

## WHAT'S DOIN' IN THE BASIN?

Fall is in full swing, bringing with it lots of opportunities to get outside and enjoy the cool weather. The Brazos River basin hosts several fairs and festivals that are typical of the season. October also offers more unique events such as the Hairy Man and Crazy Waters festivals. Here's a list of things to do in the basin in October:

### Upper Basin

#### October

1-3 – **LUBBOCK:** Panhandle-South Plains Fair includes competitive events, local nonprofit food vendors, hundreds of commercial vendors and plenty of family entertainment at the fairgrounds. For more information, call (806) 763-2833 or e-mail [info@southplainsfair.com](mailto:info@southplainsfair.com).

2-3 – **GRAFORD:** Possum Fest Great Outdoors BBQ & Chili Cook-Off Includes barbecue chili cook-off, activities for the kids, vendors, dunking booth, silent and live auction, and live band and dance Saturday night. Located at 362 N. Farm-to-Market Road 2353. For more information, call (888) 779-8330 or e-mail [pam@possumkingdomlake.com](mailto:pam@possumkingdomlake.com).

3 – **EASTLAND:** Celebrate all that is the Texas horned lizard at Ripfest. This event honors the city's legendary Old Rip, a horned lizard who allegedly survived more than 30 years sealed in a courthouse's cornerstone. The event at courthouse square features a parade, more than 100 vendors, antiques, art, horned lizard items, clothing, plants, food, 5K run, car show, fish fry, bull riding, band, dance, all-day entertainment and more. For more information, call (254) 629-2332 or e-mail [ecofc@txol.net](mailto:ecofc@txol.net).



10 – **MINERAL WELLS:** Crazy Water Festival harkens back to the days when the city was a major destination because of its mineral baths. Features continuous entertainment, children's area, vendors, car show and more, downtown. For more information, call (940) 325-0966, (940)682-9598 or go to [www.crazywaterfestival.com](http://www.crazywaterfestival.com).

17-18 – **GRANBURY:** Harvest Moon Festival features arts & crafts, fall produce, entertainment, pumpkin decorating contest and kids' amusement/carnival area. Takes place on the historic downtown square from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (817) 573-5299 or go to [www.granburysquare.com](http://www.granburysquare.com).

25 – **BUFFALO GAP:** Buffalo Gap Historic Village Fall Festival & Parade includes game booths for children and lots of family fun. Hours are 2 to 5 p.m. 133 N. William. For more information, call (325) 572-3365.

### Central Basin

3 – **ROUND ROCK:** 15th Annual Hairy Man Festival, a family fun event, offers a day of food, arts & crafts, children's activities, special performances and live music. The event raises money for local charities. Hours are noon to 7 p.m. Cat Hollow Park, 8600 O'Connor Drive. For more information, go to [www.HairyManFestival.org](http://www.HairyManFestival.org) or e-mail [HMF@brushycreekwomen.org](mailto:HMF@brushycreekwomen.org).



3-4 – **HILLSBORO:** Middlefaire Renaissance Festival gives a glimpse of life in the mid-17th century, with buccaneers, pirates, rogues, merchants and Irish bards in an old village. The event is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Located five miles north of Hillsboro on State Highway 171. For more information, call (254) 548-6238 or go to [www.middlefest.com](http://www.middlefest.com).

9-17 – **WACO:** Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo includes midway rides, food and drink vendors, live musical events, the Weiner Dog Nationals races and much more. The fairgrounds are located at 4601 Bosque Blvd. For more information, call (254) 776-1660 or go to [www.hotfair.com](http://www.hotfair.com).

17 – **BELTON:** Autumn on the Chisholm Trail. Start off the day with Autumn Market Days featuring vendors, barbecue, hayrides, pumpkin patch and more. Includes live music at Saturday night's street dance. For more information, call (254) 939-3551 or e-mail [roye\\_nell@beltonchamber.com](mailto:roye_nell@beltonchamber.com).

23-25 – **SALADO:** Founder's Day Includes a cattle drive down main street, historical walks and lectures, ranch rodeo, heritage crafts, food vendors, plantation tours, celebrity concert and cowboy church at various locations throughout the day. For more information, call (254) 947-8634, go to [www.saladofoundersday.org](http://www.saladofoundersday.org) or e-mail [saladotourism@vvm.com](mailto:saladotourism@vvm.com).

31 – **TEMPLE:** Czech Feszt is a daylong salute to Czech heritage and its impact on Temple's history. The festival includes live music, Beseda dancers, great food, kolache baking contest and activities at 120 W. Central Ave. in downtown Temple. For more information, call (254) 899-2935, e-mail [ssandiwick@aol.com](mailto:ssandiwick@aol.com).

### Lower Basin

3 – **COLLEGE STATION:** Second Annual Welborn Arts & Crafts Festival features handmade items, art work, jewelry, quilts, pet treats, glass blocks, purses and totes. Proceeds benefit the Welborn Community Center building fund and cemetery maintenance fund. Takes place at the community center, 4919 Greens Prairie Road. For more information, call (979) 690-8864 or e-mail [mbjohnson48@yahoo.com](mailto:mbjohnson48@yahoo.com).

7-11 – **BELLVILLE:** Austin County Fair includes a livestock show, PRCA rodeo, food, crafts, carnival and children's activities. Entertainment features Randy Rogers Band, Eli Young Band and more at the Austin County Fairgrounds. For more information, call (979) 865-5995, go to [www.austincountyfair.com](http://www.austincountyfair.com) or e-mail [acfair@sbcglobal.net](mailto:acfair@sbcglobal.net).

10 – **BRENHAM:** Autumn Fest at the Monastery: Enjoy family fun, games and contests, cart rides and more. Meet and brush the miniature horses for which the Monastery of St. Clare is known. Make ceramics to take home. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the monastery, 9300 State highway 105. For more information, call (979) 836-9652 or go to [www.monasteryminiaturehorses.com](http://www.monasteryminiaturehorses.com).



16-17 – **MADISONVILLE:** Texas Mushroom Festival. A gala dinner featuring mushrooms kicks everything off. Includes 5K Shiitake Run, auto showcase, ranchers showcase, arts & crafts, food, photo contest, more mushrooms and an evening dance. For more information, call (936) 348-3592 or go to [www.texasmushroomfestival.com](http://www.texasmushroomfestival.com).

24 – **RICHMOND:** Texian Market Days: A Living History Festival. Explore more than 100 years of Texas history with hands-on activities, historic home tours, battle re-enactments, old-fashioned games, food and live music at George Ranch Historical Park, 10215 Farm-to-Market Road 762. For more information, call (281) 343-0218, e-mail [info@fortbendmuseum.org](mailto:info@fortbendmuseum.org) or go to [www.georgeranch.org](http://www.georgeranch.org).

24-25 – **WASHINGTON:** Sweets for the Soul. Program focuses on candy making of the 1850s and how common it would have been on the farm. Staff dressed in period costumes make candy from recipes of the period. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Barrington Living History Farm, Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site. For more information, call (936) 878-2213.