

# Triangle springs into activity

## Festivals

### First Friday in Groves Groves April 4

Birthday Celebration, gifts for everyone who can prove their birthday is also April 4; Tyler Morgan, juggler and magician. First Friday favorites: DJ Donna Marx; provided by Philpott Motors, Moon walk; sponsored by Selman Chiropractic Center, the Jester & More. Merchant-sponsored family events. 6-9 p.m. Friday. Along Lincoln Avenue (409)876-3631

### Dogwood Festival: Craft Fair and Parade

#### Woodville April 4-6

Craft fair, parade, pageant and queen's coronation at Heritage Village, Highway 190, West of Woodville. Friday-Sunday, 409-283-2272 or 800-323-0389

### Big Thicket Arts and Crafts Show Downtown Woodville April 9

The Big Thicket Arts and Crafts Show, held during the Dogwood Festival, is sponsored by the Woodville Business and Professional Women's Club. Proceeds go towards scholarships. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information, Tyler County Chamber of Commerce, (409) 283-2632 or Lois Henderson, (409) 547-3352.

### Mauriceville Crawfish Festival April 18-20

The Mauriceville Crawfish Festival features music, dancing, games, auction, carnival rides and craft booths. Fair grounds in Mauriceville on Texas 62. For more information, call Mary Jane Johnson at 745-1357 or Sybil Jenkins at 745-1202.

### Port Neches Trade Days on the Avenue

#### April 19-20

Food, fun and shopping on Port Neches Avenue.

### Mercado Days Festival

#### April 19-20

Mercado Days, or Market



Food and fun at Mercado Days, April 19-20, downtown Port Arthur.

Days, is a multicultural festival promoting a positive atmosphere in conjunction with the Southeast Texas Hispanic Cultural and Educational Center. Activities consist of food, arts and crafts, carnival rides, a car show, clowns, children's events, a queen's pageant, live music and low riders. Saturday - Sunday, Downtown Port Arthur. (409) 983-400

### Texas Barbecue Festival April 25-27

The Texas Bar-B-Q Festival is not only a great barbecue cook-off contest; it also has carnival rides, vendors, games, live music and a scholarship pageant for young ladies from the Vidor area. Claiborne West Park, between Vidor and Orange. 769-6339 or e-mail vidor-chamber@sbcglobal.net.

### Neches River Festival Queen's Ball & Coronation April 26

Presented by Neches River Festival, 7 p.m. Saturday, Beaumont Civic Center. 701 Main St. (409) 835-2443

### PN Riverfest

#### Thunder on the Neches

#### May 1-4

The four-day Riverfest festival, held May 1-4 at Port Neches Park in Port Neches, features Thunder on the Neches professional tunnel boat races, carnival rides, food vendors, arts

and crafts, live entertainment and numerous tournaments and contests. Port Neches Park, Port Neches. 722-9154 or 722-9155 or e-mail to pncoc@swbell.net.

### First Friday in Groves

#### May 2

Honoring Mothers, Mother's day celebration. Hourly drawings for sponsor gifts. First Friday favorites: DJ Donna Marx; provided by Philpott Motors, Moon walk; sponsored by Selman Chiropractic Center, Sunny the Clown, the Jester & More. Merchant-sponsored family events. 6-9 p.m. Friday, Downtown Groves, along Lincoln Avenue 876-3631

### Texas Cajun Heritage Festival Orange Boat Ramp

#### May 3-4

Live Cajun music, dancing, food and kids activities. 1000 Simmons Drive in Orange, exit 878 from IH 10 (409) 883-1010.

### 2008 Boomtown Film and Music Festival

#### May 17

Presented by Southeast Texas Film Alliance, the 2008 Boomtown Film and Music Festival has the primary purpose of showcasing local and national music and film talent, as well as cultivate the appreciation of both in Southeast Texas. Admission: Registration fee is \$15. All day Saturday.

Venues: The Art Studio Inc., The Art Museum of Southeast Texas, The Beaumont Civic Center, Riverfront Park, The Jefferson Theatre and Crockett Street. 409-466-0007

### First Friday in Groves

#### Downtown Groves

#### June 6

Honoring Fathers, Father's day celebration. Hourly drawings for sponsor gifts. First Friday favorites: DJ Donna Marx; provided by Philpott Motors, Moon walk; sponsored by Selman Chiropractic Center, Sunny the Clown, the Jester & More. Merchant-sponsored family events. 6-9 p.m. Friday, Lincoln Avenue. (409) 876-3631.

### Jazz Fest

#### June 14

#### Procter Street Pavilion

The event, sponsored by St. Paul United Methodist Church, will feature fun and games for children as well as live jazz performances. Downtown Port Arthur Doris Hayes, 982-8394 or Thomasene Thomas, 982-0823,

## Music/Dance

### The Cattle Baron's Ball

#### April 5

This annual event benefits the American Cancer Society. An evening full of dancing, auctions, games and more. Headliner for the event is Shenandoah. Western dress. Admission: \$200 for couples or \$100 for individuals. 7 p.m. Saturday. Southeast Texas Regional Airport, Hangar 2 at 4840 Parker Dr. in Port Arthur. 835-1597

### Christus St. Elizabeth Annual Gala With Aretha Franklin, Queen of Soul Beaumont Civic Center

#### April 19

Annual fundraiser for Christus St. Elizabeth hospital featuring performance by Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin. 7 p.m. cocktails, 8