry-land instruction and practice to safely carry, enter, paddle and exit a canoe, plus supervised time to practice new skills in the water. Begins at 10 a.m. Hen House Canoe Dock at Martin Dies, Jr. State Park. 409/384-5231 **PINEY WOODS**

1-23—AMARILLO: National Juried Exhibition: Figurative Painting See Sept. 1 listing for details. **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

1-23—AUSTIN: Strife in the City: Austin During the Civil War See Sept. 1 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**

1-23—DALLAS: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day See Sept. 23 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-23—DALLAS: State Fair of Texas Enjoy games and rides on the midway, corny dogs, a Chevrolet Test Track, auto shows, stockyard shows, a wine garden, nightly parades, all-day concerts and football games at the nation's largest state fair. Fair Park. www.bigtex.com 214/565-9931 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1, 28-29—GOLIAD: Shady Oaks Speedway Races Races begin at 7 p.m. Shady Oaks Speedway. www.shadyoakspeedway.com 361/645-3563 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

1-29—DALLAS: One of a Kind This 21st-anniversary exhibition features works from artists nationwide, plus workshops and demonstrations. Kittrell/Riffkind Art Glass. www.kittrellriffkind.com 972/239-7957 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-30—SAN ANTONIO: Texas Contemporary Artists Series: Rex Hausmann See Sept. 1 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

1-Nov. 6—BEAUMONT: Artwork by Joey Blazek See Sept. 1 listing for details. **GULF COAST**

1-Nov. 12—AMARILLO: America's Horse in Art See Sept. 1 listing for details. **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

1-Nov. 15—KILGORE: The Maize at Danville Farms See Sept. 15 listing for details. **PINEY WOODS**

1-Nov. 20—SAN ANTONIO: Laura McPhee: River of No Return See Sept. 1 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

1-Dec. 11—FORT WORTH: Amon Carter Museum of American Art: The First 50 Years See Sept. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-Dec. 11—SAN MARCOS: The Edge of Time: Photographs of Mexico See Sept. 1 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**

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1-Dec. 16—HOUSTON: KJV@400: From Hampton Court, around the Globe and to the Moon See Sept. 1 listing for details. **GULF COAST**

1-Dec. 18—SAN ANTONIO: Shakespeare to Sondheim: Designs from the Tobin Collection See Sept. 7 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

1-Dec. 21—ORANGE: Visions of the West See Sept. 1 listing for details. **GULF COAST**

1-Dec. 21—SAN ANTONIO: "Jeme Souviens": The Return of Napoleon See Sept. 1 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

1-Dec. 31—AUSTIN: Storied Past: Four Centuries of French Drawings from the Blanton Museum of Art See Sept. 18 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**

1-Dec. 31—DALLAS: Dallas Blooms: It's a Fairy Tale World See Sept. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-Dec. 31—FORT WORTH: Will Barnett: Relationships, Intimate and Abstract, 1935-65 See Sept. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-Dec. 31—HOUSTON: Celebrating 15 Years of History at Holocaust Museum Houston See Sept. 1 listing for details. 713/942-8000 **GULF COAST**

1-Jan. 1—SAN ANTONIO: The Nightmare Before Christmas See Sept. 14 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

1-Jan. 2—SAN ANGELO: The Great Flood of 1936 Exhibit See Sept. 16 listing for details. **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

1-Jan. 8—DALLAS: Tony Cragg Exhibit See Sept. 10 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-Jan. 8—EL PASO: Tom Lea: The Turning Point See Sept. 1 listing for details. **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

1-Jan. 8—SAN ANTONIO: Amazing Butterflies! See Sept. 17 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

1-Jan. 9—CANYON: Spiritual Places See Sept. 1 listing for details. **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

1-Jan. 22—AUSTIN: Banned, Burned, Seized and Censored See Sept. 6 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**

1-Jan. 22—AUSTIN: El Anatsui: When I Last Wrote to You about Africa See Sept. 25 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**

1-Jan. 29—MCKINNEY: Dinosaurs Live! Features nine animatronic dinosaurs stationed along trails at the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary. www.heardmuseum.org 972/562-5566 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

1-Feb. 19—CANYON: The Littlefield Murals See Sept. 17 listing for details. **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

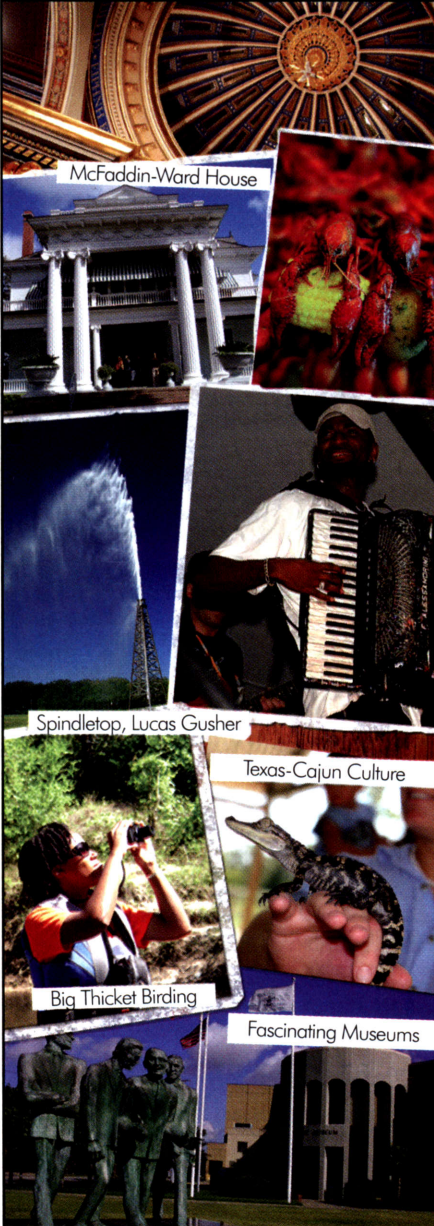
1-Aug. 31—DALLAS: Encountering Space See Sept. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

2—CALDWELL: Frenstat Homecoming Bazaar and Barbecue Enjoy dancing to live music by Mark Halata and Texavia, a top Czech band, as well as a barbecue and silent auction. Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 8610 F.M. 2774. 979/535-7557 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

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- 2—HALLETTSVILLE: American Legion Quilt Show** American Legion Hall, 107 E. Park St. 361/798-4186 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 2—HOUSTON: Village Art Car Show** See more than 75 vehicles painted, pasted and carved into masterpieces on wheels. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500 **GULF COAST**
- 2—KINGSVILLE: Symphony Orchestra Concerts** Jones Auditorium. <http://kingsville-symphony.org> 361/593-2804 **GULF COAST**
- 2—MOUNT VERNON: National Barrel Horse Association Play Day** Begins at 1 p.m. Franklin County Sheriff's Posse Arena. 903/881-9571 or 903/629-5531 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 2, 9, 15, 23, 30—JASPER: Reptile Time** See Sept. 4 listing for details. **PINEY WOODS**
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30—CEDAR PARK: Bertram Flyer Steam Train** Historic railroad operates vintage passenger cars on three-hour journeys from Cedar Park to Bertram and back. A short stop in Bertram offers a chance to tour the fully restored 1912 train depot. Cedar Park Depot. www.austin-steamtrain.org 512/477-8468 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 3—BOERNE: Golf Tournament** Fair Oaks Ranch Golf and Country Club. www.boerne.org 830/249-8000 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 3-8—LULING: Davis Street Quilt Show** New and antique quilts are displayed in historic buildings. Downtown. www.lulingmainstreet.com 830/875-3214 ext. 3 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 3-Nov. 25—HUNTSVILLE: Amateur Photography Contest Exhibit** Sam Houston Memorial Museum. www.samhouston.memorial.museum 936/294-1832 or 936/294-3839 **PINEY WOODS**
- 4—BANDERA: Cowboy Capital Opry** Old-style opry entertainment hosted by Gerry and Harriet Payne. Begins at 7 p.m. Silver Sage Corral, 803 Buck Creek Drive. www.silversagecorral.org 830/796-4969 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 4—DALLAS: Compania Flamenca Jose Porcel** International dance sensation celebrates *Gypsy Fire!* and Spain's flamenco heritage. Meyerson Symphony Center. www.dallassymphony.com 214/692-0203 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 4—FORT WORTH: Public Knowledge** Monthly adult gathering offers informative presentations on science and nature topics at a rotating selection of Fort Worth watering holes. www.fwmsh.org 817/255-9300 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 4, 11, 18—LEWISVILLE: Sounds of Lewisville Fall Concert Series** Old Town Lewisville, 151 W. Church St. www.visitlewisville.com 972/219-3401 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 4-23—DALLAS: West Side Story** Music Hall at Fair Park. www.dallassummermusicals.org 214/565-1116 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 4-Nov. 4—MESQUITE: Diane Walker-Gladney Artist Exhibit** Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway. www.mesquiteartscenter.com 972/216-8444 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 5—DENTON: UNT College of Music Concert Band** Begins at 7:30 p.m. Murchison Performing Arts Center, 2100 N. Interstate 35 E. www.thempac.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 5—MCKINNEY: Art History Brown-Bag Lunch** Art historian and artist Annie Royer presents lectures on a variety of painting styles to heighten appreciation of art and provide insight

- into the mind of the artist. Begins at 12:30 p.m. Heard-Craig House. www.heardcraig.org 972/569-6909 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 5-8—BONHAM: Fannin County Fair** Enjoy a carnival, rodeo events, livestock shows and more. Fannin County Fair Grounds. www.fannincountyfair.com 903/583-9830 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 5-9, 12-16—ADDISON: Shakespeare Dallas Presents Hamlet** Addison Circle Park. www.addisontexas.net **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 5-Jan. 15—SAN ANTONIO: Art + Present** Collector and software entrepreneur Peter Norton commissions art to celebrate the holiday season. Sent as gifts to friends and members of the art community, objects are often amusing and engaging. McNay Art Museum. www.mcnayart.org 210/824-5368 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 5-Jan. 15—SAN ANTONIO: Cassatt and the Orient: Japan's Influence on Western Art, 1854-1918** Includes works by French and American artists, including Mary Cassatt, who were inspired by Japanese woodblock printing. McNay Art Museum. www.mcnayart.org 210/824-5368 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 5-Jan. 15—SAN ANTONIO: The Orient Expressed: Japan's Influence on Western Art** Exhibit explores the Japonisme style that influenced late-1800s visual arts around the world. McNay Art Museum. www.mcnayart.org 210/824-5368 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 6—BEAUMONT: Art of Beer** Try new brews, learn new things about beer, and enjoy food and beer pairings and lively entertainment. Hours are 6–10 p.m. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org 409/832-3432 **GULF COAST**
- 6—BEAUMONT: Lamarissimo! Concert** Concert features the best and brightest of Lamar University's Mary Morgan Moore Department of Music. www.lamar.edu/music 409/880-8144 **GULF COAST**
- 6—CLEBURNE: Brazos Chamber Orchestra Fall Concert** Cleburne Conference Center Theater. www.brazoschamberorchestra.org **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 6—CORPUS CHRISTI: Menopause the Musical** Selena Auditorium. www.americanbankcenter.com 361/826-4700 **GULF COAST**
- 6—SAN ANTONIO: Gala in the Garden and Art Sale** Ursuline Hall and Coates Gallery at the Southwest School of Art, 300 Augusta. www.swschool.org **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 6-8—CENTER: East Texas Poultry Festival** Features live entertainment, food booths, arts and crafts, carnival, poultry judging and auction. Downtown square. www.shelbycountychamber.com 936/598-3682 **PINEY WOODS**
- 6-9—BONHAM: Kiwanis Trade Days** Fort English Park. www.visitbonham.com 903/227-4477 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 6-9—GRUENE: Music and Wine Fest** Features vintner and music events; wine, beer and food samplings; and the Great Guitar Auction. Gruene Hall. www.gruenemusicandwinefest.org 830/606-1601 or 830/629-5077 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 6-9—SEGUIN: Guadalupe County Fair and PRCA Rodeo** Includes agricultural exhibits, livestock, games, carnival, entertainment, commercial exhibits and rodeo action. Guadalupe County Fairgrounds. www.visitseguin.com 830/379-6477 or 800/580-7322 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

- 6, 13, 20, 27—DALLAS: Cool Thursdays Fall Concert Series** Performances feature Bon Jovi Tribute band Blaze of Glory on Oct. 6; Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young tribute band 4-Way Street on Oct. 13; Signed, Sealed, Delivered on Oct. 20; and Micky and the Motorcars on Oct. 27. Dallas Arboretum. www.dallasarboretum.org 214/515-6518 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 6, 13, 20, 27—GALVESTON: Hotel Galvez Ghost Tours** Enjoy a dinner buffet and a one-hour tour of the ghostly past of the hotel. Reservations required. Hotel Galvez. www.bernardosat.hotelgalvez.com 409/765-7721 **GULF COAST**
- 6-15—ATHENS: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** Henderson County Performing Arts Center. 903/675-3908 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 6-15—WACO: Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo** Enjoy a fair and rodeo, midway rides, food and drink vendors, live musical events and more. Extraco Events Center. www.hotfair.com 254/776-1660 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 6, 20—BLANCO: Romper Rangers** See Sept. 1 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**
- 7—AMARILLO: First Friday Art Walk** Stroll among the displays at The Galleries at Sunset Center. Hours are 5–9 p.m. 3701 Plains Blvd. www.amarilloartists.com 806/353-5700 or 806/651-2244 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 7—CALDWELL: The Opry at the Civic Center** Enjoy dinner and live entertainment. 103 Presidential Corridor W. 979/567-3003 or 979/567-6854 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 7—CASTROVILLE: Fiorella Friday** Features local artisans, live music and food. Hours are 6–9 p.m. Fiorella, Lafayette and Paris streets. www.castroville.com 830/538-9705 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 7—CORPUS CHRISTI: Moonlight in the Gardens** Enjoy cocktails, dinner, entertainment, lighted garden exhibits, a silent auction and more. Reservations required. Begins at 6 p.m. South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center. www.stxbot.org 361/852-2100 **GULF COAST**
- 7—LA PORTE: Art Walk by the Bay** Features work by local artists, live entertainment and more. Hours are 6–9 p.m. Main Street. www.artwalkby-thebay.com 281/470-5017 **GULF COAST**
- 7—MESQUITE: Joe Gordon's Gospel Concert** Showcases local talent in gospel music. Rodeo City Music Hall. www.rodeocitymusicall.com 214/537-2097 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 7—NACOGDOCHES: First Friday Cruise Nights** Includes a classic car show and film at the Cole Art Center. Hours are 5–8 p.m. Downtown. 936/559-2573 **PINEY WOODS**
- 7—SEGUIN: Guadalupe County Fair Parade** Begins at 10 a.m. Downtown. www.visitseguin.com 800/580-7322 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 7-8—BRYAN: Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival** Enjoy a steak cook-off, grape stomp, art, wine and a kids' zone. Downtown. www.bryan.tx.gov 979/862-6700 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 7-8—FISCHER: Wimberley Gospel Music Festival** Cowboys for Jesus, 8400 F.M. 32. www.wimberleygospelmusic.com **HILL COUNTRY**
- 7-8—GRAPELAND: Peanut Festival** Begins Friday with the homecoming football game and a street dance. Enjoy the parade Saturday at 10 a.m. on Main Street, with live music and a carnival afterward in City Park. www.peanutfest.com 936/687-4710 or 903/922-7285 **PINEY WOODS**

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- 7-8—HOUSTON: Creekfest** Features concerts in the park, an adventure race and more. Myer and Collins Park. www.houstonnwchamber.org 281/440-4160 **GULF COAST**
- 7-8—MINEOLA: Material Girls Quilt Guild 21st Quilt Celebration** Features approximately 100 quilts. Mineola League of the Arts. www.mlota.org 903/569-8877 **PINEY WOODS**
- 7-8—PLANO: Heart of Texas Arts and Crafts Show** Plano Centre. www.heartoftexasshow.com 281/304-0160 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 7-8—ROUND ROCK: Chalk Walk** Enjoy music both nights and chalk artists of all ages decorating streets on Saturday. Also features arts booths, children's craft activities, plein air artists, chair decorating contest and the Biscuit Brothers. Downtown. www.roundrockarts.org **HILL COUNTRY**
- 7-8—SALADO: Christmas in October** Features a Christmas market, bake sale, style show, vintage car show and more. Civic Center. www.salado.com 254/541-6700 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 7-8, 14-15—SAN ANTONIO: Oktoberfest San Antonio** Join the Beethoven Maennerchor to celebrate Oktoberfest with family-friendly entertainment, German food and dancing. 422 Pereida. www.beethovemaennerchor.com 210/222-1521 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 7-8, 14-16, 21-23—WINNSBORO: Autumn Trails** Celebrate fall color with an antique tractor show and pull Oct. 7–8, a barbecue cook-off and arts and crafts fair Oct. 8, the Tour d' Trails Bicycle Race on Oct. 8, parade on Oct. 14, the Taste of Winnsboro Cookout on Oct. 15, Big Woods Trail Ride on Oct. 16, trade day and swap meet Oct. 21–23, and antique car parade and tour on Oct. 23. www.winnsboroautumntrails.com 903/342-1958 **PINEY WOODS**
- 7-9—ARLINGTON: After Dark in the Park** This family-friendly fall festival features starlight stroll, story telling, karaoke, pumpkin patch, children's games, crafts and activities. River Legacy Living Science Center. www.riverlegacy.org 817/860-6752 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 7-9—ATHENS: Fire It Up! Productions—Team Roping** Henderson County Fair Park. 903/721-0303 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 7-9—AUSTIN: Harvey Penick Invitational** Austin Country Club. www.harveypenickinvitational.com **HILL COUNTRY**
- 7-9—BOWIE: Second Monday Trade Days** Friday is set-up day, but visitors are welcome to browse before the main sales on Saturday and Sunday. 1415 E. Wise St. www.secondmonday.com 940/872-4861 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 7-9—CORPUS CHRISTI: Realms Con** Multi-genre convention features celebrity anime voice actors, artists, gaming, movies, costume contests, panels and more. American Bank Center. www.realmscon.com 361/826-4700 **GULF COAST**
- 7-9—CORPUS CHRISTI: Texas Heat Wave Car Show** American Bank Center. www.americanbankcenter.com 361/826-4700 **GULF COAST**
- 7-9—CUERO: Turkeyfest Celebration** Includes live musical entertainment featuring Pat Green, the Great Gobbler Gallop and grand parade on Saturday, arts and crafts, carnival and children's booths. Cuero City Park. www.turkeyfest.org 361/275-2112 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 7-9—DALLAS: International Gem and Jewelry Show** Dallas Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Freeway. www.intergem.com 214/655-6181 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

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7-9—FORT DAVIS: Hiking Adventure in the Davis Mountains Includes walks at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Center, Davis Mountains State Park, Fort Davis National Historic Site and Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch, plus a swim at Prude Ranch. Register by Sept. 10. www.ava.org/clubs/wttw **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

7-9—FORT WORTH: Sunlit Symphony The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra performs. Bass Performance Hall. www.fwsymphony.org 817/665-6000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

7-9—FREDERICKSBURG: Texas Mesquite Art Festival Dozens of talented mesquite-wood artisans showcase handcrafted products. Marktplatz, 100 W. Main. www.texasmesquiteassn.org 830/997-8515 **HILL COUNTRY**

7-9—GLEN ROSE: GospelGrass Features gospel bluegrass performances, band contest, square dance and a Sunday potluck dinner. Oakdale Park. www.gospelgrass.com 940/682-4474 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

7-9—JEFFERSON: Annual Boo Benefit Motorcycle enthusiasts gather for live music, a bike show, games, food and more. Downtown. www.boobenefit.org **PINEY WOODS**

7-9—JOHNSON CITY: Pig Roast Includes a poker run, bike show, barbecue and live music. Blanco County Fairgrounds. www.jcpiagroast.org 830/868-7693 or 512/556-5579 **HILL COUNTRY**

7-9—SAN ANTONIO: International Accordion Festival Enjoy live performances, workshops and jam sessions celebrating the versatility of the accordion. La Villita. www.internationalaccordionfestival.org 210/207-8610 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

7-9—SNYDER: White Buffalo Days Historical celebration on courthouse square features a concert, run, Western re-enactments, demonstrations and children's activities. Motorcycle enthusiasts can venture to White Buffalo Bikefest at The Coliseum for bike shows, games, a poker run and a beer garden. www.snyderchamber.org 325/573-3558 or 325/574-7685 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

7-9, 14-16, 21-23, 28-30—JEFFERSON: Terror on the Bayou Get in the Halloween spirit with a creepy corn maze, haunted house and the Runaway Fright Train. Cypress Bayou RV Park. www.terroronthebayou.com 866/398-2038 **PINEY WOODS**

7-9, 21-23—STEPHENVILLE: Chicken House Flea Market Hwy. 377, 2.5 miles west of Stephenville. E-mail: allenscrafts@directv.net 254/592-6674 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

7, 14, 21, 28—KARNACK: Owl Prowl See Sept. 2 listing for details. **PINEY WOODS**

7-23—TYLER: Tyler Rose Festival Variety of events surrounding the Texas Rose Festival include a Celtic music festival, wine tastings, marathon, harvest festival and grape stomp, horticulture workshops, arts and crafts fair, plant sale, chili cook-off, film festival, dress design workshop, behind-the-scenes float tour and more. See website for specific dates and times. www.tylerroseseason.com **PINEY WOODS**

8—ANDERSON: Texian Day Hear the hammers of the blacksmith, watch spinners and weavers ply their trade, listen to dulcimer music and enjoy food from the chuck-wagon cook. Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site. www.birthplaceoftexas.com 936/873-2633 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

8—ARLINGTON: Taylor Swift in Concert Cowboys Stadium, 900 E. Randol Mill Road. www.arlington.org **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

8—ATHENS: Bird and Nature Walk Look for more than 25 species seen in the area while exploring the trail and other areas of the hatchery. Begins at 9 a.m. Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center. 903/676-2277 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

8—ATHENS: Fall Festival at the Arboretum East Texas Arboretum, 1601 Patterson Road. 903/675-5630 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

8—BASTROP: Pine Street Market Day 700 Pine St. www.bastropbusinesswomen.com 512/303-6233 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

8—BEAUMONT: Dog-tober Fest Offers food, music and festive things to do with dogs. Downtown. www.beaumontmainstreet.com 409/838-2202 **GULF COAST**

8—BOERNE: Second Saturday Art and Wine Visit fine-art galleries for wine, hors d'oeuvres and guest artists. Hours are 5-8 p.m. www.secondsaturdayartandwine.com 830/249-7277 or 830/249-1500 **HILL COUNTRY**

8—BROWNSVILLE: Archeology Fair Enjoy hands-on learning about the archeology and history of the Rio Grande delta. Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park. www.nps.gov/paal 956/541-2785 ext. 333 **GULF COAST**

8—BUFFALO GAP: Chautauqua Learning Series Lecture series based on the Chautauqua movement, which brought educational talks and entertainment to rural U.S. areas in the late 1800s and early 1900s, covers a new topic each month. Begins at 11 a.m. Buffalo Gap Historic Village. 325/572-3365 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

8—BURNET: Fort Croghan Day See what life was like for Texas settlers by visiting a one-room schoolhouse, a blacksmith, and cooks making syrup from sugar cane. Fort Croghan. www.fortcroghan.org 512/756-8281 **HILL COUNTRY**

8—BURNET: Moonlight Paddle Park naturalists guide canoes and other nonmotorized boats on a tour of Inks Lake as the moon rises. Begins at 6:30 p.m. Reservations required. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223 **HILL COUNTRY**

8—BURTON: Barn Dance and Dinner Gala La Bahia Hall. www.cottonginmuseum.org 979/289-3378 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

8—CANTON: Autumn Stroll Festival Features the Jeff Allen Hometown Jam, a car show, barbecue cook-off, booths, kids' area and a 6:30 p.m. concert. Downtown. www.visitcantontx.com 903/567-1849 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

8—CANYON: Sunset Hike Join the park interpreter for a hike as the sun sets over the canyon. Reservations required by Oct. 6. Begins at 7 p.m. Palo Duro Canyon State Park. 806/488-2227 ext. 106 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

8—FORT DAVIS: Anniversary Celebrations Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Jeff Davis County Courthouse, Jailhouse and Bank and the 50th anniversary of Fort Davis becoming a national historic site with an old-fashioned bank robbery, barbecue, dance and more. www.fortdavis.com 432/426-3015 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

8—GALVESTON: ArtWalk Galleries, the Grand 1894 Opera House, restaurants and other businesses host exhibits, tours and more. Hours are 6-9 p.m. Downtown historic district. www.galveston.com/galvestonartscenter **GULF COAST**

8—GOLIAD: Market Day Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 231 S. Market St. www.goliadcc.org 361/645-3563 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

- 8—GONZALES: Pilgrim Country Opry**
Supper is served at 5 p.m. Music begins at 6 p.m. Pilgrim Community Center, 15 miles southwest of Gonzales on FM 1116. www.gonzalestexas.com 830/672-6532 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—GRAND PRAIRIE: Los Texmaniacs in Concert** Uptown Theater, www.uptowntheatergp.com 972/237-UPTN **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—GRAND PRAIRIE: Pumpkin Run** Lynn Creek Park, 5700 Lake Ridge Parkway. 972/237-8084 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—GRAPELAND: Scavenger Hunt** Enjoy a morning photographing a list of items found in the park. At the end, photos will be displayed (bring your camera's USB cord). Meet at the pavilion. Begins at 10 a.m. Mission Tejas State Park. 936/687-2394 **PINEY WOODS**
- 8—GRAPEVINE: Annual Nash Farm Fall Round Up** Includes pony rides, petting zoos, wagon rides, cotton picking and pumpkin decorating. Nash Farm. www.grapevinetexasusa.com 800/457-6338 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—GREENWOOD: Fall Festival** Includes a 10 a.m. parade, games, craft booths, children's train rides, fish fry and more. Downtown. 940/466-7997 or 940/627-5175 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—GREY FOREST: Open Studios Art Show and Sale** Painters, potters, sculptors and craftspeople welcome the public into their gardens and studios. Follow the signs from Scenic Loop Road. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. www.greyforestopenstudios.com **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 8—HALLETTSVILLE: Pro Bull Riding** Wilbur Baber Memorial Complex. www.lavacaexpo.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—HOUSTON: Boat Rides on the Buffalo Bayou** The Buffalo Bayou Partnership offers 30-minute boat tours of the bayou from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sabine Promenade, 150 Sabine St. www.buffalobayou.org 713/752-0314 **GULF COAST**
- 8—HOUSTON: Take Me Outdoors Houston** Exhibitors will provide hands-on activities, booths and opportunities for visitors to engage with the great outdoors. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Discovery Green. 281/534-0126 **GULF COAST**
- 8—KIRBYVILLE: Texas Country Music Show** Entertainers perform gospel and country music. Palace Theater. 409/423-3319 **PINEY WOODS**
- 8—LA GRANGE: Muziky, Muziky** This year's performance features a Texas group that has taken their Czech heritage to heart and will perform the songs and dances the way their ancestors did. Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center. www.czechtexas.org 888/785-4500 or 979/968-9399 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—LAMPASAS: Family Art in the Park** Includes arts and crafts, music, poetry, story telling, dance, choir, sculpture and more. Hanna Springs Sculpture Garden at Campbell Park. www.lafta.org 512/556-8677 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 8—LIPAN: Big Rocking Chair 10th Anniversary Celebration** Includes live music, food and more at the home of the world's largest cedar rocking chair. Texas Hill Country Furniture And Mercantile. www.txhcountry.com 254/646-3376 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—LULING: Night in Old Luling** Offers old-fashioned family entertainment with a cake auction, bingo, games, music, scarecrow contest

and more. Thump Pavilion, 305 W. Davis St. 830/875-9239 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

- 8—MCKINNEY: Second Saturday on the Downtown Square** Includes live music, art demonstrations, art gallery exhibit openings and meet-the-artist receptions. Hours are 7–10 p.m. Downtown square. www.downtownmckinney.com 972/547-2660 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—MESQUITE: Florence Ranch Homestead Tours** Tour an early settler's homestead. Hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., or available by appointment. 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. www.cityofmesquite.com 972/613-7547 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—MINEOLA: Metric Century Bicycle Ride** Features bike rides in distances of 13, 26, 46 and 62 miles. Starts at the Civic Center, 1150 N. Newsom. www.mineolachamber.org 903/569-2087 **PINEY WOODS**
- 8—MOUNT VERNON: Countryfest** Arts-and-crafts fair features more than 100 vendors, live music, a stew cook-off, classic car show, Don Meredith exhibit, rare bird egg exhibit and children's games. Downtown square. www.visitmtvernon.tx 903/537-4365 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—PORT ARTHUR: CavOIlcade Parade and Youth Fishing Tourney** Celebrates the local oil industry. Downtown Port Arthur. 409/983-1009 or 409/498-1793 **GULF COAST**
- 8—QUITAQUE: Flintknapping: An Ancient Art** See the art of the ancients and learn how they made stone tools during this flintknapping demonstration. In the amphitheater at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway. 806/455-1492 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 8—SAN ANGELO: Concho Valley Archaeology Fair** Relive Texas' past through exhibits, displays, kids' activities and more. Fort Concho National Historic Site. www.fortconcho.com 325/481-2646 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 8—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Dutch-Oven Cooking** Learn the basics of camp Dutch-oven cooking using charcoal and sample the grub. Begins at 9:30 a.m. Cooper Lake State Park's South Sulphur Unit, 1690 F.M. 3505. 903/945-5256 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—TAYLOR: Flying Vikings Annual Fly-Day** See vintage planes, military aircraft, hot-air balloons, fire trucks, police cars and ambulances. Also includes arts and crafts, bounce houses, face painting, paper airplane contests and other children's activities. Taylor Municipal Airport. www.flyingvikings.org 512/365-8485 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 8—THORNDALE: Big Sky Fest at Apache Pass** This music and art festival celebrates families living with autism. Includes family activities and an overnight camp out. F.M. 908 at County Road 42. <http://bigskyfarm.4t.com/photo.html> 512/285-6117 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 8—UVALDE: Fall on the Frio Festival and Cook-Off** Featuring the Rick Cavender Band. House Pasture Cattle Company. www.housepasture.com 830/232-6580 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 8—WHARTON: Monterey Square Wine and Arts Fair** Sample food and wine along with live music, arts and crafts. Hours are 4–9 p.m. Monterey Square. www.whartonchamber.com 979/532-1862 **GULF COAST**
- 8—9—ANGLETON: National Auto Sport Association Races** MSR Houston, 1 Performance Drive. www.msrhouston.com 281/369-0677 **GULF COAST**

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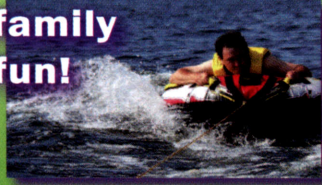
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8-9—AUSTIN: Austin Cat Fancier's Show
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www.austincatfancy.com **HILL COUNTRY**

8-9—AUSTIN: Yoga Festival Beginners and advanced yoga enthusiasts can learn about the benefits of yoga, try classes, enjoy music and chanting, visit vendors and more. Fiesta Gardens
www.austinyogafestival.com **HILL COUNTRY**

8-9—BELTON: Sami Show Marketplace
Features arts, crafts and home decor. Bell County Expo Center. www.samishow.com 512/441-7133
PRAIRIES AND LAKES

8-9—BOERNE: Market Days Main Plaza.
www.boernemarketdays.com 830/249-5530 or 210/844-8193 **HILL COUNTRY**

8-9—CHAPPELL HILL: Scarecrow Festival
Chappell Hill becomes a magical land of scarecrows, pumpkin patches and live music. Downtown. www.chappellhillmuseum.org 888/273-6426 or 979/836-6033 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

8-9—FORT WORTH: Lockheed Martin Recreation Association Annual RR Show
Features modular train layout displays, "Thomas the Tank Engine"-themed kids' layout area and more. Lockheed Martin Recreation Area. www.lmra.org 817/713-6887 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

8-9—GRAND PRAIRIE: International Barbecue Cook-Off More than 100 cooks prepare more than 600 judging samples. The Obie-Cue Backyard BBQ Championship is open to anyone with a smoker or a backyard grill. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 972/647-2331 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

8-9—IRVING: Dallas Comic Con and Star Wars Fan Days Irving Convention Center at

Las Colinas. http://scifiexpo.com/DCC/fandays.html 972/252-7476 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

8-9—KATY: Rice Harvest Festival Celebrate Katy's agricultural heritage with arts and crafts, a carnival, photo contest, rice cooking contest and live music on two stages. Downtown. www.katy-chamber.com 281/391-5289 **GULF COAST**

8-9—STANTON: Old Sorehead Trade Days
Find arts and crafts, furniture, jewelry, clothing and antiques at this event jokingly named for the town's "few old soreheads." Downtown streets and Community Center Complex. www.stantontex.com 432/756-2006 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

8-9—TEMPLE: Tri-City Gem and Mineral Show Mayborn Civic and Convention Center. 254/773-1039 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30—PLANTERSVILLE: Texas Renaissance Festival The 16th century comes alive in Texas for eight weekends. Enjoy performances, games of skill, arts and crafts, human-powered rides and fireworks at dusk. 21778 F.M. 1774. www.texrenfest.com 800/458-3435 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

8, 15, 22—TYLER: Birding 101 On this short hike, learn to identify birds by sight, sound and where they live. Begins at 10:30 a.m. Tyler State Park. 903/597-5338 **PINEY WOODS**

8, 15, 22—TYLER: Woodpeckers! Enjoy a short hike up the Old Road to see woodpeckers. Begins at 3:30 p.m. Tyler State Park. 903/597-5338 **PINEY WOODS**

8, 15—BUFFALO GAP: Ghost Tours Listen to ghostly tales in a historic setting. Begins at dusk. Buffalo Gap Historic Village, 133 N. William. 325/572-3365 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

9—AUSTIN: Family Fossil Fun Day Learn about the work it takes to preserve fossils, and enjoy fossil identifications, paleontologist presentations, story time, fossil dig pit, crafts and activities. Texas Memorial Museum. www.utexas.edu/tmm 512/232-5511 **HILL COUNTRY**

9—BURNET: Moonlight Hike and Owl Prowl
Meet at the amphitheater for a talk about owls and trail safety before venturing out for a hike on the Pecan Flats Trail to listen for owls. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223 **HILL COUNTRY**

9—CASTROVILLE: Moyo Heritage Day Enjoy barbecue, handmade arts and crafts, children's events, silent auction, quilt raffle, live entertainment and more. Moyo Retreat Center. www.moyo-center.org 830/931-2233 **HILL COUNTRY**

9—DALLAS: Fiesta Latinoamericana Features music and dance from across the Americas, dance lessons and workshops, crafts, a parade and more. Dallas Arts District, 2200 Ross. www.dfwinternational.org/fiestalatinamericana 214/744-6642 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

9—FORT DAVIS: Dinner Theater Enjoy dinner and a show at the Fort Davis National Historic Site. www.nps.gov/foda 432/426-3224 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

9—GOLIAD: Three-Person Ryder Cup Challenge Golf Tournament Goliad Golf Club, 1103 W. Fannin. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

9—GRUENE: Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist Serves up gospel music and a buffet from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Advance tickets recommended. Gruene Hall. www.gruenehall.com 830/629-5077 **HILL COUNTRY**

9—MISSION: The Big Sit Help identify as many bird species as possible in a single day from a 17-foot viewing area. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park. 956/584-9156 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

9—SMITHVILLE: Texas Photo Festival
Vignettes, volunteer models and the historical backdrop of downtown Smithville combine for this unique event as photographers of all levels are invited to snap shots and enter them in the photo contest. Downtown. www.texasphotofestival.com 512/237-2313 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

9-10—TROUP: Steampunk/Wild West Festival The fictional town of Blackjack welcomes Texan revolutionaries, the Civilized Tribes of the Frontier Gamblers, cowboys and saloon girls to the Republic. Also includes merchants and live entertainment. Vizcaya Ranch. www.fourwindsfaire.com 903/839-5271 **PINEY WOODS**

11—CEDAR PARK: Roger Daltrey Performs The Who's Tommy Cedar Park Center. www.cedarparkcenter.com 512/600-5001 **HILL COUNTRY**

11—CORPUS CHRISTI: Sensational Sustainable Seafood A local chef offers seafood recipes along with wine to bring awareness to overfishing and help people choose sustainable seafood. Texas State Aquarium. www.texasstateaquarium.org 361/881-1200 **GULF COAST**

11—DALLAS: k.d. lang in Concert Meyerson Symphony Center. www.dallassymphony.com 214/692-0203 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

11—TEXARKANA: National Acrobats of China This dazzling display of acrobatics and illusion is set to traditional Chinese music. A traditional Chinese street party will take place before this event. Perot Theater. www.trahc.org 903/792-4992 **PINEY WOODS**

12—DENTON: UNT College of Music Concert Orchestra Begins at 8 p.m. Murchison Performing Arts Center, 2100 N. Interstate 35 E. www.thempac.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

12—GRAND PRAIRIE: Roger Daltrey Performs The Who's Tommy Verizon Theatre. www.verizontheatre.com 972/373-8000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

12—HUNTSVILLE: "Face To Face With the Son of America" Forensic sculptor Amanda Danning presents this program on the "Son of America," or SAM, one of the most important anthropological finds in North America. Sam Houston Memorial Museum. www.samhouston.memorial.museum 936/294-1832 or 936/294-3839 **PINEY WOODS**

12-13—ABILENE: State-Supported Living Centers Music Festival Residents from all of the 13 State-Supported Living Centers come together to compete and perform. MCM Elegante Suites. 325/795-3547 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

12-16—BELLVILLE: Austin County Fair and Rodeo Features livestock show and rodeo, carnival, arts and crafts, hypnotist, chain-saw artists and more. Performers include Chris Young, Robert Earl Keen, Josh Abbott and the Bellamy Brothers. Austin County Fairgrounds. www.austincountyfair.com 979/865-5995 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

12-16—NACOGDOCHES: Pineywoods Fair Features agricultural and educational exhibits, activities, carnival, entertainment and vendor booths. Nacogdoches County Expo Center. www.nacexpo.net 936/564-0849 **PINEY WOODS**

12, 26—WASHINGTON: Home School Days Discover what life was like for a child in the mid-19th century in this interactive, hands-on program. Reservations required. Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site. www.starmuseum.org 936/878-2461 ext. 236 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

13—ABILENE: ArtWalk Enjoy entertainment and special events at restaurants, shops, museums and galleries. Hours are 5–8:30 p.m. Downtown. 325/677-8389 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

13—AUSTIN: I Art Congress Local artists are challenged to create and decorate a "cultural canvas" that embodies Austin. Hours are 6–9 p.m. Various venues. www.amoa.org **HILL COUNTRY**

13—DALLAS: Nasher Salon Speaker Series: Bernadette Peters Begins at 8 p.m. Nasher Sculpture Center, 2001 Flora St. www.nashersculpturecenter.org 214/242-5100 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

13-15—HENDERSON: Rusk County PRCA Rodeo Rusk County Expo. www.hendersontx.us 903/658-1858 **PINEY WOODS**

13-15—TYLER: Texas Rose Festival Features the rose show, coronation, Queen's Tea, parade, arts and crafts, and more. www.texasrosefestival.com 903/597-3130 **PINEY WOODS**

13-16—BROWNSVILLE: Latin Jazz Festival Includes concerts, salsa dancing and art exhibits. Various locations. www.brolatinjazz.com 956/831-9590 **GULF COAST**

13-16—PORT ARANSAS: Harvest Moon Regatta Sailing race goes from Galveston to Port Aransas. Robert's Point Park. www.harvestmoonregatta.com 281/474-2511 **GULF COAST**

13-16—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: SPI Bike-fest 2011 Bikers make a roar by the shore. South Padre Island Convention Centre. www.spibikefest.com 956/668-7484 **GULF COAST**

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13-22—LIBERTY: Trinity Valley Exposition Fair and Rodeo Includes a barbecue cook-off, carnival and rodeo action. 321 Wallisville Road. www.tvfair.com 936/336-7455 **PINEY WOODS**

13-Nov. 5—AUSTIN: Ghosts Keeping secrets may seem an impossible burden for a new widow, but exposing them could bring about the family's ruin. Hyde Park Theatre. www.penfoldtheatre.org 512/850-4849 **HILL COUNTRY**

14—CASTROVILLE: Friday Night Fever See cars, trucks and bikes, plus live music. Hours are 6–10 p.m. Wommack Chevrolet. www.castroville.com 830/931-2479 **HILL COUNTRY**

14—CORPUS CHRISTI: Islander Review Judged music and dance extravaganza showcases a variety of performances. Begins at 7 p.m. Performing Arts Center at Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi. 361/825-5558 **GULF COAST**

14—DALLAS: Meet the Museum: Q&A with the Curator on Conspiracy Theories Talk with museum curator Gary Mack about Kennedy's assassination. Begins at 11:30 a.m. Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza. www.jfk.org/go/events 214/747-6660 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

14—DALLAS: Straight No Chaser in Concert Begins at 7:30 p.m. McFarlin Auditorium at Southern Methodist University. <http://smu.edu/McFarlin> 214/768-3139 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

14-15—DALLAS: The Avett Brothers in Concert Gilley's Dallas. www.gilleysmusic.com 214/421-2021 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

14-15—ELECTRA: Homecoming Includes Friday night football game, 10 a.m. parade on Saturday, free bean feed, arts and crafts booths, and street dance. Downtown. www.electratexas.org 940/495-3577 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

14-15—FAIRFIELD: SWB Rodeo Moody Reunion Fairgrounds. www.fairfieldtexas.com 972/310-7512 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

14-15—FARMERS BRANCH: Bloomin' Bluegrass Festival Enjoy two days of great music and beautiful flowers. Farmers Branch Historical Park. www.farmersbranch.info 972/919-2620 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

14-15—FRISCO: Lone Star Storytelling Festival Celebrate the tradition of storytelling with performances by award-winning tale-tellers. George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd. www.lonestarstories.org 972/292-5669 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

14-15—NEEDVILLE: Harvest Festival Includes a talent show, cook-off, carnival, children's entertainment, Czech music and country music. Harvest Park, 3001 Violet St. www.needvillefest.com 979/793-4030 **GULF COAST**

14-15—TERLINGUA: Big Bend Ride for Trails Includes poker run, skill contests, barbecue and dances with live music both nights. Big Bend Resort and Adventures. www.ridefortrails.com 877/386-4383 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

14-15, 20-22, 27-29—CLEBURNE: Gershwin's Crazy For You Presented by the Plaza Theatre Company. 111 S. Main. www.plaza-theatre.com 817/202-0600 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

14-16—ABILENE: Abilene Christian University Homecoming Musical Abilene Civic Center. 325/674-2787 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

14-16—CORPUS CHRISTI: Texas Jazz Festival Enjoy concerts by emerging artists and nationally acclaimed talent. Heritage Park. www.texasjazz-fest.org **GULF COAST**

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- 14-16—EL PASO: Chalk the Block** See artists put their spin on a traditional Italian street art techniques and enjoy live music and a children's area. Various locations. www.chalktheblock.com 915/541-4481 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 14-16—FORT WORTH: Hollywood Classics**
This Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra pops concert includes music from *The Godfather*, *Lawrence of Arabia* and *Schindler's List*, among other films. Bass Performance Hall. www.fwsymphony.org 817/665-6000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 14-16—FREDERICKSBURG: Lone Star Gourd Festival** Includes nationwide gourd-art competition, displays, vendors, classes and more. Gillespie County Fairgrounds, 530 Fair Drive. www.texasgourdsociety.org **HILL COUNTRY**
- 14-16—IRVING: The Log and Timber Home Show** Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas. www.irvingconventioncenter.com 972/252-7476 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 14-16—LLANO: Chuck Wagon Cook-Off and Heritage Day Celebration** Cooks at living-history campsites prepare meals and musicians play in Badu Park. On courthouse square, Heritage Days features period dress, stagecoach rides, entertainment and more. A ranch rodeo is held at Robinson Park. www.llanochuckwagoncookoff.com 325/247-5354 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 14-16—MARBLE FALLS: Sculpture on Main** Street festival celebrates the unveiling of new sculptures for display. Main Street. www.marblefalls.org 830/693-2815 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 14-16—MCKINNEY: Third Monday Trade Days** Features more than 900 vendors. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 4550 W. University. www.tmt.com 972/562-5466 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 14-16—SAN ANTONIO: AT&T Championship** Oak Hills Country Club. www.pgatour.com/tournaments/s530 210/349-5151 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 14-16—WIMBERLEY: Wimberley Valley Art League Show, Sale and Studio Tour** Wimberley Valley Art Gallery. www.wimberley.org 512/847-2201 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 14-16—WOODVILLE: Annual Harvest Festival** Folklife festival features pioneer East Texas crafts, demonstrations, period costumes, music and dance. Heritage Village. www.heritagevillage.org 409/283-2272 **PINEY WOODS**
- 14-16—YORKTOWN: Western Days—Ziegfest** Enjoy three days of live music. 141 S. Riedel St. www.yorktowntx.com 361/564-2661 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 14-16, 20-23, 27-29—MESQUITE: Messiah on the Frigidaire** The small town of Elroy, South Carolina is thrust into the evangelical spotlight when what seems to be the image of Jesus appears on a refrigerator. Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Theater. www.mctweb.org 972/216-8126 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 14-17—JACKSONVILLE: Mudstock** Mud Creek Offroad Park, 2217 Robbins. www.mudcreekoffroadpark.com **PINEY WOODS**
- 14, 28—HOUSTON: Bat Tours on the Buffalo Bayou** Learn about bats while watching about 250,000 of them fly from the Waugh

Street Bridge. Begins at dusk. 150 Sabine St. www.buffalobayou.org 713/752-0314 **GULF COAST**

- 14-30—TROUP: Haunts of Four Winds**
Enjoy a haunted hayride, the Black Forest Hiking Trail, the Chateau Du Mort haunted house and games. Vizcaya Ranch. www.fourwindsfaire.com 903/839-5271 **PINEY WOODS**
- 15—ABILENE: Costume Ball** Dress in a disguise and enjoy an evening of dinner and dancing to live music. Historic Swenson House, 1726 Swenson Ave. 325/676-3775 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 15—ATHENS: Dixie Echoes, Proclaimers Quartet and New Grace Trio in Concert** Begins at 6 p.m. Texas Gospel Music Hall. www.texas-gospelmusicall.com 903/677-2492 or 903/477-8084 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 15—BELTON: Market Days** Downtown. www.downtownbelton.com 254/939-2661 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 15—BENBROOK: Benbrook Heritage Fest and Cowboy Roundup** Includes Western-themed games and activities, live music and dance performances, kiddy korral, outlaw jail and a barbecue cook-off. Dutch Branch Park. www.cityofbenbrook.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 15—BLANCO: Market Day** Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 300 Main St. www.historicblanco.org/market_day.htm 830/833-2211 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 15—BLANCO: Old Blanco County Courthouse Preservation Society Gala** Enjoy dinner, dancing, a family festival, auctions and a Texas Hold 'Em tournament. www.historicblanco.org 830/833-2211 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 15—CANYON: Chryslers in the Canyon** See cars on display at the Pioneer Amphitheater. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Palo Duro Canyon State Park. www.amarilloareamopars.com 806/488-2227 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 15—CANYON: Palo Duro Trail Run** Palo Duro Canyon State Park. 806/488-2227 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 15—COMSTOCK: Presa Canyon Tour** Hike in a closed area of the park to view rock art sites. The hike is rated as extremely strenuous and takes about eight hours. Reservations required. Seminole Canyon State Park and Historic Site. 432/292-4464 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 15—COOPER: Delta County Chiggerfest** Help chase the chiggers out of Delta County with live music, arts and crafts, children's activities and more. Cooper Square. www.deltacounty.org 903/395-4314 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 15—CORPUS CHRISTI: Blue Crab Festival** Offers seafood, music, indoor and outdoor market, crab races, prizes and more. Corpus Christi Beach. 361/834-1481 **GULF COAST**
- 15—CORSIANA: Charlotte's Web** Classic children's tale presented by Theatrework. Begins at 10 a.m. The Palace Theater. www.corsicanapalace.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 15—DALLAS: Celebrity Mystery Theater** Who did it? It could be Marilyn Monroe, Cher, Elvis Presley, Elizabeth Taylor . . . or was it you? Reservations required. Spaghetti Warehouse-West End. www.celebritymysterytheater.com 214/651-8475 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 15—DENISON: Venomous Snakes of Texas** Presentation identifies myths about venomous snakes. Begins at 8:15 p.m. Eisenhower State Park. 903/465-1956 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—DENTON: UNT College of Music Opera Gala Begins at 8 p.m. Murchison Performing Arts Center, 2100 N. Interstate 35 E. www.thempac.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—EDINBURG: Market Days Downtown square. www.edinburg.com 956/383-4974 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

15—ELGIN: Market Day Veterans Park. www.elginmarketonmain.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—ENNIS: Autumn Days in Ennis Fall Festival Enjoy live entertainment and more from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Downtown. www.visitennis.org 972/878-4748 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—FORT STOCKTON: Old Fort Day Living-history event features re-enactors, the Texas Camel Corps, artillery, cavalry, infantry, wagon rides, old-fashioned baseball, gunfights and more. Historic Fort Stockton. www.historicfortstockton.com 432/336-2167 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

15—FREDERICKSBURG: KC BESTfest Features specialty beer and sausage, live polka bands and drawings. Hours are noon to midnight. Marktplatz. www.kcbestfest.com **HILL COUNTRY**

15—GLEN ROSE: Meander Trail Arts-and-crafts event features tours, fossil finding, jewelry making and soap making. Downtown. 817/357-6205 or 254/897-7772 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—GLEN ROSE: National Fossil Day Celebration Activities include the dino dig, dino excavation and fossil ID booths. Hours are 1–3 p.m. Dinosaur Valley State Park. 254/897-4588 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—GOLDTHWAITE: Quilt Show Mills County Civic Center. E-mail: ntiques@centex.net 325/648-2660 or 325/372-4638 **HILL COUNTRY**

15—GOLIAD: Missions Tour de Goliad Bicycle Ride Enjoy 10-, 30-, 50- and 85-mile bicycle rides through Goliad County. Begins at 231 S. Market St. www.goliadcc.org 361/645-3563 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

15—GRAPELAND: Owl Prowl Learn interesting facts about the owls in East Texas. The tour leader will try to call in these fascinating birds to see up close. Begins at 7 p.m. Mission Tejas State Park. 936/687-2394 **PINEY WOODS**

15—GRAPEVINE: Butterfly Flutterby Includes arts and crafts, butterfly releases, and a butterfly costume parade for children and pets. Historic downtown. www.grapevinetexasusa.com 800/457-6338 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—GRAPEVINE: Stop-Drop-n-Roll Chili Cook-Off Enjoy live music, chili samples, fire trucks and children's activities. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2501 Bass Pro Drive. www.wpiff.org 888/616-7976 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—HALLETTSVILLE: Market Days Knights of Columbus Hall, 321 U.S. 77. www.hallettsvillemarketdays.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—HUTTO: Olde Tyme Days Festival Includes a 10 a.m. parade, live music, carnival, and a country music concert with a street dance. Farmers' Co-op on Hwy. 79. www.oldetymedays.com 512/759-4400 **HILL COUNTRY**

15—JASPER: Paddling the Forks: Guided Canoe Trip Start at historic Bevilport and paddle down the Angelina River. Some paddling experience required. Reservations required. Martin Dies Jr. State Park. 409/384-5231 **PINEY WOODS**

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15—JOSHUA: Fall Festival Includes a car show, children's area, fair, arts and crafts, food and more. Joshua Stadium. www.joshuachamber.org 817/558-2321 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—KERENS: Cotton Harvest Festival Enjoy country life with a carnival, cotton row run, tractor show, hot-air balloons and vendors. Downtown. 903/396-2665 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—LA PORTE: Hard-Hat Tour of the Battleship Texas Take a 3.5-hour guided tour of areas rarely seen by the public. Reservations required. Battleship Texas State Historic Site. 281/479-2431 ext. 234 **GULF COAST**

15—LAKE JACKSON: Bird Banding Join workers collecting data on birds at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon. www.gcbo.org 979/480-0999 **GULF COAST**

15—LEXINGTON: Chocolate Lovers Festival Enjoy chocolate in all its forms, along with milking demonstrations, dessert contests, children's activities, the Chocolate Dash 5K, chocolate pancake breakfast, the mobile dairy classroom and more. Downtown. www.lexingtontexas.com/clf.htm 979/773-4337 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—LULING: Zedler Mill Catfish Cook-Off and the Great Luling Rubber Duck Race Enjoy a catfish and hush puppy cook-off, music and a pie contest and auction. Hundreds of rubber ducks "race" on the San Marcos River for prizes. Zedler Mill Park. www.zedlermill.com 830/875-3214 ext. 4 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—MARATHON: Marathon 2 Marathon Races take place in distances of 5K, 10K, half and full marathons. www.marathon2marathon.net 432/386-4500 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

15—MESQUITE: Mesquite Symphony Orchestra Pops Concert: Travel Movies Featuring great movie music from *Lawrence of Arabia*, *Around the World in 80 Days*, *Passage to India*, *Lord of the Rings*, *Jurassic Park* and *Evita*. Mesquite Arts Center. www.mesquitesymphony.org 972/216-8127 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—NIXON: Wild Hog Cook-Off Includes team cooking, food and drinks. Nixon Stock Show Grounds. E-mail: info@gonzalezstexas.com 830/672-6532 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—NOCONA: Chisholm Trail Ranch Rodeo Chisholm Trail Arena. www.nocona.org 940/841-2310 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—PORT ARANSAS: Art Walk Various locations. www.portaransasartcenter.org 361/749-7334 **GULF COAST**

15—PORT ARANSAS: Old Town Festival Activities for the whole family include a parade and tours of Port Aransas historical locations. Port Aransas Museum. 361/443-4683 **GULF COAST**

15—PORT NECHES: Fall Fest on the Avenue Includes arts and crafts, food, antiques and a costume contest. Port Neches Avenue. 409/722-9154 **GULF COAST**

15—QUITAQUE: Trail Ride Take a guided horse-back ride with a park ranger and learn about the history of this scenic park. Bring a horse or rent one from the Quitaque Riding Stables. Held weather permitting. Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway. 806/455-1492 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

15—ROSENBERG: Ride to Rosenberg Car Show Features pre-1972 classics, hot rods, customs and rat rods. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 1909 Avenue G. www.scrides.com **GULF COAST**



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15—ROYSE CITY: FunFest Includes a carnival, live entertainment, fun run, arts and crafts, contests, pancake breakfast and spaghetti dinner. At Main and Arch streets. www.roysecitychamber.com 972/636-5000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—SAN ANTONIO: Gardens by Moonlight
Enjoy live music, culinary treats and a romantic evening in lighted gardens under the stars. Hours are 7–11 p.m. San Antonio Botanical Garden. www.sabot.org **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

15—SEYMOUR: Cruisin' the Brazos Classic Car Show, Cruise and Chili Cook-Off
Includes live entertainment, children's costume contest, swap meet and scarecrow contest. Washington Street. www.seymourtxchamber.org 940/889-2921 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

15—SOUR LAKE: Lions Club Market Days
Lions Park. 409/790-0587 **PINEY WOODS**

15—STONEWALL: Natural Fiber: Fashionable, Functional, Fun
Discover the many uses for natural fibers at this 1900s living-history farm. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lyndon B. Johnson State Park and Historic Site. 830/644-2252 ext. 222 **HILL COUNTRY**

15—STRAWN: Third Saturday Jamboree
Features live country and bluegrass music performances in a smoke- and alcohol-free environment. Civic Center. www.strawntx.com 254/672-5622 or 254/631-9223 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

15—TERRELL: Highway 80 Sale
Features arts and crafts, entertainment, food vendors and more. Downtown. www.terrelltexas.com 972/563-5703 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—TYLER: Wilderness Backpacking and Kids' Wilderness Survival
At 10 a.m., learn what to put in a wilderness pack and how to use it in an emergency. A children's program on making a survival pack starts at 3 p.m. Tyler State Park. 903/597-5338 **PINEY WOODS**

15—VICTORIA: Market Day
Riverside Park. www.victoriatx.org 361/485-3200 **GULF COAST**

15—WHITESBORO: Peanut Festival
Celebrate the agricultural heritage of Whitesboro with a carnival, entertainment, 200 vendors and more. Downtown. www.whitesborotx.com 903/564-3331 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15—WIMBERLEY: Walk 4 Habitat and Classic Car Show
Wimberley United Methodist Church. www.wimberley.org 512/847-2201 **HILL COUNTRY**

15-16—ABILENE: West Texas Barrel Racing Association Round-Up
Taylor County Expo Center Horse Barn, 1700 Hwy. 36. 325/823-4028 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

15-16—ARLINGTON: Texas Guitar Show
Arlington Convention Center. www.texasguitarshows.com 888/473-6059 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15-16—ATHENS: Texas Palomino Exhibitors Association Fall Classic
Henderson County Fair Park Complex. www.tpea.net 903/670-3324 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15-16—CANADIAN: The King and I
Texas Crown Hall. 806/323-6234 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

15-16—CANADIAN: Fall Foliage Festival
Includes foliage tours, nature walks, arts and crafts and a tour of homes. www.canadiantx.com 806/323-6234 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

15-16—COLDSRING: Wolfcreek Car, Truck and Bike Show
Wolfcreek Park. www.coldspringtexas.org 936/653-2184 **PINEY WOODS**

15-16—COMFORT: Village Fall Antiques Show
Comfort Park. www.texasantiqueshow.com 830/995-3670 **HILL COUNTRY**

15-16—DALLAS: Buchanan's Show
Sale features antiques and collectibles. Dallas Market Hall. www.buchananmarkets.com/Dallas.html 214/655-6181 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15-16—EDOM: Festival of the Arts
F.M. 314 at F.M. 279. www.edomfestivalofthearts.com 903/852-3294 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15-16—EL PASO: Birding Tour
See some of more than 200 species of birds that visit the site, with a guide to help identify them. Begins at 8 a.m. Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site. 915/857-1135 or 915/849-6684 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

15-16—GRUENE: Old Gruene Market Days
Gruene Historic District. www.gruenemarketdays.com 830/832-1721 **HILL COUNTRY**

15-16—HOUSTON: Wings Over Houston Airshow
Features vintage and modern fighter planes, helicopters and bombers, including the Canadian Snowbirds, F-22 Raptor, B-29 and B-24. Also enjoy demonstrations, a children's zone and more. Ellington Airport. www.wingsoverhouston.com 713/266-4492 **GULF COAST**

15-16—THE COLONY: Pirate Days of Texas
Festival commemorates the legend of a small band of pirate Jean LaFitte's crew said to have fled with the treasure to Lake Lewisville. Includes live entertainment, children's activities, geocaching and contests. Pirate attire encouraged. Stewart's Creek Park. www.piratedays.org 972/625-1240 or 877/264-4386 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15, 22—MOUNT VERNON: Lonestar Barrel Racing Association Competition
Franklin County Sheriff's Posse Arena. www.lsbra.weebly.com 903/563-0629 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

15, 22—TYLER: Let's Go Birding!
Take a guided tour in the park to observe birds. Bring binoculars and a field guide. Begins at 8 a.m. Tyler State Park. 903/597-5338 **PINEY WOODS**

15-Jan. 22—FORT WORTH: Discover the Real George Washington: New Views from Mount Vernon
Exhibit offers a refreshing perspective on the nation's first president, revealing George Washington not only as a general and president, but as a young land surveyor, farmer and entrepreneur. Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. www.fortworthmuseum.org 817/255-9300 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

16—COMSTOCK: Upper Seminole Canyon Tour
Strenuous four-hour hike ventures into a closed area of the park. See rock art sites, original 1882 railroad sites and camp area of the Seminole Negro Indian Scouts. Reservations required at least four days in advance. Begins at 8 a.m. Seminole Canyon State Park and Historic Site. 432/292-4464 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

16—JEFFERSON: Taste of Jefferson
Enjoy samples from some of Jefferson's best restaurants as Austin Street becomes East Texas' largest restaurant. Austin Street. www.jefferson-texas.com 903/665-2672 **PINEY WOODS**

16—MESQUITE: Mesquite Symphonic Band Concert
Mesquite Arts Center. www.mesquitesymphonicband.com 972/216-8125 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

- 16—MOUNT VERNON: Mount Vernon Music's Heroic Concert** Cellist Jolyon Pegis is joined by the Mount Vernon Music Quartet to perform music by masters of the Baroque. 402 Leftwich St. www.mountvernonmusic.org **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 16—SAN ELIZARIO: Mission Trail Art Market** More than 50 professional artisans present quality arts and crafts. Veterans Memorial Plaza. www.missiontrailartmarket.com 915/594-8424 or 915/790-0061 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 16-Jan. 8—FORT WORTH: Caravaggio and His Circle in Rome** Exhibition explores Caravaggio's influence on a wide range of painters who lived in Rome during his life or immediately afterward. Kimbell Art Museum. www.kimbellart.org 817/332-8451 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 16-Jan. 15—DALLAS: Mark Bradford Exhibit** Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood St. www.dallasmuseumofart.org 214/922-1200 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 16-Apr. 15—HOUSTON: Tutankhamun: The Golden King and the Great Pharaoh** Explore the splendor of the pharaohs through sculpture, a documentary and relics from King Tutankhamun's tomb. Museum of Fine Arts Houston. www.mfah.org 713/639-7300 **GULF COAST**
- 18—ABILENE: Community Band's Fall Concert** Begins at 7:30 p.m. Paramount Theater, 352 Cypress St. <http://abilenecommunityband.org> 325/669-0283 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 18—GRAND PRAIRIE: Enrique Iglesias in Concert** Verizon Theatre, 1001 Performance Place. www.verizontheatre.com 972/373-8000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 18-23—AMARILLO: Cowboy Mounted-Shooting Association World Finals** Competition features a lot of hard ridin' and straight shootin'. Amarillo National Center on the Tri-State Fairgrounds. www.cowboymountedshooting.com 888/960-0003 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 19—GRAND PRAIRIE: Andrew Rieu and the Johann Strauss Orchestra** Verizon Theater, 1001 Performance Place. www.verizontheatre.com 214/373-8000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 19-20—SEGUIN: Buck Fever** Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy a meal, share stories, view exhibits and more. Seguin Coliseum. www.visitseguin.com 800/580-7322 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 19-22—GILMER: East Texas Yamboree** Includes two parades, a carnival, barn dance, gospel music, fiddlers contest, livestock show and sale, and car show. Courthouse square. www.yamboree.com 903/843-2413 **PINEY WOODS**
- 19-23—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Sand Castle Days** Sand sculpture competitions are held for all ages. Isla Blanca Park. www.sandcastledays.com 956/761-6433 **GULF COAST**
- 20—AMARILLO: Third Thursdays at the Amarillo Museum of Art** Enjoy music, art activities, gallery tours and more from 6:30–9 p.m. 2200 S. Van Buren. www.amarilloart.org 806/371-5050 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 20—CUERO: Cuero Country Opry** Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m., with music starting at 7 p.m. VFW Hall, 934 U.S. 183 N. 361/275-3009 or 361/275-6334 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 20—KILGORE: Derrick Stars Concert** World's Richest Acre, Historic Downtown Kilgore. www.khpf.org 903/984-1333 **PINEY WOODS**

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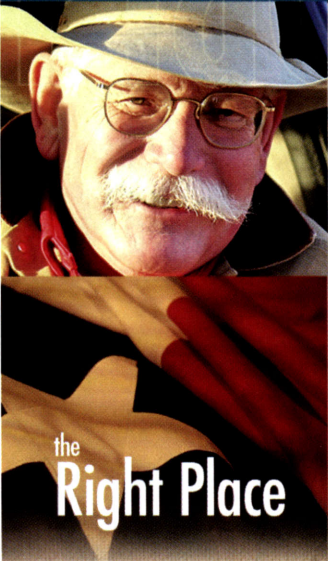
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- 20—ODESSA: Basin Barbecue Blowout** Get a taste of Texas barbecue and live entertainment. Hours are 5–8 p.m. Behind Ector Theater. 432/333-7871 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 20-22—ALPINE: Big Bend Star Party** A free stargazing event is open to all from 7–11 p.m. Saturday. For a fee, participants can camp for three days under Big Bend's starry skies, tour McDonald Observatory and enjoy a lunch with astronomers. Sierra De La Rana. E-mail: davedarksky@mac.com **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 20-22—ATHENS: Moon Walker Gaited Horse Show** Henderson County Fair Park. 903/670-3324 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 20-22—KILLEEN: Panamanian Folklore Convention** Includes an artisan fair, workshops, dance performances and food. Killeen Civic and Conference Center. www.panamanianfolklore.dancerskilleentx.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 20-23—VICTORIA: Boofest** Victoria puts on its biggest barbecue-cooking, boot-making, poker-playing, crafts-selling, trail-riding, guitar-jamming, fireworks-booming festival of the year. Downtown. www.boofest.org 361/582-4285 **GULF COAST**
- 20-27—AUSTIN: Austin Film Festival** Event focused on writers and filmmakers includes a conference, film screenings, premieres and more. Various locations. www.austinfilmfestival.com 800/310-FEST **HILL COUNTRY**
- 21—ABILENE: Jordan World Circus** Taylor County Expo Center Coliseum, 1700 Hwy. 36. 325/677-4376 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 21—DALLAS: 'Til Midnight at the Nasher** Features outdoor concerts and movie screenings. Nasher Sculpture Center. www.nashersculpturecenter.org 214/242-5100 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 21—GARLAND: Garland Symphony Orchestra Concert** Begins at 8 p.m. Patty Granville Arts Center. www.garlandsymphony.org 972/926-0611 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 21-22—ABILENE: Tejas Storytelling Association Tumbleweed Festival** Features workshops and other events for all levels of storytellers. Historic Downtown Abilene. 325/794-4463 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 21-22—BEN WHEELER: Fall Feral Hog Festival and World Championship Wild Hog Cook-Off** Go hog-wild with a parade, festival, cook-off, wagon rides, antique cars and contests. Downtown Festival Grounds. <http://benwheeler.tx.com> **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 21-22—DEER PARK: Halloween Haunted Maze** Jimmy Burke Activity Center. www.deerparktx.org/recreation 281/478-2050 **GULF COAST**
- 21-22—ENNIS: ADRL World Finals** Texas Motorplex. www.texasmotorplex.com 972/878-2641 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 21-22—GALVESTON: Deer Camp** The laughs in this musical comedy always hit their target. Begins at 8 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894 or 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**
- 21-22—GALVESTON: Island Oktoberfest** Features German music, authentic food and drink, kids' activities, games and more. First Lutheran Church, 24th Street at Winnie. www.galvestonoktoberfest.com 409/762-8477 **GULF COAST**
- 21-22—MESQUITE: Winter Nationals** Dirt-track racing includes the Lucas Oil ASCS Outlaw Sprints, USA Modifieds and Limited Modifieds. Devil's Bowl Speedway. www.devilsbowl.com 972/222-2421 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

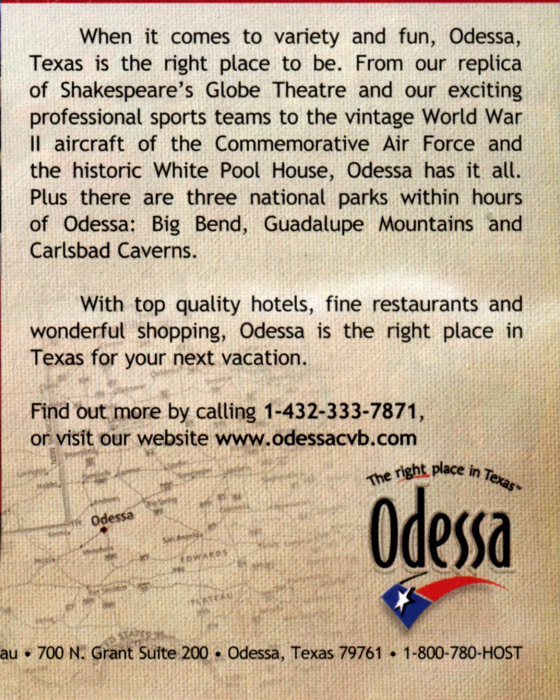
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22—ELGIN: Hogeye Festival Features live music, carnival, children's activities, the Road Hog Car Show, barbecue pork cook-off, In a Pig's Eye Dart Contest, Hogalicious Dessert Contest, cowpatty bingo, the Pearls Before Swine Art Show and more. Main Street. www.elgintx.com 512/281-5724 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

22—FREDERICKSBURG: Food and Wine Fest Features Texas wines, chef demonstrations, food and wine pairing events, art, entertainment and more. Marktplatz. www.fbgfoodandwinefest.com 830/997-8515 **HILL COUNTRY**

22—FREDERICKSBURG: Roots Music Series: Indoor Encore Featuring gospel music in the historic sanctuary. Hours are 6–8:30 p.m. Pioneer Museum, 325 W. Main St. www.pioneermuseum.net/roots-music 830/997-2835 **HILL COUNTRY**

22—GARLAND: Wild West Cowboy Roundup Enjoy a chuck-wagon lunch, music, a fiddlers' showdown, street vendors and children's activities. At Main and Sixth streets. www.garlandcowboyroundup.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

22—GLADEWATER: Fallfest Family festival includes games, food and a cake walk. www.gladewaterchamber.com 903/845-5501 or 903/845-0315 **PINEY WOODS**

22—GRAPELAND: Hoot 'n' Holler Learn about crows and how to call them. Begins at 10 a.m. Mission Tejas State Park. 936/687-2394 **PINEY WOODS**

22—HOUSTON: A Natural Halloween Come experience the park at night with a hike, campfire stories and treats. Hours are 7–9 p.m. Sheldon Lake State Park and Environmental Learning Center. 281/456-2800 ext. 221 **GULF COAST**

22—HUNTSVILLE: Half-Marathon and 5K Run/Walk SHSU Kinesiology Center. www.7hills.us 936/295-4291 **PINEY WOODS**

22—KARNACK: Guided Nature Hike Hike the trails and learn about native flora and fauna. Begins at the trail head at the boat ramp at 8:30 a.m., weather permitting. Caddo Lake State Park. 903/679-3351 **PINEY WOODS**

22—KAUFMAN: Scarecrow Festival Features a parade, entertainment, children's activities and more. Courthouse square. www.kaufmantx.com 972/932-3118 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

22—KERRVILLE: Kerr County Market Day Courthouse square, 700 Main St. www.kerrmarketdays.org 830/895-7962 **HILL COUNTRY**

22—MADISONVILLE: Texas Mushroom Festival Offers arts and crafts, the Shiitake 5K Run/Walk, an auto showcase, cooking demos, gala and more. On the square, 113 W. Trinity. www.texas-mushroomfestival.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

22—MESQUITE: Guns and Hoses Boxing Metroplex-area firefighters and police face off to raise money for charity. Resistol Arena. www.gunsandhosesboxing.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

22—MESQUITE: Pumpkinfest Halloween festival has games, crafts, a costume contest and live music. City Lake Park. www.oldtownmesquite.org 972/216-6260 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

22—NOCONA: Festa d'Italia Celebrate the Italian heritage of Montague County with live music, games, food and more. Tails 'n' Trails Museum. www.nocona.org 940/825-3526 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

21-22—RICHMOND: Texian Market Days Explore more than 150 years of Texas history with historical re-enactments, folklife demonstrations, historic home tours, children's activities, music and more. George Ranch Historical Park. www.texianmarketdays.com 281/342-1256 **GULF COAST**

21-22—WINNSBORO: Third Friday Arts Festival The Depot, 100 E. Broadway (at Hwys. 11 and 37). 903/850-1662 **PINEY WOODS**

21-22, 28-29—GRAND PRAIRIE: Forest of Fear Haunted Hayrides Hours are dusk to 11 p.m. Loyd Park on Joe Pool Lake. 817/467-2104 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

21-23—ABILENE: Bent Wheel Bash This off-road bicycle race is part of the TMBRA Fall Series. Buck Creek Trails off East Lake Road. 325/677-2453 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

21-23—AUSTIN: Gem Capers Jewelry, gems, mineral specimens, crystals, fossils and more are on sale or display. Palmer Events Center. www.gemcapers.com 512/458-9546 **HILL COUNTRY**

21-23—BEAUMONT: Texas-Style Cool Autumn Nites Car Show Downtown. www.txhotsummernites.com 409/769-7599 **GULF COAST**

21-23—CLEAR LAKE AREA: Annual Ballunar Lifftoff Festival Enjoy hot-air balloon competitions, balloon glows, skydiving, exhibits, entertainment and aviation equipment displays. NASA/Johnson Space Center. www.ballunarfestival.com 281/488-7676 **GULF COAST**

21-23—FORT WORTH: Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering and Western Swing Festival Live music, a ranch rodeo, cowboy poetry and other events celebrate the heritage of the American cowboy. Stockyards Station.

www.redsteagallcowboygathering.com 888/269-8696 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

21-23—RISING STAR: Trade Days 713 W. College. www.risingstartradedays.com 254/643-1611 or 325/642-6621 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

21, 23, 26, 29—DALLAS: Lucia Di Lammermoor Winspear Opera House, 2304 Flora St. www.dallasopera.org 214/880-0202 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

22—ANSON: Mesquite Daze Includes live music, "gunslingers," pony rides, train rides and other children's activities. Downtown courthouse square. 325/823-3259 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

22—AUSTIN: Oktoberfest Includes authentic German fare, family activities and live music. Historic German Free School, 507 E. 10th St. www.germantexans.org **HILL COUNTRY**

22—BEAUMONT: Harvest Hoedown Includes bluegrass music, harvest games, campfire, crafts and demonstrations. McFaddin-Ward House. www.mcfaddin-ward.org 409/832-1906 **GULF COAST**


22—BURNET: Family and Scouts Fun Day Offers activities for all ages, such as games, crafts, scavenger hunts, hikes and kayaking. Hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223 **HILL COUNTRY**

22—COLDSPRING: Trade Day Courthouse square. 936/653-2009 **PINEY WOODS**

22—COLLEGE STATION: Weinerfest Includes dog races, live music, food, vendors and children's activities. Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater. 979/492-3438 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

22—CORPUS CHRISTI: Paddle Prix Kayak Race and Rally Paddling event on the Nueces

- 22—ORANGE: 3-D Family Day** Explore art in three dimensions by learning about sculpture, going on a scavenger hunt and more. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stark Museum of Art. www.starkmuseum.org 409/886-2787 **GULF COAST**
- 22—PASADENA: Creepy Crawlers** Visit the nature center for family-oriented, guided night hikes, storytelling, face painting, hayrides, animals and more. Armand Bayou Nature Center. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551 **GULF COAST**
- 22—SAN ANTONIO: Founders Day** Celebrate the founding of San Antonio and the city's cultures with music, history and fun. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Alamo. www.sanantoniofoundersday.org **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 22—SAN SABA: Pecan Jam** Includes Texas food, wine, music and children's activities from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Asleep at the Wheel headlines the nighttime main stage and street dance. Risien Park. www.pecanjam.com **HILL COUNTRY**
- 22—SEGUIN: Art Slam** Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 416 N. Austin St. www.visitseguin.com 800/580-7322 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 22—SMITHVILLE: Smithville Music Festival** Featuring an eclectic mix of musicians and styles, plus a chili cook-off, battle of the bands and children's activities. Vernon Richards Riverbend Park, 107 E. Texas 71. www.smithvillemusicfestival.org 512/237-2313 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 22—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Geocaching 101** Get started in this popular activity with basic information about looking for geocache sites and hiding caches for others. Begins at 2:30 p.m. Cooper Lake State Park's South Sulphur Unit. 903/945-5256 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 22—SULPHUR SPRINGS: World Champion Hopkins County Stew Contest** Buford Park. www.sulphursprings-tx.com 903/885-6515 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 22—UVALDE: Market Day** Memorial Park, U.S. 90 at U.S. 83. www.uvaldemarketdays.com 210/844-8193 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 22—WEATHERFORD: Talking Tombstone Tour** Tour a cemetery with speakers in period dress, who share how the Civil War affected the lives and deaths of people buried there. Tours are every 15 minutes from 1–3 p.m. At 300 Front St. www.parkercountyheritagesociety.com 817/658-3580 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 22—WEIMAR: Weimaride** Cyclists are challenged by rides on routes of 13.5, 34, 47 and 63 miles. Rides begin at the gazebo in front of the Weimar Public Library. www.weimaride.com 979/743-1199 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 22—WESLACO: Spooky Science Fest** Enjoy educational activities, crafts, a kids' costume contest, night hikes, live animals, spooky stories, science experiments and more. Estero Llano Grande State Park. www.worldbirdingcenter.org 956/565-3919 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 22—WILLS POINT: Trick Or Treat in the Park** Hours are 6–8 p.m. Lake Tawakoni State Park. 903/560-7123 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 22-23—ADDISON: Worldfest** Experience the cultures of Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas via the International Marketplace, Global Food Court, live entertainment, children's activities and more. Addison Circle Park. www.addisontexas.net 800/233-4766 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 22-23—AUSTIN: Texas Book Festival** Hear readings, meet favorite authors at book signings,



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- visit the children's chapter tent, and enjoy live music and poetry readings. State Capitol Building. www.texasbookfestival.org **HILL COUNTRY**
- 22-23—BUDA: Buda Fine Arts Festival** Features more than 50 juried artists, a children's interactive art tent, demonstrations, music, auction and a quilt show. Downtown. www.budafineartsfestival.com 512/312-0084 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 22-23—EL PASO: Amigo Airsho** Features the Blue Angels, aerial performers, static displays and more. Biggs Army Airfield. 915/562-6446 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 22-23—FORT WORTH: Fort Worth Alliance Air Show** Includes the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and static displays. Alliance Airport. www.allianceairshow.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 22-23—GRANBURY: Harvest Moon Festival** Includes a carnival, tractor parade, children's decorated pumpkin contest, children's costume contest, and antique engine and tractor show. Courthouse square. www.granburysquare.com 817/573-5299 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 22-23—GRUENE: Texas Clay Festival** Potters and sculptors offer demonstrations, displays and items for sale. Gruene Historic District. www.texasclayfestival.com 830/629-7975 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 22-23—MARION: Texas Koi and Fancy Goldfish Show** Aquatic life show also features educational seminars, live music and more. Water Garden Gems. www.watergardengems.com 210/659-5841 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 22-23—RICHARDSON: Huffhines Art Trails** About 200 artists and craftspeople offer a variety of creations for sale. Also features live entertainment. Apollo Road at Plano Road www.huffhinesarttrails.com 972/744-4580 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 22-23—ROUND ROCK: Sami Show Marketplace** Features arts, crafts and home decor. Dell Diamond, 3400 E. Palm Valley Blvd. www.samishow.com 512/441-7133 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 22-23—SALADO: Art Fair** Civic Center, 601 N. Main St. www.salado.com 254/947-5040 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 22-23—SPICEWOOD: Arts Round-Up** Regional artists offer works for sale. La Cabana Grill. www.spicewoodarts.org **HILL COUNTRY**
- 22-23—SUGAR LAND: Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta** Dragon boat racing event includes divisions for amateur and experienced teams. Brooks Lake. www.texasdragonboat.com/oct **GULF COAST**
- 22, 29—MCKINNEY: Legends of McKinney Ghost Walk** Features spooky spots and stories about McKinney's legends and allegedly haunted locales. Chestnut Square. www.chestnutsquare.org 972/562-8790 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 22-Jan. 15—DALLAS: Sightings: Diana Al-Hadid** Syrian-born American artist Diana Al-Hadid's sculptures are reminiscent of unfinished buildings or archeological remains. Nasher Sculpture Center. www.nashersculpturecenter.org 214/242-5100 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 23—BUFFALO GAP: Buffalo Gap Historic Village Fall Festival** Wear a costume and play old-fashioned games. Hours are noon to 3 p.m. 133 N. William St. 325/572-3365 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 23—DALLAS: The 13.1 Marathon Series** Includes routes of 13.1 miles and 5 miles, and live entertainment. AT&T Dallas Performing Arts Center. www.131marathon.com/13_1_Dallas.htm 214/954-9925 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**



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- 23—GALVESTON: Masters of the Fiddle—Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy** Begins at 3 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**
- 23—GEORGETOWN: Yakov Kasman Recital** Van Cliburn Silver Medalist performs. Georgetown High School. www.gsstx.org **HILL COUNTRY**
- 23—HALLETSVILLE: Falling Leaves Polka Festival** Features polka music, arts and crafts, and food. Knights of Columbus Hall, 321 U.S. 77. www.kchall.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 23—MESQUITE: Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas in Concert** Begins at 4:30 p.m. Mesquite Arts Center. www.childrenschorus.com 214/965-0491 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 23—SAN ANTONIO: BOOtanica! Fall Festival** Celebrate the traditions of Halloween and the excitement of fall gardening. San Antonio Botanical Garden, 555 Funston. www.sabot.org 210/207-3250 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 23-24—LUFKIN: Disney's Beauty and the Beast** The classic love story comes to life in this lush, romantic Broadway musical. Temple Theater, 3500 S. First St. www.angelinaarts.org 936/633-3220 **PINEY WOODS**
- 24—DENTON: UNT College of Music Night of Percussion** Begins at 8 p.m. Voertman Hall, 415 Avenue C. E-mail: music.information@unt.edu **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 24—LUFKIN: Tee It Up For Teachers Golf Tournament** Crown Colony Country Club. 936/634-6644 **PINEY WOODS**
- 25—ABILENE: March of Dimes Signature Chefs** Sample specialties by celebrity chefs from around the state. Abilene Civic Center. 325/672-0566 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 25—DALLAS: Special Event: Chuck Palahniuk** Begins at 7:30 p.m. Dallas Museum of Art. <http://dallasmuseumofart.org> 214/922-1200 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25—MASON: Mason Country Opry with Mona McCall** Begins at 7:30 p.m. Odeon Theater. 325/597-1895 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 25—VICTORIA: Crossroads Country Opry** Jaycee Hall, 2905 E. North St. <http://crossroadscountryopry.com> **GULF COAST**
- 25-26—COLLEGE STATION: Young Frankenstein** Musical follows the life of young Dr. Frankenstein as he attempts to create a monster. Rudder Theater at Texas A&M University. 979/845-1661 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25-30—HOUSTON: Memphis** Sarofim Hall at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. www.broadwayacrossamerica.com/houston 713/622-7469 **GULF COAST**
- 26-27—VICTORIA: South Texas Farm and Ranch Show** Community Center, 2905 E. North St. www.southtexasfarmandranchshow.com 361/575-4581 **GULF COAST**
- 27—ATHENS: Halloween at the Hatchery** Includes fright-free trick-or-treating and games for children. Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center. 903/670-2266 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 27—BEAUMONT: Handel's Messiah Sing-Along with Opera Beaumont** Begins at

- 3 p.m. First United Methodist Church. www.opera.beaumont.org 409/880-8067 **GULF COAST**
- 27—BUDA: Boo-da Halloween** Includes trick-or-treating downtown, plus Halloween stories, crafts and games at the Buda Public Library. www.ci.buda.tx.us 512/312-0084 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 27—CLUTE: Harvest Fun Fest** Hours are 6–8:30 p.m. Clute Municipal Park, 100 Parkview Drive. 979/265-8392 **GULF COAST**
- 27-29—BELLVILLE: Bluegrass Music Weekend** This 24th-annual event includes live music on several stages. Coushatta Recreational Ranch. www.springcreekbluegrass.com 979/865-5250 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 27-30—DALLAS: Apparel and Accessories Market** Dallas Market Center, 2100 Stemmons Freeway. <http://dallasmarketcenter.com> 214/655-6100 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 28—CORPUS CHRISTI: Dia de los Muertos Street Festival** Features a parade, live music, art, children's tent and altar of remembrance. Starr Street at Chaparral Street. www.kspacecontentemporary.org 361/887-6834 **GULF COAST**
- 28—LUBBOCK: Heritage Halloween** Trick or treaters fill their bags at the doors of the NRHC's historic structures, create crafts and more. National Ranching Heritage Center. www.nrhc.ttu.edu 806/742-0498 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 28—LUFKIN: Deep East Texas Rasslin'** This is a family-oriented and kid-friendly wrestling event. Lufkin Pitser Garrison Civic Center. 936/404-9746 **PINEY WOODS**
- 28—SAN AUGUSTINE: Trick or Trunk** Children trick or treat for candy downtown. Begins at 3:30 p.m. www.sanaugustinetx.com 936/275-3610 **PINEY WOODS**
- 28—SEGUIN: Pecan Classic Golf Tournament** The Bandit Golf Club. E-mail: dana@seguinchamber.com 800/580-7322 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 28—THE WOODLANDS: Houston Symphony Hocus Pocus Pops** Begins at 7:30 p.m. The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. www.woodlandscenter.org 281/363-3300 **PINEY WOODS**
- 28—TYLER: Night Sounds** Hear the forest come alive at night and learn which sounds are made by which animals. Begins at 7 p.m. Held at Tyler State Park. 903/597-5338 **PINEY WOODS**
- 28-29—AMARILLO: Boo at the Zoo** Children can enjoy costumed characters, treat stations, games, crafts and more. Hours are 5:30–8 p.m. Amarillo Zoo in Thompson Park. www.amarillozoo.org 806/381-7911 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 28-29—HICO: Homestead Fall Antique Fair** 100 N. Elm St. www.homesteadhico.com 254/796-2510 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 28-29—PARIS: Paris Texas Antique Fair** Shop for antique and vintage items and enjoy food, a beer garden, the Two Rivers Two Steppin' Vintage Prom on Friday with live music and dancing, and a vintage car show Saturday. Red River Valley Fair Grounds. www.paristexasantiquefair.com 903/249-4211 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 28-29—SAN AUGUSTINE: Sassafras Festival** Includes a parade, 5K, children's activities, photography contest, a Bonnie and Clyde reenactment, car show and Mission Dolores tours. Downtown Square. www.sanaugustinetx.com 936/275-3610 **PINEY WOODS**

28-30—CANYON: Pirates of the Canyon Balloon Festival Includes a balloon glow and flight from Palo Duro Canyon State Park. www.piratesofthecanyon.com 806/674-7016 or 806/488-2227 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

28-30—CONROE: Conroe Cajun Catfish Festival Features live music, Cajun food and more. Downtown square. <http://conroecajuncatfishfestival.com> 936/522-3500 **PINEY WOODS**

28-30—CONROE: Toyota Texas Bass Classic Lake Conroe and Lone Star Convention Center. www.toyotatexasbassclassic.com 936/522-3500 **PINEY WOODS**

28-30—FAIRFIELD: Trade Days Moody Reunion Fairgrounds. www.fairfieldtexas.com 903/389-2816 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

28-30—FORT WORTH: Bugs Bunny at the Symphony Classic Warner Bros. Looney Tunes are projected on the big screen with their original scores performed live by the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St. www.fwsymphony.org 817/665-6000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

28-30—GLEN ROSE: Fossilmania Features exhibits, appraisals, vendors and more. Somervell County Expo Center. www.glenrosetexas.net 888/346-6282 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

28-30—SEGUIN: Pecan Fest Heritage Days Celebrate Seguin at the South Texas Pottery Show, Hats off to Juan Seguin, Main Street Trade Days, gardeners' market, Lions Club Car Show, the rib-eye cook-off at the Big Red Barn, historic sites and tours, golf tournament and more. Central Park and other venues. www.visitseguin.com 800/580-7322 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

28, 30—DALLAS: Katya Kabanova Based on a powerful Russian play (*The Storm*), this opera finds a heroine trapped in an unbearable existence. Winspear Opera House. www.dallasopera.org 214/880-0202 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

29—ABILENE: Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra in Concert Abilene Civic Center. 325/677-6710 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

29—ATHENS: Halloween Happenings Cain Center, 915 S. Palestine. 903/677-2001 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

29—BEAUMONT: Dinosaur Day at the Texas Energy Museum Features outdoor activities for children to learn about dinosaurs and how fossils are found and studied, including talks by professional "dinosaur hunters," searching for real fossils and more. www.texasenergymuseum.org 409/833-5100 **GULF COAST**

29—BEAUMONT: Family Arts Day: Eat a Bug! Try the creepy, crawly delicacy of fried crickets, and enjoy art activities and entertainment. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org 409/832-3432 **GULF COAST**

29—BEAUMONT: Symphony of Southeast Texas Performances Julie Rogers Theatre. www.sost.org 409/892-2257 **GULF COAST**

29—BROWNSVILLE: Kidfest Includes games, crafts, face painting and a costume contest. Children's Museum of Brownsville. www.cmf.brownsville.com 956/548-9300 **GULF COAST**

29—BUFFALO GAP: Comanche Moon Social Features entertainment by actor Barry Corbin. Advance ticket purchase required. Begins at 6 p.m. Perini Steak House Ranch. 325/572-3974 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

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29—BURNET: Creatures of the Night and Star Party Life-sized creatures tell stories about themselves and give treats at this kid-centered program to dispel fears of the night. Halloween costumes encouraged. Then go stargazing and meet professional astronomers. Hours are 6–10 p.m. Bring a flashlight. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223 **HILL COUNTRY**

29—CANYON LAKE: Market Day CRRC Recreation Center. www.crrccofcanyonlake.org 830/964-3003 **HILL COUNTRY**

29—CEDAR PARK: A Halloween Who-Done-It on the Hill Country Flyer Evening train ride includes dinner and a murder mystery with the Capital City Mystery Players. Departs at 7 p.m. Cedar Park Depot. www.austin-steamtrain.org 512/477-8468 **HILL COUNTRY**

29—COLDSRING: Pumpkin Fest Enjoy kids' games, hayrides, entertainment and a haunted trail. Courthouse square. www.sanjacintocountytourism.org 713/628-2402 **PINEY WOODS**

29—CORPUS CHRISTI: Zombie Prom Come "dressed to kill" and enjoy music, dancing and a zombie costume contest. House of Rock. www.texas-houseofrock.com 361/882-7625 **GULF COAST**

29—CUERO: Market Day at the Railroad 100 E. South Railroad St. 361/275-2112 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

29—EDNA: Halloween Fun and Games Learn about creatures of the night at the Nature Center at 10 a.m. Later, enjoy carnival games, treats, a costume contest and pumpkin-carving contest from 7:30–11 p.m. Lake Texana State Park. 361/676-6055 **GULF COAST**

29—FAIRFIELD: Boo On The Square Includes trick-or-treating, a movie and children's activities.

Courthouse square. www.fairfieldtexas.com 817/988-8533 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

29—FORT WORTH: Prohibition Party Adults-only gathering features interactive exhibits, activities, demonstrations, live music, food and drinks. Begins at 6:30 p.m. Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. www.fortworthmuseum.org 817/255-9300 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

29—GALVESTON: Nai-ni Chen Dance with The Ahn Trio "Temptation of the Muses" performance combines Asian art with American modern dance. Begins at 8 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894 or 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**

29—GATESVILLE: Halloween Boozaar Downtown businesses host trick-or-treating and games for children. Seventh Street. www.gatesvilletx.info 254/865-5367 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

29—GILMER: Treats on the Square Downtown. www.gilmer-tx.com 903/843-5545 **PINEY WOODS**

29—GLEN ROSE: Haunted Hike and Halloween Celebration Meet at the park store at 6 p.m. for a "dino dig" before the haunted hike at 7:30 p.m. Dinosaur Valley State Park. 254/897-4588 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

29—GRAPELAND: Geocaching Use a GPS to find treasure in the woods and learn the historical significance of the park while exploring. Mission Tejas State Park. 936/687-2394 **PINEY WOODS**

29—GRAPEVINE: Hallo-Wine Trail Clues to a thrilling murder mystery can be found at every stop on visits to nine wineries. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Costumes are encouraged. Historic downtown. www.grapevinetexasusa.com 800/457-6338 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

- 29—HUNTSVILLE: Halloween Carnival** Includes a costume contest, games, food and a haunted house. Walker County Fairgrounds. www.walkercofair.com 936/291-8736 **PINEY WOODS**
- 29—HUNTSVILLE: Scare on the Square** Enjoy trick-or-treating, games and refreshments. Downtown Square. www.huntsvillemainstreet.com 936/295-2150 **PINEY WOODS**
- 29—JACKSBORO: Ghosts and Goblins Galore** Dress in costume and trick-or-treat through the campsites until dusk, and then go for a Ghost Walk around the historic site. Hours are 5:30–8 p.m. Fort Richardson State Park and Historic Site. 940/567-3506 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 29—JASPER: Haunted Hike** Walk down the "Haunted Trail" and encounter scary "monsters." Play games and roast marshmallows and hot dogs on the campfire. Begins at 6 p.m. Martin Dies, Jr. State Park. 409/384-5231 **PINEY WOODS**
- 29—KILGORE: Lions Club Halloween Carnival** Wear a Halloween costume and enjoy games, cake walk, food and more. Begins at 6 p.m. Kay Street. 903/986-0463 **PINEY WOODS**
- 29—LEAGUE CITY: Cars Under The Stars Car Show** Includes a car show, sock hop and outdoor theater show. Walter Hall Park. www.northgalvestoncountychamber.com 281/534-4380 **GULF COAST**
- 29—LUFKIN: Super Saturday Pumpkin Party** Includes pumpkin decorating, Halloween games, face painting and treats. Hours are 1–3 p.m. Museum of East Texas. <http://destinationlufkin.net/events> 936/639-4434 **PINEY WOODS**
- 29—MESQUITE: Cowboys of Color National Finals Rodeo** Showcases diverse cultural contributions to cowboy history with rodeo competitions. Resistol Arena. www.morethanjustarodeo.com 972/285-8777 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 29—NACOGDOCHES: Scare on the Square** Halloween carnival features costume contests, games, hayrides and a haunted house. 200 E. Main St. E-mail: obriens@ci.nacogdoches.tx.us 936/559-2573 **PINEY WOODS**
- 29—PORT ARTHUR: Zydecajun Spooktacular** With entertainer Wayne Toups. Bob Bowers Civic Center. 409/962-3011 **GULF COAST**
- 29—PORT ISABEL: Los Colores de Muerto** Observe the Day of the Dead with altars and exhibits, demonstrations and live entertainment from 1–7 p.m. Port Isabel Historical Museum. www.portisabelmuseums.com **GULF COAST**
- 29—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Heritage Square Car Show** Vehicles must be model year 1987 or older. Also features Corvettes on Main Street display and swap meet. Downtown square. www.ssdba.org 903/885-1236 or 903/243-8769 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 29—TEAGUE: Parkfest** Outdoor, all-day event offers games, food, vendors, entertainment, a barbecue cook-off and more. Teague City Park. 254/739-2061 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 29—WAXAHACHIE: Bob Phillips' "Texas Country Reporter" Festival** Join the TV host's annual bash featuring artists, craftsmen and chefs from "Texas Country Reporter," games for the kids and everything Texas Country. Downtown. 972/937-2390 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

29-30—COMSTOCK: Overnight Camping in Presa Canyon During the day, take a guided backcountry hike to view 4,000-year-old rock art in an area normally closed to the public. Must be fit

for an extremely strenuous hike, have backcountry camping experience, and bring hiking/camping gear, food and water. Reservations required. Seminole Canyon State Park and Historic Site. 432/292-4464 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

- 29-30—SEABROOK: J/Fest Southwest Sailing Regatta** Includes onshore entertainment. Lakewood Yacht Club. www.lakewoodyachtclub.com 281/474-2511 **GULF COAST**
- 29-30—SEGUIN: Main Street Trade Days** Downtown. www.visitseguin.com 830/401-5000 or 800/580-7322 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 29-30—WASHINGTON: Smithing in Texas** The Houston Area Blacksmith Association demonstrates the age-old craft of metalworking. Barrington Living History Farm in Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site. 936/878-2214 ext. 246 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 29-31—SALADO: Tablerock's Fright Trail** Hours are 7:30–10 p.m. Tablerock Amphitheater. www.tablerock.org 254/947-9205 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 29-Nov. 27—VICTORIA: El Dia de los Muertos: The Day of the Dead Festival and Exhibit** Join this joyous and sometimes macabre celebration of life on Oct. 29 at a block party with live music, ballet folklorico, children's activities and Day of the Dead altars created by local artists and students. Altars remain on exhibit through Nov. 27. The Nave Museum. www.visitvictoriatexas.com 361/575-8227 **GULF COAST**
- 30—HOUSTON: Halloween Boo Bash** Enjoy live music, activities and trick-or-treating for children age 12 or younger from 2:30–3:30 p.m. Hours are 1–4 p.m. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500 **GULF COAST**
- 30—LAKE JACKSON: Sea Center Spooktacular** Wear a Halloween costume and enjoy crafts, games, trick-or-treating, face painting, a costume contest and more. Hours are 1–3 p.m. Sea Center Texas. 979/292-0100 **GULF COAST**
- 30—MARION: Culinaria: Totally Texas** Features a barbecue cook-off, food, wine, live music, seminars and more. Hours are 1–6 p.m. Rio Cibolo Ranch. E-mail: eventcoordinator@nwfff.org **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 30—MCKINNEY: Halloween Hustle** Run/walk in distances of 1K, 5K and 10K. Stonebridge Beach Club. www.stonebridgeracers.com 214/726-9886 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 30—SUGAR LAND: Halloween Town** Festive characters roam activity stations and attractions in Town Square. Also includes a costume contest for all ages. 15958 City Walk. www.sugarlandtx.gov/parks_recreation 281/275-2885 **GULF COAST**
- 30—THE WOODLANDS: Trick or Treat Trail** Features vendors, children's activities, entertainment and more. Waterway Square. www.thewoodlandscvb.com 281/363-2447 **PINEY WOODS**
- 30-31—ABILENE: American Junior Rodeo Association Championships** Taylor County Expo Center, 1700 Hwy. 36. 254/434-1542 or 325/677-4376 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 30-31—SAN ANTONIO: Zoo Boo** Offers trick-or-treating, face painting, games and more. San Antonio Zoo and Aquarium. www.sazoo-aq.org **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 30-Sept. 9—CANYON: Try!: Rodeo on the Southern Plains** This exhibition looks at rodeo from its roots in daily cowboy chores on the Southern Plains to the massive performances of

today. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, 2503 Fourth Ave. www.panhandleplains.org 806/651-2244 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

- 31—BASTROP: Halloween Festival** Includes an all-ages costume contest, hayride, pumpkin decorating contest, trick-or-treating, games, a giant slide and more. Downtown. www.bastropdba.com/halloween.html **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 31—DEER PARK: Halloween Carnival** Enjoy a costume contest, carnival, games and pumpkin town. Jimmy Burke Activity Center. www.deerparktx.gov/recreation 281/478-2050 **GULF COAST**
- 31—FORT WORTH: Treat Street** Families enjoy costume contests, pumpkin decorating, games, hayrides and trick or treating from 6–8 p.m. Stockyards Station. www.stockyardsstation.com 817/625-9715 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 31—GRAND PRAIRIE: Street 'n' Treat Trick-or-Treating** Begins at Uptown Theater. 972/237-8100 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 31—KILGORE: Downtown Trick or Treat** Enjoy treats, a costume contest, music and games. Main and Kilgore streets. www.downtownkilgore.com 903/988-4117 **PINEY WOODS**
- 31—LUFKIN: Main Street Halloween Trick-or-Treat** Downtown. 936/633-0205 **PINEY WOODS**
- 31—MCKINNEY: Scare on the Square** Downtown is closed off for trick-or-treaters to enjoy hayrides and goodies. www.downtownmckinney.com 972/547-2660 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 31—MOUNT VERNON: Trick or Treat Around the Square** Participating merchants give out candy and/or toy treats. Hours are 5:30–7 p.m. Downtown. www.franklincountytexas.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 31—NACOGDOCHES: Ghosts of Millard's Crossing** Trick or treat with people portraying the ghostly former residents of historic homes, and learn some local history in the process. Hours are 6–8 p.m. Millard's Crossing. www.millardscrossing.org 936/564-6631 **PINEY WOODS**
- 31—PEARLAND: Trick or Treat Trail** Includes a candy trail, costume contest, activity booths, music and giveaways. 3775 S. Main St. www.pearlandparks.com 281/412-8900 **GULF COAST**
- 31—QUANAH: Merchants Trick or Treat** For children ages 10 and younger. Downtown and along Highway 287. www.quanahnet.com 940/663-2222 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 31—SNYDER: Trick or Treat Around the Square** Includes costume and pumpkin-carving contests. Downtown square. E-mail: events@snyderchamber.org 325/573-3558 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 31—STEPHENVILLE: Safe Trick or Treating** Come in costume for trick-or-treating around the town square and a costume contest afterward. E-mail: events@stephenvilletexas.org 254/965-5313 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 31—TERRELL: Downtown Trick or Treat** Includes a costume contest and live entertainment. Downtown. www.terrelltexas.com 972/563-2363 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 31—WACO: Zoo Boo** Children ages 2 to 12 years old enjoy trick-or-treating, candy, games, face painting and the zoo's barrel train. Hours are 6–8 p.m. Cameron Park Zoo. www.cameronparkzoo.com 254/750-8415 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

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Dates for events listed in this calendar are subject to change.

Please confirm dates in advance by calling the number listed or by contacting the local chamber of commerce or convention and visitors bureau.

- 1—CLEBURNE: Taste of Cleburne** Local restaurants, caterers and food distributors showcase their creations. Hours are 6–8 p.m. Cleburne Conference Center. www.cleburnechamber.com 817/645-2455 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—DENTON: UNT College of Music Global Rhythms** Begins at 8 p.m. Voertman Hall in the Music Building, 415 Avenue C. E-mail: music.information@unt.edu **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—FORT WORTH: Public Knowledge** Monthly adult gathering offers informative presentations on science and nature topics at a rotating selection of Fort Worth watering holes. www.fwmsh.org 817/255-9300 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1—GALVESTON: Jigsaw Jones** Part of the Kempner Children's Series. Begins at 7 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrad.com 409/765-1894 or 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**
- 1-3—MEDINA: Great Hill Country Pumpkin Patch** See Oct. 8 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-4—MESQUITE: Diane Walker-Gladney Artist Exhibit** See Oct. 4 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-5—AUSTIN: Ghosts** See Oct. 13 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-6—BEAUMONT: Artwork by Joey Blazek** See Sept. 1 listing for details. **GULF COAST**
- 1-12—AMARILLO: America's Horse in Art** See Sept. 1 listing for details. **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1-15—KILGORE: The Maize at Danville Farms** See Sept. 15 listing for details. **PINEY WOODS**
- 1-20—SAN ANTONIO: Laura McPhee: River of No Return** See Sept. 1 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 1-25—HUNTSVILLE: Amateur Photography Contest Exhibit** See Oct. 3 listing for details. **PINEY WOODS**

- 1-27—VICTORIA: El Dia de los Muertos: The Day of the Dead Exhibit** See Oct. 29 listing for details. **GULF COAST**
- 1-Dec. 11—FORT WORTH: Amon Carter Museum of American Art: The First 50 Years** See Sept. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-Dec. 11—SAN MARCOS: The Edge of Time: Photographs of Mexico** See Sept. 1 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-Dec. 16—HOUSTON: KJV@400: From Hampton Court, around the Globe and to the Moon** See Sept. 1 listing for details. **GULF COAST**
- 1-Dec. 18—SAN ANTONIO: Shakespeare to Sondheim: Designs from the Tobin Collection** See Sept. 7 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 1-Dec. 21—ORANGE: Visions of the West** See Sept. 1 listing for details. **GULF COAST**
- 1-Dec. 21—SAN ANTONIO: "Jeme Souviens": The Return of Napoleon** See Sept. 1 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 1-Dec. 31—AUSTIN: Storied Past: Four Centuries of French Drawings from the Blanton Museum of Art** See Sept. 18 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-Dec. 31—DALLAS: Dallas Blooms: It's a Fairy Tale World** See Sept. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-Dec. 31—FORT WORTH: Will Barnett: Relationships, Intimate and Abstract, 1935-65** See Sept. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-Dec. 31—HOUSTON: Celebrating 15 Years of History at Holocaust Museum Houston** See Sept. 1 listing for details. **GULF COAST**
- 1-Jan. 1—SAN ANTONIO: The Nightmare Before Christmas** See Sept. 14 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 1-Jan. 2—SAN ANGELO: The Great Flood of 1936 Exhibit** See Sept. 16 listing for details. **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1-Jan. 8—DALLAS: Tony Cragg Exhibit** See Sept. 10 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-Jan. 8—EL PASO: Tom Lea: The Turning Point** See Sept. 1 listing for details. **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 1-Jan. 8—FORT WORTH: Caravaggio and His Circle in Rome** See Oct. 16 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-Jan. 8—SAN ANTONIO: Amazing Butterflies!** See Sept. 17 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 1-Jan. 9—CANYON: Spiritual Places** See Sept. 1 listing for details. **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1-Jan. 14—WICHITA FALLS: Santa Express** Elaborate model train exhibit is displayed every

two years. Wichita Falls Museum of Art. www.mwsu.edu/wfma 940/397-8900 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

- 1-Jan. 15—DALLAS: Sightings: Diana Al-Hadid** See Oct. 22 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-Jan. 15—DALLAS: Mark Bradford Exhibit** See Oct. 16 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-Jan. 15—SAN ANTONIO: Art + Present** See Oct. 5 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 1-Jan. 15—SAN ANTONIO: Cassatt and the Orient: Japan's Influence on Western Art, 1854-1918** See Oct. 5 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 1-Jan. 15—SAN ANTONIO: The Orient Expressed: Japan's Influence on Western Art** See Oct. 5 listing for details. **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 1-Jan. 22—AUSTIN: Banned, Burned, Seized and Censored** See Sept. 6 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-Jan. 22—AUSTIN: El Anatsui: When I Last Wrote to You about Africa** See Sept. 25 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**
- 1-Jan. 22—FORT WORTH: Discover the Real George Washington: New Views from Mount Vernon** See Oct. 15 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-Jan. 29—MCKINNEY: Dinosaurs Live!** See Oct. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-Feb. 19—CANYON: The Littlefield Murals** See Sept. 17 listing for details. **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 1-Apr. 15—HOUSTON: Tutankhamun: The Golden King and the Great Pharaoh** See Oct. 16 listing for details. **GULF COAST**
- 1-Aug. 31—DALLAS: Encountering Space** See Sept. 1 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 1-Sept. 9—CANYON: Try!: Rodeo on the Southern Plains** See Oct. 30 listing for details. **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 2—MCKINNEY: Art History Brown-Bag Lunch** Art historian and artist Annie Royer presents lectures to foster art appreciation and provide insight into the mind of the artist. Begins at 12:30 p.m. Heard-Craig House. www.heardcraig.org 972/569-6909 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 2—SAN ANTONIO: Dia de los Muertos** Creative and respectful altars are set up around at galleries, cultural centers and cemeteries to commemorate loved ones who have passed. www.sacalaveras.com **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 2-5—TERLINGUA: Terlingua International Chili Championship** Features local cook-offs of chili, barbecue, beans, salsa, with the Championship Chili Cook-Off event Saturday. Also enjoy live music and dancing. Rancho de los CASI. www.chili.org 432/371-2595 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 2, 5, 13—DALLAS: Katya Kabanova** See Oct. 28 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

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2-6—IRVING: Dallas International Art and Antique Jewelry Show Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas. www.irvingconventioncenter.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

3—BEAUMONT: Lamarissimo! Concert Concert features the best and brightest of Lamar University's music department. www.lamar.edu/music 409/880-8144 **GULF COAST**

3—DALLAS: Judith Jamison Lauded dancer and choreographer comes to the Winspear Opera House. 2304 Flora St. <http://www.attpac.org> 214/880-0202 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

3—KILGORE: East Texas Oilman's Chili Cook-Off Taste entries and vote for a favorite. Commerce Street. E-mail: crisiscenter@cablelynx.com 903/984-2377 **PINEY WOODS**

3-5—TERLINGUA: Terlingua International Frank X. Tolbert/Wick Fowler Championship Chili Cook-Off Enjoy cook-offs of chili, beans, ribs, chicken, brisket and black-eyed peas, plus an ugly hat contest, live music and dancing. Terlingua Store. www.abowlfred.com 254/690-3134 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

3-5, 10-12—CLEBURNE: Gershwin's Crazy For You See Oct. 14 listing for details. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

3-6—ABILENE: Christmas Carousel Holiday gift sale features about 100 vendors. Preview sale is Thursday. Abilene Civic Center. 325/676-6211 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

3-6—AUSTIN: Settlement Home for Children Charity Garage Sale Palmer Events Center. www.settlementhome.org 512/836-2150 **HILL COUNTRY**

3-6—CANTON: First Monday Trade Days Features more than 7,000 vendors. On I-20 in Canton. www.visitcantontx.com 877/462-7467 or 903/567-1849 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

3-6—FORT WORTH: AAA Texas 500 Weekend Includes several NASCAR races. Texas Motor Speedway. www.texasmotorspeedway.com 817/215-8500 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

3-6—GALVESTON: Lone Star Motorcycle Rally 2300 Strand. www.galveston.com 832/437-2318 or 888/939-8680 **GULF COAST**

3, 17—BLANCO: Romper Rangers See Sept. 1 listing for details. **HILL COUNTRY**

3-Dec. 30—COLLEGE STATION: Texas Commission on the Arts' Principles of Design Spirit of Texas Bank Gallery at the Arts Council of Brazos Valley. www.acbv.org 979/696-2787 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

4—AMARILLO: First Friday Art Walk Hours are 5–9 p.m. 3701 Plains Blvd. www.amarilloartists.com 806/353-5700 or 806/651-2244 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

4—BANDERA: Hunters' Barbecue and Outdoor Expo Mansfield Park Show Barn. www.banderahuntersbbq.com 830/796-3280 **HILL COUNTRY**

4—BONHAM: Holiday Art Exhibit and Reception Creative Arts Center, 200 W. Fifth St. www.creativeartscenter.us 903/583-9830 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

4—COLEMAN: Hunter's Barbecue Deer Festival Deer hunters enjoy barbecue, information and more. Bill Franklin Center. www.colemantexas.org 325/625-2163 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

4—COLORADO CITY: Hunters' Appreciation Dinner Railhead Building, 150 E. First St. www.coloradocitychamberofcommerce.com 325/728-3403 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

4—COMANCHE: Deer Hunters' Chili Supper Comanche Chamber. www.comanchechamber.org 325/356-3233 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

4—LA PORTE: Art Walk by the Bay Features work by local artists, entertainment and refreshments. Hours are 6–9 p.m. Main Street. www.artwalkbythebay.com 281/470-5017 **GULF COAST**

4—LLANO: Hunters' Appreciation and Welcome Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Llano Visitor Center. 325/247-5354 **HILL COUNTRY**

4—MESQUITE: Joe Gordon's Gospel Concert Showcases local talent in gospel music. Rodeo City Music Hall. www.rodeocitymusicall.com 214/537-2097 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

4—NACOGDOCHES: First Friday Cruise Nights Includes a classic car show and film at the Cole Art Center. Hours are 5–8 p.m. 200 E. Main St. 936/559-2573 **PINEY WOODS**

4-5—ABILENE: 24fps International Short Film Festival Juried competition features projects of 20 minutes or less. Paramount Theatre. 325/676-6026 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

4-5—COLUMBUS: Live Oaks and Dead Folks Cemetery Tour Learn about interesting folks from the past on a night cemetery tour. www.columbus-texas.net/library 979/732-3392 or 979/732-8385 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

4-5—CORPUS CHRISTI: YWCA Yuletide Market Features South Texas merchants. American Bank Center. www.ywca.org/corpuschristi 361/857-5661 ext. 17 **GULF COAST**

4-5—DALLAS: Cirque Musica Innovative program features circus-style acts performing to music by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. Meyerson Symphony Center www.dallas-symphony.com 214/692-0203 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

4-5—NASSAU BAY: Fine Art and Craft Festival The Arts Alliance Center at Clear Lake. www.taaccl.org 281/335-7777 **GULF COAST**

4-5—STEPHENVILLE: Arts, Crafts and Gift Show Stephenville Recreational Hall and City Park Pavilion. www.ci.stephenville.tx.us 254/918-1295 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

4-5—WAXAHACHIE: Heart of Texas Arts and Crafts Show Waxahachie Civic Center, 2000 Civic Center Lane. www.heartoftexasshow.com 281/304-0160 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

4-6—ATHENS: Fire It Up! Productions—Team Roping Henderson County Fair Park. 903/721-0303 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

4-6—CORPUS CHRISTI: Greek Festival Enjoy authentic Greek food, dancing and music. St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 502 S. Chaparral. 361/883-9843 **GULF COAST**

4-6—FORT WORTH: Mozart and Salieri Concert combines works by both composers. Bass Performance Hall. www.fwsymphony.org 817/665-6000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

4-6—JACKSBORO: Battle for Fort Richardson See what life was like in the 1860s as historical re-enactors perform drills, Civil War battle re-enactments, demonstrations and more. Fort Richardson State Historic Site. www.keysbattery.com/battleforfortrichardson 940/567-3506 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

- 4-6—ODESSA: Merry Marketplace** Ector County Coliseum, 42nd Street at Andrews Highway. 432/563-8186 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 4-6—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Mexican Handicrafts Fair** South Padre Island Convention Centre. 956/761-6433 **GULF COAST**
- 4-6—WICHITA FALLS: Christmas Magic** Holiday market features merchants, entertainment and Santa. Multi-Purpose Events Center. www.jlwf.org 940/692-9797 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 4, 11, 18, 25—KARNACK: Owl Prowl** See Sept. 2 listing for details **PINEY WOODS**
- 4-13—NEW BRAUNFELS: Historic Tours** Tour a restored German village at Conservation Plaza, and see a 1907 REO automobile and an 1898 painted pipe organ. German Lunch available on weekdays. 1300 Church Hill Drive. E-mail: nbcs@axs4u.net 830/832-9699 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 5—ANGLETON: Austin Town Re-enactment** Features character interpreters, demonstrators, sutlers, militia drill units and games set in 1821-32. At Texas 288 and Route 288 Business. www.bchm.org 979/864-1208 **GULF COAST**
- 5—ARLINGTON: Animal Exploration** Meet a native animal during a live observation with a naturalist. Reservation requested. River Legacy Living Science Center. www.riverlegacy.org 817/860-6752 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 5—ARLINGTON: Classic Family Agency Car Show** Hours are 1-5 p.m. 1001 N.E. Green Oaks. www.ddrockinrods.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 5—BALLINGER: Hunter Appreciation Dinner** Includes barbecue, vendors, raffles and a mini gun show. Community Center. www.ballingertx.org 325/365-2333 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 5—BANDERA: Market Day** Courthouse Square. www.banderabusinessassociation.com 830/796-4447 or 800/364-3833 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 5—BEAUMONT: Mamie McFaddin-Ward's Birthday Tea** Includes house tours plus tea and refreshments based on family recipes. Reservations required. McFaddin-Ward House. www.mcfaddin-ward.org 409/832-1906 **GULF COAST**
- 5—BLANCO: Fish with a Ranger** A park ranger is on hand to provide basic safety and skills lessons for all ages. Begins at 10 a.m. Blanco State Park. 830/833-4333 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 5—BOERNE: Wild Game Dinner** Includes all-you-can-eat wild game, entertainment, auctions and prizes. Kendall County Fairgrounds. www.boerne.org 830/249-8000 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 5—CANADIAN: Calf Fry Cook-Off** Jones/Hemphill County Pavilion. www.canadiantx.com 806/323-6234 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 5—CASTROVILLE: Citywide Yard Sale** www.castroville.com 830/931-2525 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 5—DALLAS: Butterfly House Discovery Tour** Go on a guided, behind-the-scenes tour of the Butterfly House. Begins at 11 a.m. Texas Discovery Gardens. www.texasdiscoverygardens.org 214/428-7476 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 5—FORT WORTH: Star Party** Spend an evening exploring the night sky by telescope, weather permitting. Fort Worth Museum of Science and Natural History. www.fortworthmuseum.org 817/255-9300 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 5—GOLIAD: Fall Flotilla** Follows the scenic 6.4-mile Goliad Paddling Trail. Bring a kayak, canoe,

- jon boat, safety gear, etc. Meet at the San Antonio River Bridge on U.S. 59. www.canoetrailgoliad.com 361/645-4841 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 5—GOLIAD: Music at the Winery** Hours are 6-10 p.m. Texas South Wind Vineyard and Winery, 16375 Hwy. 183 S. www.texasouthwind.com 361/526-4662 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 5—GRAND PRAIRIE: Anson Funderburgh and Catherine Denice in Concert** Begins at 8 p.m. Uptown Theater. www.uptowntheatergp.com 972/237-UPTN **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 5—HAMILTON: A Salute to America** Live music pays tribute to the nation. Celebration Station Western Village. www.billythekidmuseum.com 254/796-2523 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 5—HUNTSVILLE: Rocky Raccoon Trial Runs** Contestants run on courses of 10K, 25K and 50K. Events begin at 6 a.m. Huntsville State Park. www.hillcountrytrailsrunners.com 903/894-3788 or 936/295-5644 **PINEY WOODS**
- 5—JASPER: Canoe Basics** Get dry-land instruction and practice to safely carry, enter, paddle and exit a canoe. Begins at 10 a.m. Martin Dies, Jr. State Park. 409/384-5231 **PINEY WOODS**
- 5—JEFFERSON: History, Haunts and Legends** Explore the historic hauntings of East Texas with guest speakers and lunch. Jefferson Visitors Center. www.jeffersonsongstwalk.com 903/665-6289 **PINEY WOODS**
- 5—KEMAH: Beer Festival** Sample handcrafted beers and ales. Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 **GULF COAST**
- 5—LAKE JACKSON: Abner Jackson Plantation Site Tours** Learn about the sugar making process of the 1840s, how convict labor replaced slavery in the 1870s and the power of the 1900 hurricane. Jackson Plantation Site. www.lakejacksonmuseum.org 979/297-1570 **GULF COAST**
- 5—MINEOLA: Holiday Arts and Crafts Bazaar** Mineola Civic Center. www.mccrvpark.com 903/569-6115 **PINEY WOODS**
- 5—MINEOLA: Iron Horse Fall Festival and Car Show** Street festival includes food, entertainment and classic cars. Downtown. www.mineolachamber.org 903/569-2087 **PINEY WOODS**
- 5—NEEDVILLE: Prairie Heritage Day** A full day of demonstrations, hands-on activities, games and educational programs focuses on the rich heritage of the coastal tallgrass prairie. Brazos Bend State Park. 979/553-5101 **GULF COAST**
- 5—NEEDVILLE: Tunes and Tales** Spend an evening under the stars listening to bluegrass music and stories. Begins at 5 p.m. Brazos Bend State Park. 979/553-5101 **GULF COAST**
- 5—PEARLAND: Community Garage Sale** Hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bailey Campus. www.pearlandparks.com 281/412-8900 **GULF COAST**
- 5—SAN ANTONIO: First Saturdays at the Alamo** Living history demonstrations include period cooking, corn-husk doll making and weapon displays. The Alamo. www.visitsanantonio.com **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 5—SAN FELIPE: Heritage Celebration and Father of Texas Birthday** Celebrate Stephen F. Austin's birth with activities, presentations, demonstrations and re-enactments. Stephen F. Austin State Historic Site. E-mail: bryan.mcauley@thc.state.tx.us **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

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5—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Owl Prowl Learn about owls and venture outside as the tour leader tries to call in these fascinating birds to see up close. Cooper Lake State Park's South Sulphur Unit 903/945-5256 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

5—TYLER: Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration Learn the basics of the fine art of historic camp cooking with cast iron. Begins at 10 a.m. Tyler State Park. 903/597-5338 **PINEY WOODS**

5—UTOPIA: Arts and Crafts Fair Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Town square. www.utopiatexas.net 210/240-8523 **HILL COUNTRY**

5—WIMBERLEY: Market Day Lions Pavilion on R.R. 2325. www.shopmarketdays.com 512/847-2201 **HILL COUNTRY**

5-6—AUSTIN: Fun Fun Fun Fest Indie rock music festival is held at Auditorium Shores. www.funfunfunfest.com **HILL COUNTRY**

5-6—CISCO: Leon Boles Memorial Gun, Knife and Coin Show Myrtle Wilks Community Center. www.ciscochamber.com 254/442-2537 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

5-6—DENISON: Fall Fine Art Tour and Raku/Haiku Rumble Exhibits and artist demonstrations feature the Japanese ceramic process of raku, along with haiku readings, live music and more. Main Street. www.smalltownbigart.com 903/465-1551 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

5-6—GRUENE: Tour de Gruene Fall Bicycle Classic Gruene Historic District. www.tourdegruene.com 210/828-6856 **HILL COUNTRY**

5-6—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Kite Festival On the flats north of the South Padre Island Convention Centre. E-mail: guyblatnick@kiteshop.com 956/761-7028 **GULF COAST**

5-6—WINNSBORO: Fine Art Market Includes live music, children's activities, wine garden and food. Downtown, 217 Market St. www.winnsboroart.com 903/342-3438 **PINEY WOODS**

5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27—PLANTERSVILLE: Texas Renaissance Festival Enjoy performances, games of skill, arts and crafts, human-powered rides and a burst of royal fireworks at dusk. 21778 F.M. 1774. www.texrenfest.com 800/458-3435 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

5-6, 25-27—BELTON: Sami Show Marketplace Features arts, crafts and home decor. Bell County Expo Center. www.samishow.com 512/441-7133 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

5, 12—JASPER: Saturday Programs at Martin Dies Jr. State Park Programs may include presentations by naturalists on topics ranging from recreation to conservation, demonstrations and games. Begins at 3 p.m. In the park nature center. 409/384-5231 **PINEY WOODS**

5, 12, 19—LIBERTY: Liberty Opry Branson-style live show includes music and a little comedy. 1816 Sam Houston Ave. www.libertyopry.com 936/336-5830 or 877/729-9103 **PINEY WOODS**

5, 12, 19, 26—BANDERA: Cowboys on Main Features a Western display in front of the Bandera County Courthouse and strolling entertainers on Main Street. Hours are 1-4 p.m. www.frontiertimesmuseum.com 800/364-3833 **HILL COUNTRY**

5, 12, 19, 26—CEDAR PARK: Hill Country Flyer Travel to Burnet by steam train and enjoy lunch and shopping before returning. Cedar Park

Depot. www.austinsteamtrain.org 512/477-8468 **HILL COUNTRY**

5, 12, 19, 26—KARNACK: Guided Nature Hike Take a one-mile hike and learn about the native flora and fauna of Caddo Lake and East Texas. Begins at the trail head at the boat ramp at 8:30 a.m., weather permitting. Caddo Lake State Park. 903/679-3351 **PINEY WOODS**

5, 19—LAKE JACKSON: Alden B. Dow Office Tours Tour the re-created 1943 office of Alden B. Dow, where the city of Lake Jackson's buildings and winding streets were designed. Alden B. Dow Museum. www.lakejacksonmuseum.org 979/297-1570 **GULF COAST**

5, 25—TYLER: Wildland Firefighters Learn about wildland firefighters, their training and the tools they use. Begins at 3:30 p.m. Held at Tyler State Park. 903/597-5338 **PINEY WOODS**

5-Dec. 4—MESQUITE: Holiday Hues 2010 Annual exhibition features more than 20 original works by Texas Area Artist members. Mesquite Arts Center. www.mesquiteartscenter.com 972/216-8444 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

6—DALLAS: Lucia Di Lammermoor Winspear Opera House, 2304 Flora St. www.dallasopera.org 214/880-0202 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

6—PORT ISABEL: World Championship Shrimp Cook-Off Enjoy cooking competitions, food tastings, live music, arts and crafts, and kids' activities. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Old Walmart parking lot on Hwy. 100. www.portisabel.org 956/943-2262 or 956/761-6433 **GULF COAST**

6, 13, 19, 26—JASPER: Reptile Time See Sept. 4 listing for details. 409/384-5231 **PINEY WOODS**

6, 13, 20—CEDAR PARK: Bertram Flyer Steam Train Historic railroad operates vintage passenger cars on three-hour journeys from Cedar Park to Bertram and back. A short stop in Bertram offers a chance to tour the fully restored 1912 train depot. Cedar Park Depot. www.austinsteamtrain.org 512/477-8468 **HILL COUNTRY**

8—BANDERA: Cowboy Capital Opry Opry entertainment hosted by Gerry and Harriet Payne. Begins at 7 p.m. Silver Sage Corral. www.silversagecorral.org 830/796-4969 **HILL COUNTRY**

8—CORPUS CHRISTI: Sensational Sustainable Seafood A local chef offers seafood recipes and wine to bring awareness to overfishing and help people choose sustainable seafood. Texas State Aquarium. www.texasstateaquarium.org 361/881-1200 **GULF COAST**

8-13—AUSTIN: Rodgers and Hammerstein's South Pacific Bass Concert Hall. www.broadwayacrossamerica.com/austin 800/731-7469 **HILL COUNTRY**

9—DENTON: UNT College of Music Symphony Orchestra Performance Begins at 7:30 p.m. Murchison Performing Arts Center. www.thempac.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

9-13—FORT WORTH: Lone Star International Film Festival Sundance Square. www.isiff.com 817/924-6000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

10—ABILENE: ArtWalk Enjoy entertainment and special events. Hours are 5-8:30 p.m. Downtown. 325/677-8389 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

10—AUSTIN: I Art Congress Local artists are challenged to create and decorate a "cultural canvas" that embodies Austin. Hours are 6-9 p.m. Various venues. www.amoa.org **HILL COUNTRY**

- 10-12—EDNA: Texana Chili Spill and Go Texan Barbecue Cook-Off** Enjoy a weekend of food, live music and family fun. Brackenridge Main Event Center. www.brackenridgepark.com 361/782-7272 **GULF COAST**
- 10-13—AMARILLO: WRCA World Championship Ranch Rodeo** Working ranch cowboys compete. Civic Center. www.wrca.org 806/374-9722 or 806/378-3096 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 10-13—BONHAM: Kiwanis Trade Days** Fort Inghlish Park. www.visitbonham.com 903/227-4477 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 10-13—PLANO: 'Neath the Wreath Holiday Gift Market** Plano Centre www.neaththewreath.org 972/769-0557 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 11—BASTROP: Moonlight Hike** Join a naturalist on a milelong hike to call for owls, watch for bats, listen for toads and experience the park's trails after dark. Bastrop State Park. 512/237-2241 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 11—BRYAN: Rock the Republic** See emerging bands, poetry, film and art. Downtown. <http://rocktherepublic.com> **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 11—BURNET: Moonlight Hike and Owl Prowl** Meet at the amphitheater for a talk about owls and trail safety before a hike to listen for owls. Bring closed-toed shoes and a flashlight. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 11—CASTROVILLE: Fiorella Friday** Features local artisans, shopping and live music. Hours are 6–9 p.m. Fiorella, Lafayette and Paris streets. www.castroville.com 830/538-9705 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 11—CASTROVILLE: Friday Night Fever** This is a show of cars, trucks and bikes, plus food and live music. Hours are 6–10 p.m. Wommack Chevrolet, 1955 U.S. 90 E. www.castroville.com 830/931-2479 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 11—CORPUS CHRISTI: Veterans' Day Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance** USS Lexington Museum. www.ussexington.com 361/888-4873 ext. 307 **GULF COAST**
- 11—DALLAS: Meet the Museum: Where Were You on Nov. 22, 1963?** Curator Gary Mack and Associate Curator Stephen Fagin share poignant stories of people's reactions to President Kennedy's assassination in Dallas. Begins at 11:30 a.m. The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza. www.jfk.org/go/events 214/747-6660 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 11—DALLAS: Veterans' Day Parade** Dallas City Hall. www.vetsdayindallas.org/history.htm 214/670-3011 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 11—KIRBYVILLE: Veterans' Day** Speeches, music and more honor veterans. Kirbyville High School. 409/423-7500 **PINEY WOODS**
- 11—SNYDER: Hunter Appreciation Banquet** The Coliseum. E-mail: events@snyderchamber.org 325/573-1677 or 325/573-3558 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 11—SPICEWOOD: Doug Montgomery in Concert** Classical pianist performs. Advance tickets recommended. Spicewood Vineyards Event Center. www.spicewoodarts.org 512/264-2820 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 11-12—COLLEGE STATION: Worldfest** Includes performances on three stages, cultural displays, demonstrations, international cuisine, performances, children's activities, storytelling and more. Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater, 1015 Colgate

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- 11-12—DALLAS: The Warehouse Sale** Traveling fashion sample sale comes to Dallas Market Hall. www.thewarehouseale.com 214/655-6181 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 11-12—JEFFERSON: Trammel's Trace Rendezvous** This pre-1840s living history camp features demonstrations, tomahawk and knife throwing, history re-enactors, buck skiners, steam train rides, crafters and artisans. Cypress Bayou RV Park. www.trammelstrace.com 866/398-2038 **PINEY WOODS**
- 11-12—KIRBYVILLE: Community Garage Sale** Magnolia Park, U.S. 96 at Hebo Street. 409/423-6500 **PINEY WOODS**
- 11-12—QUINTANA: Creed Day** Includes a barbecue cook-off and live music. Quintana Beach County Park. www.quintana-tx.org 979/233-0848 **GULF COAST**
- 11-12—WIMBERLEY: Civic Club Home Tour** Tickets required. www.wimberley.org 512/847-2201 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 11-13—ABILENE: ABWA Christmas in November** Shop arts, crafts and gifts. Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N. Sixth St. 325/673-1142 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 11-13—ATHENS: U.S. Pony Club Show** Henderson County Fairpark Complex, 3356 Texas 31 E. 903/670-3324 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 11-13—BOWIE: Second Monday Trade Days** Friday is set-up day, but visitors are welcome to browse before the main sale days. 1415 E. Wise St. www.secondmonday.com 940/872-4861 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 11-13—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: First International SPI Fishing Tournament** Sea Ranch Marina, 33256 State Park Road. www.apescar.net 800/657-2373 **GULF COAST**
- 11-13, 18-20—HUNTSVILLE: Nonsense** J. Philip Gibbs Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, 1023 12th St. www.huntsvillecommunitytheatre.org 936/291-7933 **PINEY WOODS**
- 11-13, 25-27—STEPHENVILLE: Chicken House Flea Market** Hwy. 377, 2.5 miles west of Stephenville. E-mail: allenscrafts@directv.net 254/592-6674 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 11, 13, 18, 20—DENTON: UNT Opera with the Chamber Orchestra** Begins at 8 p.m. Murchison Performing Arts Center. www.thempac.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 11-Jan. 1—GRAPEVINE: Ice! and Snow!** Includes holiday exhibits, more than 1.5 million lights and a 52-foot rotating Christmas tree. Gaylord Texan Resort. www.gaylordtexas.com 817/778-1000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 12—ABILENE: Veterans' Day Parade** Begins at 11 a.m. Historic Downtown Abilene. 325/674-1328 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 12—ARLINGTON: Nature Walk** Begins at 2 p.m. Registration requested. River Legacy Living Science Center. www.riverlegacy.org 817/860-6752 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 12—ATHENS: Bird and Nature Walk** Look for more than 25 different species in a 9 a.m. walk around the hatchery. Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center. 903/676-2277 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 12—BASTROP: Pine Street Market Day** 700 Pine St. www.bastropbusinesswomen.com 512/303-6233 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

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12—BOERNE: Second Saturday Art and Wine Visit local fine-art galleries for wine tastings, hors d'oeuvres and guest artists. Hours are 5–8 p.m. www.secondsaturdayartandwine.com 830/249-7277 or 830/249-1500 **HILL COUNTRY**

12—BUFFALO GAP: Chautauqua Learning Series Lecture series is based on the Chautauqua movement, which brought educational programs to the rural U.S. in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Begins at 11 a.m. Buffalo Gap Historic Village. 325/572-3365 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

12—CHILDRESS: Eat Wild Enjoy wild game meals and live music. E-mail: c_commerce@att.net 940/937-2567 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

12—CLIFTON: Clifton Swirl Nine wineries invite visitors to sip, swirl and shop from 6–9 p.m. Main Street. www.cliftonswirl.com 254/675-3720 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

12—COMSTOCK: Presa Canyon Tour Seven-mile tour includes hiking in a closed area of the park to view rock art sites. Hike is extremely strenuous and takes about eight hours. Reservations required. Seminole Canyon State Park and Historic Site. 432/292-4464 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

12—EDINBURG: Market Days Downtown square. www.edinburg.com 956/383-4974 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

12—EDNA: Veterans' Day at Lake Texana State Park Activities include a nature hike at 10 a.m. and a flag retirement ceremony at 2 p.m. 361/676-6055 **GULF COAST**

12—GOLIAD: Market Day Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 231 S. Market St. www.goliadcc.org 361/645-3563 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

12—GOLIAD: Rio! Rio! Celebrate the San Antonio River and its importance to the area's history and settlers with exhibits, lectures and demonstrations of old-world skills that reveal how water shapes life in the region. Goliad State Park. 361/645-3405 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**

12—GRAPELAND: Mission and Log Home Tour Take a tour covering early settlements and the construction of these structures. Begins at 2 p.m. Mission Tejas State Park. 936/687-2394 **PINEY WOODS**

12—HENDERSON: Heritage Syrup Festival Includes ribbon-cane syrup making, artist demos, entertainment, historic tours, antique car and tractor display, kids' activities and a CASI chili cook-off. Downtown and Depot Museum. <http://visithendersontx.com> 866/650-5529 **PINEY WOODS**

12—HOUSTON: Boat Rides on the Buffalo Bayou The Buffalo Bayou Partnership offers 30-minute tours of the bayou on a pontoon boat. Sabine Promenade, 150 Sabine St. www.buffalobayou.org 713/752-0314 **GULF COAST**

12—HUNTSVILLE: Huntsville Hammer Adventure Race Includes a sprint race and a 12-hour race with biking, lake paddling and trekking. Huntsville State Park. www.texasadventure.com 936/295-5644 **PINEY WOODS**

12—KIRBYVILLE: Texas Country Music Show Enjoy gospel and country music. Palace Theater. 409/423-3319 **PINEY WOODS**

12—LLANO: Llano Country Opry with Stephen Pride Lantex Theater. www.hillbillyhits.com 325/247-5354 **HILL COUNTRY**

12—MARBLE FALLS: Market Day Charlie Taylor Rodeo Arena, 3053 U.S. 28. www.marblefalls.org 830/693-2815 **HILL COUNTRY**

12—MCKINNEY: Second Saturday on the Downtown Square Includes live music, art demonstrations, art gallery exhibit openings and meet-the-artist receptions. Hours are 7–10 p.m. Downtown square. www.downtownmckinney.com 972/547-2660 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

12—MESQUITE: Florence Ranch Homestead Tours Tour an early settler's homestead. Hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., or available by appointment. 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. www.cityofmesquite.com 972/613-7547 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

12—MOUNT VERNON: Mount Vernon Music's "Rise of the Machines" Concert pays tribute to the introduction of electric strings to the classical music scene. Begins at 7:30 p.m. 402 Leftwich St. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

12—NACOGDOCHES: Tour de Nac Cycling event begins and ends in downtown Nacogdoches, 200 E. Main St. www.nineflagsfestival.com 888/653-3788 **PINEY WOODS**

12—PEARLAND: Kid Fish Fest Event for children ages 3 to 16 includes casting contests, angler education and demonstrations. Poles are provided while supplies last. Bass Pro Shop. www.pearlandparks.com 281/412-8900 **GULF COAST**

12—QUITAKE: Trail Ride Take a guided horseback ride with a park ranger and learn about the history of the park while taking in the scenery of the canyonlands. Bring a horse or rent one at the Quitaque Riding Stables. Held weather permitting—call ahead. Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway. 806/455-1492 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

12—ROUND TOP: The Singing Cadets of Texas A&M University Begins at 3 p.m. Round Top Festival Institute. www.festivalhill.org 979/249-3129 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

12—SAN ANGELO: Adult Birding Adventure Guided birding tour begins at the South Shore Gatehouse at 9 a.m. Bring binoculars. San Angelo State Park, 3900 Mercedes Road. 325/947-2687 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

12—SAN MARCOS: Commemorative Air Force Dinner and Hangar Dance Enjoy dinner, dancing to '40s Big Band music and a silent auction in a vintage hangar. Centex Hangar at the San Marcos Airport. E-mail: alisonender@grandecom.net 512/396-0765 **HILL COUNTRY**

12—SAN MARCOS: Veterans' Day Celebration and Parade Begins at 10 a.m. Downtown, courthouse square. www.toursanmarcos.com 512/393-8420 **HILL COUNTRY**

12—SANTA FE: Santa Fe Rail Riders Bike Ride Cyclists of all ages and levels welcome. Santa Fe High School. www.santafetexaschamber.com 409/925-2558 **GULF COAST**

12—SMITHVILLE: Airing of the Quilts Quilts on display, with some for sale. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Downtown, 219 Main St. www.smithville.tx.org 512/237-2323 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

12—SONORA: Sutton County Game Dinner Sutton County Civic Center. www.sonorataxchamber.com 325/387-2880 or 888/387-2880 **HILL COUNTRY**

12—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Dutch-Oven Cooking Learn the basics of camp Dutch-oven cooking using charcoal, then sample the grub. Begins at 9:30 a.m. Cooper Lake State Park's South Sulphur Unit. **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

- 12—THE COLONY: American Heroes Festival** Celebrate Veterans' Day with fireworks, a fun run/walk, car/bike/truck show, family entertainment, live music and more. The Colony Five Star Sports Complex. www.saluteamericanheroes.com 877/264-4386 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 12—TYLER: Knotty Time for Kids** Learn about some basic camp knots. Begins at 11 a.m. Tyler State Park. 903/597-5338 **PINEY WOODS**
- 12—VICTORIA: Master Silhouette Artist Cindi Harwood Rose** See the artist at work. Appointment required to have portraits made. Children's Discovery Museum. www.silhouettesbycindi.com 361/485-9140 **GULF COAST**
- 12—WACO: The Great Zoo Stampede** Family fun includes 10K, 5K and 1-mile certified courses. Cameron Park Zoo. www.cameronparkzoo.com 254/750-8415 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 12—WACO: Wildlife Wonderland** Watch enrichment programs for zoo residents and learn how they help keep the animals healthy. Cameron Park Zoo. www.cameronparkzoo.com 254/750-8415 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 12—WASHINGTON: Hearth Cooking School** Learn to cook over an open hearth. Reservations required by Nov. 4. Barrington Living History Farm. 979/277-6533 ext. 246 or 936/878-2213 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 12—WAXAHACHIE: Veterans' Weekend and WWII Re-enactment** Downtown and at the Ellis County Veterans Memorial. 972/937-2390 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 12-13—BOERNE: Market Days** Main Plaza. www.boernemarketdays.com 830/249-5530 or 210/844-8193 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 12-13—DALLAS: Buchanan's Show** Features antiques and collectibles. Dallas Market Hall. www.buchananmarkets.com/Dallas.html 214/655-6181 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 12-13—FREDERICKSBURG: Fall Antiques Show** Gillespie County Fairgrounds. www.texasantiqueshows.com 830/995-3670 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 12-13—GALVESTON: The Wizard of Oz** The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894 or 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**
- 12-13—HOUSTON: Texas Championship Native American Powwow** Enjoy colorful tribal dance contests, tribal dress, tipi village and more. Traders Village Houston. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500 **GULF COAST**
- 12-13—THE WOODLANDS: Children's Festival** Offers music, dance, puppetry, theater, games, hands-on activities and more. Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. www.woodlandscenter.org 281/363-3300 **PINEY WOODS**
- 12, 19—MOUNT VERNON: Lonestar Barrel Racing Association Competition** Franklin County Sheriff's Posse Arena. www.lsbra.weebly.com 903/563-0629 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 12, 26—GOLIAD: Shady Oaks Speedway Races** Races begin at 7 p.m. Shady Oaks Speedway. www.shadyoaksspeedway.com 361/645-3563 **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 12-Dec. 10—NACOGDOCHES: Nine Flags Festival** Relive the city's history and honor its three rebellion flags during the 15th-annual Nine Flags Festival. Also includes holiday festivities. www.nineflagsfestival.com **PINEY WOODS**
- 13—COMSTOCK: Upper Seminole Canyon Tour** Strenuous four-hour hike ventures into a

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- 13—GRUENE: Gospel Brunch with a Texas Twist** Serves up awe-inspiring gospel music and a mouth-watering buffet. Advance tickets recommended. Gruene Hall. www.gruenehall.com 830/629-5077 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 13—SAN ANTONIO: Rock 'n' Roll Marathon and Half-Marathon** See more than 70 musical acts and historic missions along the route. Begins at Lion's Field and ends at the Alamodome. <http://runrocknroll.competitor.com/san-antonio> **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 13—SHINER: Home for the Holidays Homes Tour** Docents lead tours of historical homes and buildings in the area. www.shiner-oldtown.org **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 13-Feb. 12—DALLAS: The Fashion World of Jean Paul Gaultier: From the Side-walk to the Catwalk** Includes 120 haute couture dresses and ready-to-wear pieces made between 1976 and 2011. Dallas Museum of Art. www.dallasmuseumofart.org/View/Gaultier/index.htm 214/922-1200 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 14—DENTON: UNT College of Music Brass Band** Murchison Performing Arts Center. www.thempac.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 15—CANADIAN: Chamber Music Amarillo Concert** Texas Crown Performance Hall. 806/323-6234 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 15—DENTON: UNT College of Music A Capella Choir** Begins at 8 p.m. Murchison Performing Arts Center, 2100 N. Interstate 35 E. www.thempac.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 15-Feb. 28—ABILENE: Ed Young: The Picture Within a Picture** Exhibit features works by Caldecott Medal-winning author and illustrator Ed Young. National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature. www.nccil.org 325/673-4586 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 16—DENTON: UNT College of Music Men's and Women's Chorus** Begins at 8 p.m. Murchison Performing Arts Center. www.thempac.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 16-19—DALLAS: Chi Omega Christmas Market** Features more than 165 merchants. Dallas Convention Center. www.chiomegaxmas.org 214/939-2700 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 17—AMARILLO: Third Thursdays at the Amarillo Museum of Art** Enjoy films, art activities, live music and gallery tours from 6:30-9 p.m. 2200 S. Van Buren. www.amarilloart.org 806/371-5050 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 17—DENTON: Beaujolais and More Wine and Food Tasting** Enjoy Beaujolais Nouveau from France and sample local cuisine. Denton Civic Center. 940/382-1915 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 17—DENTON: UNT College of Music Chamber Choir** Murchison Performing Arts Center, 2100 N. Interstate 35 E. www.thempac.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 17—KILGORE: Christmas in the Oil Patch** Enjoy the lighting of the oil derricks and live entertainment. World's Richest Acre Park. www.khpf.org 903/984-1333 **PINEY WOODS**
- 17-19—NACOGDOCHES: Holiday in the Pines** Find unique holiday gifts at this annual shopping extravaganza. VIP shopping is from 9-11 a.m. Friday. Hotel Fredonia. www.nacjforum.org 936/569-3243 **PINEY WOODS**

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18—MAGNOLIA: Harvest Fest Includes live music, art and wine tastings. Begins at 6 p.m. F.M. 1488 at F.M. 1774. www.cityofmagnolia.com 281/356-2266 **PINEY WOODS**

18-19—ALPINE: Art Walk See art exhibits at more than 20 galleries, an art car parade, live music and other festivities. www.artwalkalpine.com 432/837-3067 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

18-19—CLEBURNE: Pioneer Days Features a Civil War re-enactment camp, mock gun fights, re-created blacksmith shop, rides in horse-drawn wagons and more. Chisholm Trail Outdoor Museum. www.cleburnechamber.com 817/648-1486 or 817/645-2455 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

18-19—EDNA: API Oilman's Invitational Team Roping and Barbecue Cook-Off Brackenridge Main Event Center, 284 Brackenridge Parkway. 361/782-7272 **GULF COAST**

18-19—LAKE JACKSON: Festival of Lights Kick off the holidays with a carnival, games, parade, Santa and more. Lake Jackson Civic Center and Plaza. 979/297-4533 **GULF COAST**

18-19—WINNSBORO: Third Friday Arts Festival The Depot, 100 E. Broadway (at Hwys. 11 and 37). 903/850-1662 **PINEY WOODS**

18-19, 24-26—CLEBURNE: Annie Presented by the Plaza Theatre Company. 111 S. Main. www.plaza-theatre.com 817/202-0600 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

18-19, 25-26—WICHITA FALLS: ElectricCritters Lighted trail features more than 100 lighted critters and electrifying sound effects, a campfire, holiday treats, storytellers and Santa. River Bend Nature Center. www.riverbendnaturecenter.org 940/767-0843 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

18-20—ABILENE: The Nutcracker Paramount Theatre. 325/675-0303 or 325/676-9609 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

18-20—FORT WORTH: Rachmaninoff Symphony No. 2 The Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra performs. Bass Performance Hall, 525 Commerce St. www.fwsymphony.org 817/665-6000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

18-20—JASPER: Lakes Area Cruisers Rod Run and Car Show Features more than 200 vintage automobiles. Ramada Inn of Jasper. www.lakesareacruisers.com **PINEY WOODS**

18-20—MCKINNEY: Third Monday Trade Days Features more than 900 vendors. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 4550 W. University. www.tmtcd.com 972/562-5466 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

18-20, 25-27—WIMBERLEY: She Loves Me Georg and Amalia, two feuding clerks in a parfumerie, find solace in their anonymous romantic pen pals, not knowing they are writing to each other. Wimberley Playhouse www.wimberleyplayers.org 512/847-0575 **HILL COUNTRY**

18-Dec. 22—DALLAS: Madeline's Christmas Presented by the Dallas Children's Theater. Rosewood Center for Family Arts. www.dct.org 214/740-0051 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

18-Dec. 22—DALLAS: The Nutcracker Tchaikovsky's holiday masterpiece magically brought to life with dazzling puppetry. Rosewood Center for Family Arts, 5938 Skillman St. www.dct.org 214/740-0051 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

18-Jan. 1—MARBLE FALLS: Christmas Light-Up Parade and Walkway of Lights Parade on Nov. 18 brings holiday cheer and heralds the annual illumination of the Walkway of Lights. More than 1 million lights turn Lakeside Park into a holiday wonderland each evening, with Santa on the weekends. www.marblefalls.org 800/759-8178 or 830/693-2815 **HILL COUNTRY**

19—ABILENE: Pinkalicious, the Musical Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N. Sixth St. 212/579-0528 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

19—ABILENE: Storybook Ball Step into the magical world of children's books. National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature, 102 Cedar St. 325/673-4586 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

19—BELTON: Market Days Downtown, Central Avenue at Penelope. www.downtownbelton.com 254/939-2661 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

19—BLANCO: Market Day County Courthouse, 300 Main St. www.historicblanco.org/market_day.htm 830/833-2211 **HILL COUNTRY**

19—BROWNSVILLE: Memorial Illumination Candles are lit to honor U.S. and Mexican veterans of 1846 battles near the Rio Grande. Also visit an 1840s military camp by candlelight and see living-history demonstrations. Begins at sunset. Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Park. www.nps.gov/paal 956/541-2785 ext. 333 **GULF COAST**

19—CANADIAN: Christmas in Canadian Enjoy arts and crafts, visits with Santa and more. Jones Pavilion. www.canadiantx.com 806/323-6234 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

19—CROCKETT: Christmas in Crockett Features arts and crafts vendors, car show and more. Downtown Crockett. www.crockettareachamber.org 936/544-2359 **PINEY WOODS**

19—DALLAS: Celebrity Mystery Theater Who did it? It could be Marilyn Monroe, Cher, Elvis Presley, Elizabeth Taylor . . . or was it you? Reservations required. Spaghetti Warehouse-West End. www.celebritymysterytheater.com 214/651-8475 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

19—DALLAS: Garden Walk: Seed Hunt Take a tour of the winter garden to discover how different seeds look and why they're important to wildlife. For ages 8 and older. Texas Discovery Gardens. www.texasdiscoverygardens.org 214/428-7476 ext. 240 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

19—DALLAS: Pilobolus Inventive dance group performs. Winspear Opera House. www.attpac.org 214/880-0202 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

19—EDEN: Camouflage Cotillion Hunters' appreciation dinner and dance includes gun raffles and more. Eden Fire Hall. www.edentexas.com 325/869-3336 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

19—EL PASO: Birding Tour Observe some of the more than 200 species of birds that visit the site, with a guide to help identify them. Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site. 915/857-1135 or 915/849-6684 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

19—ELGIN: Market Day Veterans Park. www.elginmarketonmain.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

19—FORT STOCKTON: Women's Division Art and Craft Fair Pecos County Civic Center. 432/336-3804 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

- 19—GALVESTON: Rodgers and Hammerstein's South Pacific** Begins at 8 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**
- 19—GLEN ROSE: Meander Trail** Arts-and-crafts event features tours, fossil finding, jewelry making and soap making. Downtown. 817/357-6205 or 254/897-7772 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 19—GRAPELAND: Knot Tying** Learn knot tying techniques and uses. Mission Tejas State Park. 936/687-2394 **PINEY WOODS**
- 19—HALLETTSVILLE: Market Days** Knights of Columbus Hall. www.hallettsvillemarketdays.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 19—HOUSTON: Houston Championship Chili Cook-Off** Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500 **GULF COAST**
- 19—JASPER: Paddling the Forks: Guided Canoe Trip** Start at historic Bevilport and paddle down the Angelina River. Some paddling experience required. Reservations required. Martin Dies Jr. State Park. 409/384-5231 **PINEY WOODS**
- 19—KEMAH: Beat the Heat** See police dragsters and other high-powered racecars on display. Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 **GULF COAST**
- 19—KINGSVILLE: Ranch Hand Breakfast** The famous King Ranch hosts a cowboy breakfast with music, storytelling and demonstrations of cowboy life. King Ranch. E-mail: tourism@kingsvilletexas.com 361/592-8516 **GULF COAST**
- 19—KINGSVILLE: Symphony Orchestra Concert** Jones Auditorium. <http://kingsville-symphony.org> 361/593-2804 **GULF COAST**
- 19—LA PORTE: Hard-Hat Tour of the Battleship Texas** Take a 3.5-hour guided tour of areas rarely seen by the public. Reservations required. Battleship Texas State Historic Site. 281/479-2431 ext. 234 **GULF COAST**
- 19—LAKE JACKSON: Bird Banding** The public is invited to join workers collecting data on bird populations at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. www.gcbo.org 979/480-0999 **GULF COAST**
- 19—LUFKIN: Deep East Texas Rasslin'** This is a family-oriented and kid-friendly wrestling event. Lufkin Pitser Garrison Civic Center. 936/404-9746 **PINEY WOODS**
- 19—MARBLE FALLS: Marble Falls Opry with Fiddlin' Frenchy Burke** Uptown Theater. 830/693-9996 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 19—MESQUITE: Mesquite Symphony Orchestra Concert** Begins at 7:30 p.m. Mesquite Arts Center. www.mesquitesymphony.org 972/216-8127 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 19—MONTGOMERY: Feeding the Frontier Festival** Features chuck wagons, pioneer cooking, Western art, roping, live music, reenactments, shoot-outs, chili tasting and more. Fernland Historical Park www.montgomerycountryfoodbank.com 936/539-6686 **PINEY WOODS**
- 19—SOUR LAKE: Lions Club Market Days** Lions Park. 409/790-0587 **PINEY WOODS**
- 19—STRAWN: Third Saturday Jamboree** Features live country and bluegrass music. Civic Center. www.strawntx.com 254/672-5622 or 254/631-9223 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 19—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Trees in the Park** Learn a little about some of the vegetation and trees around Cooper Lake. Honey Creek Amphitheater, Cooper Lake State Park's South Sulphur Unit. 903/945-5256 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**



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- 19—TOMBALL: Holiday Parade** Begins at 10 a.m. F.M. 2920. www.tomballchamber.org 281/351-7222 **GULF COAST**
- 19—VICTORIA: Market Day** Riverside Park. www.victoriatx.org 361/485-3200 **GULF COAST**
- 19—WACO: Central Texas Turkey Trot** Includes a 5K run and 1K fun run/walk, and a costume contest. Cameron Park. <http://altrusa-wacotexas.com/trot/index.htm> 254/756-5182 or 254/299-8096 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 19—WICHITA FALLS: Downtown City Lights Festival and Parade** Enjoy live music, carriage rides, games, food and a Christmas parade. Eighth and Ohio streets. www.downtownproud.com 940/322-4525 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 19-20—BRENHAM: Holiday Home Tour and Trunk Show** Heritage Belles in period dress guide guests through historic homes decorated for the holidays. Giddings Stone Mansion, 2203 Century Circle. www.mansion-brenham.com 979/836-1690 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 19-20—BRENHAM: Poinsettia Celebration** Find a variety of poinsettias and enjoy seminars, plants and entertainment. Ellison's Greenhouses. www.ellisonsgreenhouses.com 979/836-6011 or 888/273-6426 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 19-20—CISCO: Holiday Market** Myrtle Wilks Community Center. www.ciscochamber.com 254/442-2537 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 19-20—COLORADO CITY: Railhead Trade Days** Railhead Building, 150 E. First St. www.coloradocitychamberofcommerce.com 325/728-3403 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 19-20—COMSTOCK: Overnight Camping in Presa Canyon** Take a guided backcountry hike to view 4,000-year-old rock art in an area normally closed to the public. Must be fit for a very strenuous hike, have backcountry camping experience, equipment and provisions. Reservations required. Seminole Canyon State Park and Historic Site. 432/292-4464 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 19-20—EL PASO: Las Artistas Art and Fine Crafts Show and Sale** 1340 Murchison Drive. www.lasartistas.org **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 19-20—HOUSTON: Via Colori Street Painting Festival** Artists cover the pavement in downtown Houston with art. Sam Houston Park. www.houstonviacolori.com **GULF COAST**
- 19-20—MESQUITE: Dallas Gem and Mineral Society Show** Mesquite Exhibit Hall, 1800 Rodeo Drive. www.dallasgemandmineral.org 972/278-4845 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 19-20—PLANO: Christmas Crafts Fair** Plano Centre. www.planoparks.org 972/941-7250 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 19-20—ROUND ROCK: Sami Show Marketplace** Features arts, crafts and home decor. Dell Diamond. www.samishow.com 512/441-7133 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 19, 26—TYLER: Let's Go birding! and Birding 101** Go on a guided hike to observe birds at 8 a.m. Beginners can learn to identify birds by sight, sound and setting on a 10:30 a.m. hike. Tyler State Park. 903/597-5338 **PINEY WOODS**
- 19-Dec. 31—DALLAS: Ornament Extraganza** Features glass ornaments from artists nationwide. Kittrell/Riffkind Art Glass. www.kittrellriffkind.com 888/865-2228 or 972/239-7957 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

- 20—GROVES: Christmas Tree Trail to Groves** Enjoy a Sunday afternoon tour and Christmas shopping. Downtown. www.grovescofc.com 409/962-3631 **GULF COAST**
- 20—MCKINNEY: Living History Day** Chestnut Square Historic Village. www.chestnutsquare.org 972/562-8790 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 20—PRESIDIO: Annual Writers' Encounter** Meet and greet authors and experts on the 1910 Mexican Revolution and the Battle of Ojinaga, and enjoy an evening of Mexican culture, food and merriment. Fort Leaton State Historic Site. 432/229-3613 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 20—SAN ELIZARIO: Mission Trail Art Market** Veterans Memorial Plaza. www.missiontrailartmarket.com 915/594-8424 or 915/790-0061 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**
- 21—CEDAR PARK: Youth Annual Scholarship Benefit Golf Tournament** Twin Creeks Country Club. www.cedarparkfun.com 512/401-5500 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 21—DENTON: UNT College of Music Baroque Chamber Music** Voertman Hall, 415 Avenue C. E-mail: music.information@unt.edu **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 21-28—CORPUS CHRISTI: The Nutcracker** Selena Auditorium. www.americanbankcenter.com 361/826-4700 **GULF COAST**
- 21-Dec. 31—CLEBURNE: Whistle-Stop Christmas** More than 3 million lights shine in Hulen Park, 900 Hillsboro. www.cleburnechamber.com 817/645-2455 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 21-Jan. 1—BROWNSVILLE: Holiday Village** Lighted, playhouse-sized cottages feature decorative holiday themes viewed through the cottage windows. Dean Porter Park. www.holidayvillage.cob.us 956/546-2646 **GULF COAST**
- 22—DEER PARK: Turkey Shoot** Compete in archery and riflery for a Thanksgiving turkey. Jimmy Burke Activity Center. www.deerparktx.gov/recreation 281/478-2050 **GULF COAST**
- 22—DENTON: UNT College of Music One O'Clock Lab Band** Begins at 8 p.m. Murchison Performing Arts Center, 2100 N. Interstate 35 E. www.thempac.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 22—VICTORIA: Crossroads Country Opry** Jaycee Hall, 2905 E. North St. http://crossroadscountryopry.com **GULF COAST**
- 22—WHARTON: Holiday Parade and Official Lighting Ceremony** Enjoy the lighted parade and other festivities starting at 6 p.m. Monterey Square. www.whartonchamber.com 979/532-1862 **GULF COAST**
- 24—ATHENS: Turkey Trot 5K Run** Get a good morning's run in before filling up with Thanksgiving's bounty. Cain Center, 915 S. Palestine. 903/677-2001 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 24-26—JEFFERSON: Rail of Lights Christmas Train** Take a ride on an old-fashioned steam train to sing holiday tunes and see lights along the Big Cypress Bayou. Historic Jefferson Railway. www.railoflights.com 866/398-2038 or 903/665-3733 **PINEY WOODS**
- 24-Dec. 31—GRAND PRAIRIE: Prairie Lights Drive-Through Holiday Light Display** Lynn Creek Park. www.prairielights.org 972/237-GLOW **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 24-Jan. 1—COLLEGE STATION: Santa's Wonderland: A Texas Christmas** Enjoy hayrides, horse and carriage tours and more. 18898 Hwy. 6 S. www.santas-wonderland.com 979/690-7212 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25—CHILDRESS: Christmas Festival** Enjoy lighted holiday displays, visits with Santa, train rides and hayrides. Fair Park. www.childresstexas.net 940/937-2567 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 25—FORT WORTH: Parade of Lights** Illuminated holiday parade culminates in the lighting of Fort Worth's downtown Christmas tree. Sundance Square. www.sundancesquare.com 817/255-5700 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25—GALVESTON: Hotel Galvez Annual Holiday Lighting Celebration** Features Santa, holiday entertainment and a 35-foot Christmas tree. Hotel Galvez. www.galveston.com/galvez 409/765-7721 **GULF COAST**
- 25—SAN ANTONIO: Ford Holiday River Parade and Lighting Ceremony** The switch is thrown, and about 150,000 lights twinkle above the River Walk as a one-hour parade of river floats passes through. Begins at 7 p.m. www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com **SOUTH TEXAS PLAINS**
- 25—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Lighting of the Island** Join Santa Claus for the official lighting of the island, along with refreshments and Christmas carols. Begins at 6 p.m. South Padre Island Visitors Center. 956/761-6433 **GULF COAST**
- 25—WIMBERLEY: Town Christmas Lighting** Santa travels from the fire station to the park on Old Kyle Road, lighting the route as he goes, before visiting with children. www.wimberley.org 512/847-0025 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 25-26—BASTROP: Harvest Arts Fest** Find handmade items by local artists and fresh produce from local farmers. 1308 Chestnut St. www.bastropafta.com/art-fest **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25-26—KERRVILLE: Kerr County Market Day** 700 Main St. www.kerrmarkadays.org 830/895-7962 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 25-26—MESQUITE: Mesquite Pro Rodeo** Resistol Arena. www.mesquiteprorodeo.com 972/285-8777 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25-26—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: SPI Invitational Basketball Tournament** Final two rounds played at the South Padre Island Convention Centre. www.sopadre.com 888/774-8587 or 956/761-6433 **GULF COAST**
- 25-26—UVALDE: City of Lights and Holiday Arts and Crafts** Includes a night parade with Santa and shopping for arts and crafts. Downtown plaza, U.S. 90 at U.S. 83. www.uvalde.org 830/278-3361 **HILL COUNTRY**
- 25-26—WICHITA FALLS: Fantasy of Lights Basketball Tournament** Midwestern State University, 3410 Taft Blvd. www.fantasyoflights.org 940/867-2828 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 25-27—ATHENS: Turkey Trot Horse Show** Henderson County Fair Park, 3356 Texas 31 E. 903/670-3324 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25-27—FAIRFIELD: Trade Days** Moody Reunion Fairgrounds. www.fairfieldtexas.com 903/389-2816 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25-27—FORT WORTH: Home for the Holidays** Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra tradition features Christmas carols and Santa. Bass Performance Hall. www.fwsymphony.org 817/665-6000 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25-27—GRAPEVINE: North Pole Express** Enjoy carols, stories and an enchanting encounter with Santa Claus on a 30-minute holiday-themed train ride. Cotton Belt Depot. www.grapevinetexasusa.com 800/457-6338 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25-27—LUFKIN: Fall Spectacular Ranch Gelding Competition and Sale** George H. Henderson, Jr. Exposition Center, 1200 Ellen Trout Drive. 936/637-3976 **PINEY WOODS**
- 25-27—MCKINNEY: Dickens of a Christmas** Step back in time to the Victorian era for a Christmas celebration with horse-drawn carriage and train rides, strolling carolers, Santa Claus, music and dance performances, and a performance of *A Christmas Carol* by the McKinney Repertory Theater. Downtown. www.downtownmckinney.com 972/547-2660 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25-27—WACO: Homestead Craft and Children's Fair** Includes hands-on projects, live music, hayrides and demonstrations of crafts and homesteading skills such as woodworking, blacksmithing, butter and cheese making, timber framing and more. Homestead at Brazos de Dios, on Halbert Lane. www.homesteadheritage.com 254/754-9600 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25-27—WAXAHACHIE: Candlelight Christmas Home Tour** Historic downtown. 972/937-2390 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25-Dec. 4—ATHENS: Festival of Trees** Cain Park. 903/677-2001 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25-Jan. 1—BASTROP: River of Lights** Take a nighttime stroll on the Colorado River river walk to enjoy 120 lighted seasonal displays and music. www.lostpineschristmasbastrop.com 512/303-0558 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 25-Jan. 1—JOHNSON CITY: Lights Spectacular, Hill Country Style** The lighting of the Blanco County Courthouse begins with Santa's arrival at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 25. Includes fireworks, the Chuck Wagon Food Court, live music, hayrides and carriage rides. Enjoy light displays for the rest of the season at the Courthouse, PEC headquarters on Avenue F and other locations. Downtown. www.johnsoncitytexas.com **HILL COUNTRY**
- 25-Jan. 3—LUFKIN: Festival of Trees** The halls of the museum are transformed into a Winter Wonderland with a variety of decorated trees. Museum of East Texas, 503 N. Second St. www.metlufkin.org 936/639-4434 **PINEY WOODS**
- 25-Jan. 8—FRISCO: Christmas in the Square** Features one of the largest choreographed holiday light-and-music shows in Texas. Also enjoy train rides, hot air balloons, Santa, a snow slide, Christmas marketplace and carriage rides. Frisco Square. www.friscosquare.com/events 469/633-1721 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 26—ALBANY: Old-Time Christmas Parade** Parade begins at dusk. Downtown. www.albanytexas.org 325/762-2525 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 26—ANDERSON: Twilight Firelight at Fanthorp Inn** Ride the replica stagecoach, tour the 1850s inn, listen to the Star of the Republic Dulcimers and enjoy the cowboy poetry of Kenny Lewis. Hours are 3-7 p.m. Fanthorp Inn State Historic Site. www.birthplaceoftexas.com 936/873-2633 or 936/878-2214 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**
- 26—BALLINGER: Christmas in Olde Ballinger** Includes parade, arts and crafts booths, and food vendors. Eighth Street. www.ballinger.tx.org 325/365-2333 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**
- 26—BURNET: Walk Off That Turkey** Participate in activities that take groups from one destination to another like a relay, with a prize at the end. Meet at the park store. Begins at 10 a.m. Inks Lake State Park. 512/793-2223 **HILL COUNTRY**

26—COLDSPRING: Lighting of the Town
Enjoy music, shopping, the town lighting, stroll and wassail. Courthouse square. www.sanjacintocountytourism.org 713/628-2402 **PINEY WOODS**

26—COLDSPRING: Trade Day Vendors from all over Texas offer arts and crafts, antiques, collectibles and other items. Courthouse square. 936/653-2009 **PINEY WOODS**

26—GALVESTON: ArtWalk Galleries, the Grand 1894 Opera House, restaurants and other businesses host exhibits, tours and entertainment. Hours are 6–9 p.m. Historic district. www.galveston.com/galvestonartscenter **GULF COAST**

26—GALVESTON: Marilyn Maye and Gregg Edelman: Broadway Their Way Singer and entertainer Maye joins movie, television and theater actor Edelman in this musical treat. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**

26—GOLDTHWAITE: Hunters' Appreciation Wild Game Supper Includes dinner, samples of exotic meats, raffles and more. Mills County Civic Center. www.goldthwaite.biz 325/648-3619 **HILL COUNTRY**

26—HALLETTSVILLE: Festival of Lights Includes a lighted Christmas parade, lighting of the courthouse and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Courthouse square. www.hallettsville.com **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

26—JASPER: Cowboy Campfire Ride a stick horse in a barrel race, shoot a pop gun, rope a wild steer, join a cowboy sing-along and listen to cowboy poetry. Hours are 2–4 p.m. Martin Dies, Jr. State Park. 409/384-5231 **PINEY WOODS**

26—KEMAH: Nutcracker Vignette The Bay Area Houston Ballet Theatre performs a short version of this holiday story. Kemah Boardwalk. www.bahbt.org 281/334-9880 **GULF COAST**

26—KILGORE: Mingle and Jingle Enjoy an art walk, shopping and food downtown. www.downtownkilgore.com 903/988-4117 **PINEY WOODS**

26—KIRBYVILLE: Christmas in the Park Enjoy all-day entertainment, craft and food booths, Santa House and kiddie train rides. Magnolia Park. 409/423-3319 **PINEY WOODS**

26—LEAKEY: Christmas Bazaar Enjoy arts and crafts for sale, food vendors and Santa Claus. Courthouse Square on U.S. 83. www.friocanyon.com 830/232-5222 **HILL COUNTRY**

26—LEXINGTON: Christmas Bazaar American Legion Building on South Rockdale Street. 979/773-4620 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

26—LULING: Christmas Arts and Crafts Show 305 W. Davis St. www.lulingcc.org 830/875-3214 ext. 1 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

26—NACOGDOCHES: Wassail Festival Stroll the brick streets and visit the historic district as downtown merchants compete to see who can brew up the best wassail in town. www.nineflagsfestival.com 888/653-3788 **PINEY WOODS**

26—QUITAQUE: Dutch Oven Thanksgiving Celebrate Thanksgiving the old-fashioned way, with biscuits and cobbler prepared during this Dutch oven cooking demonstration. Begins at 1:30 p.m. Caprock Canyons State Park and Trailway. 806/455-1492 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

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26—STONEWALL: Holiday Cookie Decorating and German Traditions Observe and learn 1900s German holiday activities such as cookie decorating, wreath making, tree decorating and more. Guides discuss German holiday traditions such as the legend of St. Nick, and the special "pickle" ornament. Sauer-Beckmann Living History Farm at LBJ State Park and Historic Site. 830/644-2252 ext. 222 **HILL COUNTRY**

26—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Birding in the Park Find out about the birds in the area, what is needed to watch birds and how they can be encouraged to hang around your home. Begins at 9 a.m. Cooper Lake State Park's South Sulphur Unit. 903/945-5256 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

26—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Christmas in the Park An outdoor museum of historic buildings is beautifully decorated for Christmas. Heritage Park. www.visitsulphurspringstx.org 888/300-6623 or 903/885-2387 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

26—SULPHUR SPRINGS: Geocaching 101 Get started in this popular activity with information about looking for the geocache sites as well as how to hide caches for others. Begins at 2:30 p.m. Cooper Lake State Park's South Sulphur Unit. 903/945-5256 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

26-27—ODESSA: 'Tis Christmas Holiday Festival Ector County Coliseum, Building G. 806/293-1057 **BIG BEND COUNTRY**

26-Jan. 1—CHILDRESS: Festival of Lights Features more than 100 lighted Christmas displays. Fair Park. www.childrestexas.net 940/937-2567 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

29—ABILENE: City Sidewalks Shops, galleries and museums open their doors for a night of holiday cheer, including a Christmas Lights Parade at 6:30 p.m., tree lighting at 7:30 p.m., reindeer run and entertainment. Downtown Abilene. 325/676-2556 or 325/677-2281 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

29—KILGORE: Annual Christmas Parade Annual nighttime parade features more than 100 floats. Downtown Kilgore. www.kilgorechamber.com 903/984-5022 **PINEY WOODS**

29—LIBERTY: Country Christmas Night parade begins at 6 p.m. Enjoy wagon rides, pictures with Santa at the gazebo, musical entertainment, snow field for younger children, and more. Downtown square. www.libertydaytonchamber.com 936/336-5736 **PINEY WOODS**

29-30—COLLEGE STATION: A Tuna Christmas Rudder Theater at Texas A&M University. 979/845-1661 **PRAIRIES AND LAKES**

29-Dec. 9—WICHITA FALLS: Santa House Enjoy an early 20th-century Christmas in the historic Kell House with a tour, storytelling, making cookies with Mrs. Claus, making ornaments to take home and visiting with Santa. Reservations encouraged. 900 Bluff St. www.wichita-heritage.org 940/723-2712 **PANHANDLE PLAINS**

30—GALVESTON: Treasured Stories by Eric Carle Part of the Kempner Children's Series. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894 or 800/821-1894 **GULF COAST**

30-Dec. 3—SAN MARCOS: Sights and Sounds of Christmas Enjoy live music, arts and crafts vendors, carnival rides, and visits with Santa amid thousands of twinkling lights. San Marcos Plaza Park. www.sights-n-sounds.org 512/393-5930 **HILL COUNTRY**

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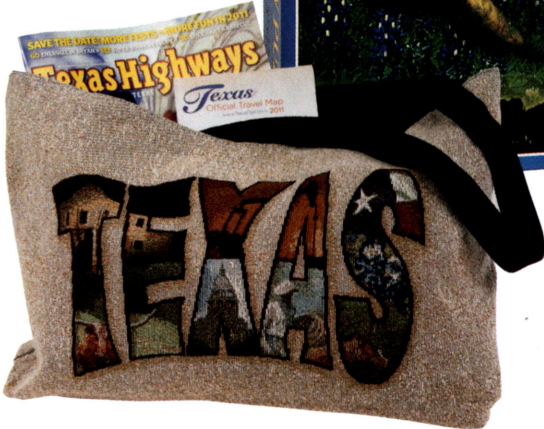
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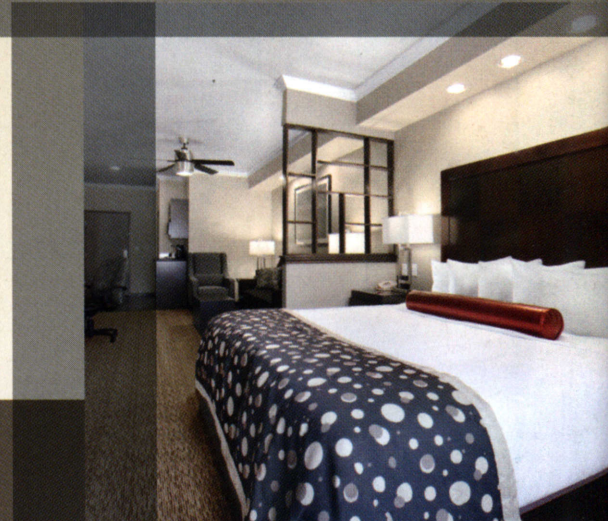


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