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Maintenance Assoc. Social Committee

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## Board Message

Greetings Winchester Trails Residents,

The June Board meeting saw a very good turnout from residents wanting to know more about the fence along West Road. The meeting started at an hour early to allow for presentation of the Board's intention regarding the amendment to the Deed Restrictions. A letter was mailed to all homeowners describing the situation regarding the fence and its current state of disrepair. The letter also addressed the amendment that will allow the Board to formally take over the fence. In the past, the Association had maintained the fence.

I have talked to several former Board members. Some still reside in the Trails, while others do not. Their statements were such that the Board took the action in the past to maintain the fence without requiring an Amendment to the Deed Restrictions. Why do we need an Amendment? It was the opinion of one or two immediate past Board members that the fence was not necessarily the responsibility of the Association even though previous Boards thought it was and took the action to maintain the fence. The early Boards determined that to maintain a consistent and uniform appearance of the fence that serves as the face of the Trails, that only the Association as one body could ensure that. Their reasoning was such that if each individual homeowner maintained each fence, then there would be repairs on a continuous basis. Some homeowners would replace individual pickets while others would replace sections. These homeowners may not stain the fence or if they did, the color would not match.

Adding to an already complicated matter is the fact the fence is not situated on many of the homeowners lots – so technically, it is not even their fence! We need to resolve this matter quickly as the fence reflects poorly on the Trails and our home values have not kept pace with surrounding subdivisions. Your Board is working to resolve this matter. Please join us in letting your voice be heard. Proudly stand up and take a position either way.

For the July 6th meeting, while we will be focusing our discussions on security, we will have another early session at 6:00 PM to discuss the fence again.

I appreciate the many calls of support for the current Board and how the matters are being addressed. We are volunteers that are working for you to make the Trails a better place to live.

-Walter

## Yards of the Month



*10610 Wagon Trail Road – Paulette Williams*



*8739 Bent Spur Lane - Anthony and Betty Willis*

## Upcoming Events

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 6 Maintenance Board Meeting:
  - 6 pm – Fence Discussion
  - 7 pm – Security Discussion
- July 31 DEADLINE for Directory Forms

# Winchester Trails

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## Deadline

The deadline for the August newsletter is July 10. All items should be sent to heggs23@sbcglobal.net.

## Security

The July 6th meeting will be devoted to the topic of SECURITY. There will be a presentation on updated options and the costs associated.

If you have any questions or positions on this topic, make a point to attend this meeting.



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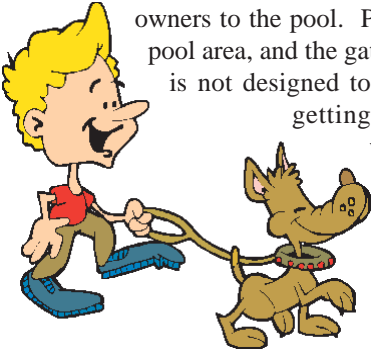
## No Pets

### Pool Alert – No Pets Allowed

There is a current problem with pets following their owners to the pool. Pets are NOT allowed around the pool area, and the gate

is not designed to keep the smaller animals from getting in. We pay the lifeguards to watch our children, not to keep out pets. Please be a responsible pet owner and ensure your pet DOES NOT follow you or your children to the pool.

Thank you for enforcing rules designed for everyone to have fun.



THIS IS THE LAST CALL FOR NEW DIRECTORY FORMS. WITHOUT A NEW FORM ON FILE, ALL CHILDREN, WORK #'S AND UNVERIFIED E-MAIL ADDRESSES FROM THE LAST DIRECTORY WILL BE DROPPED. PLEASE SUBMIT BY JULY 31, 2006.

## Winchester Trails Information & Telephone Directory Form

[Complete information you want included in Telephone Directory]

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone #(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

[This information for use only in 'Milestones' column in Trail Writer newsletter]

Wedding Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YY)

[This information for use only in 'Milestones' column of Trail Writer newsletter—

Please initial here ( ) if it is alright to list in Directory also]

Children [under age 21]

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_\_

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[This information published in Trail Writer newsletter]

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I understand that the information on this form is to be restricted to the private use of the residents of Winchester Trails.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Resident

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

[ ] Yes, I wish to be in the next WT Directory

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(Return forms to Sherry Wright @ 10303 Cutting Horse or e-mail information to heggs23@sbcglobal.net )

## MILESTONES

### New Teenagers – Happy 13th!

7/16 - Victoria Turner

7/18 - Sara O'Shea

7/23 - Jena Foreman

### New Adults – Happy 21st!

7/5 - Emma Rentcome

7/26 - Andrea Patin

7/30 - Erin Griffin

### New Drivers – Happy 16th!

7/2 - John Wilkes

### Happy 20th Anniversary!

7/5 - H.D. & Bunnie Woodruff

### New Voters – Happy 18th!

7/13 - Juan Carlo Penaflores

7/22 - Travis Powell

7/30 - Elizabeth Montgomery

7/31 - Andrew Lum

7/19 - Steve & Debbie Griesbach

*Sherry Wright*

*281-955-9737*

## Cub Scout Rally Night at Bang Elementary

Cub Scout Pack #200, sponsored by the Bang Elementary PTO, is holding a Cub Scout Rally Night on Thursday, August 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the Bang Elementary cafeteria. All 1st - 4th grade boys and their parents are invited to attend this fun-filled event to learn more about cub scouting. A second Rally Night will be held on Thursday, September 21st. For more information, visit the Pack 200 website at <http://www.pack200.homestead.com/>.

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# Winchester Trails

## Green Thumb Corner

At this time of year it's tough to spend much time working out there under the hot sun, especially at the weekend when you need a well-deserved break after a busy week. It's much more tempting to relax in an air-conditioned environment or sit around the pool and prolong the holiday atmosphere generated by the July Fourth weekend, but we need to keep up with basic maintenance chores so that the weeds don't take over completely. I'm afraid that Mother Nature doesn't take holidays. And many folks will be getting ready for out-of-town vacations, so make sure to get things in good shape before you go, otherwise you're likely to be greeted by a discouraging amount of "catch-up" work on your return. Try to work during the cooler hours of early morning or late evening, and remember to cover up to avoid sunburn.

This is the type of weather when we can see the benefit of a low-maintenance landscaping plan that makes good use of perennials and native southwestern plants that are tolerant of the heat. Yaupon is an attractive small tree, and dwarf yaupon is an excellent hardy shrub for creating low hedges. Lantana, although considered a weed by some people, is a tough drought-resistant plant that is becoming more popular every year and is now available in a number of attractive colors. Check with the local nurseries for other naturalized Texas plants.

If you decide to do any lawn feeding during a dry spell, make sure that you water well to avoid the grass being "burned" by the concentrated fertilizer. And don't forget to give the trees an occasional deep watering by allowing a hose to trickle at the base of the trunk for a few hours - particularly important if we have any prolonged dry spells.

If your spring annuals are past their best, don't hesitate to pull them up and replace with fresh plants. Or plant seeds of quick-growing varieties (such as zinnia, marigold, petunia and portulaca) to provide color until late fall. Bear in mind that when your impatiens plants get too "leggy" you can cut them back and obtain a second showing for late summer and fall; just keep them well watered. And if you would like your own display of bluebonnets next spring, now is the time to sow seed (actually, anytime between now and January).

Established annuals should be fed every few weeks with a complete plant food. Liquid fertilizer works well, and you can make your own by dissolving a handful of 13-13-13 in a

two-gallon watering can.

Soak beds as needed and keep well mulched. Patio plants dry out very fast if they are out in the open, particularly clay pots, and hanging baskets also need frequent watering.

Tomato plants are usually past their best by the middle of July, and should be pulled up to allow reworking the bed ready for replanting in August. Although most popular tomato varieties are "indeterminate", meaning that they will continue to grow and bear fruit indefinitely until killed by frost, you'll get a much better crop of fall tomatoes by starting again with fresh plants. Peppers, on the other hand, can be left to grow through the summer into fall, and okra and eggplant are very happy in the heat.

There's not a lot of exciting gardening activity to write about at this time of year, so I usually take the opportunity to say a few words about composting. This is a great way to avoid those bags of grass clippings lining the curb on garbage day, and produce something useful in the process. Together with weeds, leaves, shrub clippings and vegetable scraps you can produce a rich, nutritious humus which can be used as a mulch or dug into the beds as a "free" organic fertilizer and soil enrichment. All you need is a little unused space in an out-of-the-way corner or behind the garage. I like to construct a number of adjacent open-fronted bins, about 5' wide by 3' deep and 3' high, using scrap lumber or chicken wire (the latter is good because it allows aeration).

Having more than one bin allows you to easily cycle the composting materials from one pile to the next, every month or so, to get good aeration and mixing, a lot easier than trying to turn over the material in situ. You can throw almost any organic material in there, including tea leaves, coffee grounds and eggshells, but no meat products because you may attract foraging animals. It helps to arrange alternating layers of different textures, also to add a few shovels of soil every now and then to provide extra bacteria, and it should be kept moist.

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## 2006 Grads

Congratulations to the new college graduates listed below and to their proud parents, who are now delighted to be getting a 'raise' since they're done paying tuition!

Sarah Fortner, daughter of Ken and Peggy Fortner of South Pass, graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with the following degrees: Bachelor of Science in Biology; Bachelor of Arts in Plan II Honors; and Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, with minors in Chemistry and Spanish. Sarah plans to attend medical school.

Jeffrey Hemmi, son of Mike and Donna Hemmi of Hondo Hill, graduated from Notre Dame with a degree of Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing.

Leigh Ann Loria, daughter of Lee & Linda Loria of Great Plains, graduated on May 12, 2006, from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance.

Ryan Stevens, son of Ben and Cris Stevens of Copperdale, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics.

Robert Young, son of Kim and Linda Young of Gold Point, graduated on May 13, 2006, from Texas A & M University at Corpus Christi with Honors, with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. Robert will be moving to San Antonio to begin his new career.

Two sets of proud parents spoke up about their Jersey Village graduates. Congratulations go to: Jennifer Jackson, daughter of Brad and Diane Jackson of Crazy Horse, graduated Summa Cum Laude and will be attending Texas A & M University in the fall.

Travis Powell, son of Paul and Pat Powell of Hoot Owl, will be attending Stephen F. Austin State University in the fall, and plans to major in finance.

Congratulations also go to our other Jersey Village High School 2006 Graduates. This information is based on the JVHS Commencement Program and the WT Directory, with apologies to anyone overlooked.

### Class of 2006 - Summa Cum Laude-

Renee Chu  
Scott Grass  
Allison Wardwell

### Class of 2006 - Magna Cum Laude-

Emily Gurghigian  
Kari McLead

### Class of 2006- Cum Laude-

Paige Hughes  
Ashley Rodriguez

### Class of 2006--

Ryan Bench  
Sarah Brinkmeyer  
Shannon Christenson  
Maddie Croft  
Rashad Dawoudi  
Kasey Fernandez  
Brian Gorka  
Blaine Hatten  
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Once again, winter has faded into spring and spring has burst into summer. Along comes the invincible summer sun, your skin's arch-enemy, particularly if you exercise outdoors. Most people know that using a sunscreen is essential protection, but knowing and doing are often two different things. There are a number of ways to promote a healthy glow without exposing your skin to harmful rays.

### Sunscreen

Every sunscreen has a sun protection factor, or SPF, which is a measure of its strength or effectiveness. Each of us needs a different SPF, depending on whether, and to what degree, our skin burns or tans. A tan is the direct result of melanin, a brown pigment found in the epidermis that is produced when skin is exposed to sunlight. Melanin protects the skin by absorbing, reflecting and scattering ultraviolet radiation before it penetrates the dermis, or underlying skin. However, armor that it is, melanin can't prevent all the negative effects of the sun, and is often representative of damage. That's why we need to use sunscreens. To determine what SPF your skin requires, you must know how long it takes your skin to burn when unprotected and exposed to sunlight. As a rule of thumb, anyone whose skin burns, whether or not it turns into a tan, should use an SPF of 15. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking antibiotics, antidepressives or antidiuretics. Some of these medications increase your skin's sensitivity to sunlight and may decrease the time it takes your skin to burn.

### Creating a Barrier

When exercising outdoors on a hot, sunny day, light-weight, light-colored clothing combined with plenty of sunscreen on both exposed and unexposed skin is the way to go. However, if overheating isn't a concern, dark-colored, tightly woven clothing is more effective at blocking UV rays than say, a white T-shirt, which allows UV rays to reach the skin. Another barrier against sun damage comes in the form of eyewear. Protect not only your eyes, but the skin around them by wearing sunglasses that block 90 percent to 100 percent of the sun's UV rays.

And, last but not least, wear a hat. Though a cap may be more comfortable for jogging, try a wide-brimmed hat that will shade your neck and face while gardening or walking outside.

### Sunscreen Facts

- Wear sunscreen every day if you will be outside for more than 20 minutes, even when it's cloudy.
- Sunscreen should be applied 15 to 30 minutes before going outdoors, and reapplied every two hours or after swimming or sweating.
- Don't skimp: One ounce—enough to fill a shot glass—is considered the amount needed to properly cover exposed skin.
- Limit your exposure to sunlight from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time (9 a.m.–3 p.m. during Standard Time) when the sun's rays are the strongest and most harmful.
- When choosing a sunscreen, look for one with an SPF of 15 or higher that provides broad-spectrum coverage against all ultraviolet light wavelengths.

- Throw out old bottles of sunscreen, which can lose strength after three years.

*-Source: American Academy of Dermatology*

### Start with the Inside

Now that you know how to protect the skin's surface, it's time to start thinking about what you can do to make it glow from the inside out. You're already off to a good start with exercise, which gets the blood circulating and delivers fresh oxygen to the skin all over your body. The next step is to drink plenty of water. Outdoor exercise, especially in the summer, increases your risk of dehydration. This is one risk you don't want to take since it not only affects your performance and robs your skin of its vitality, but may be potentially hazardous to your health. Be sure to drink fluids before, during and after activity. To replenish your fluids after any outdoor activity, weigh yourself before you participate and then again after. Any weight you lost is water and should be replaced by drinking two glasses (16 ounces) of water for every pound you have lost.

### Everyone Needs a Little Sunlight

It's been shown that a lack of sunlight can cause depression. After all, most plants won't even grow without sunshine. And when the sun comes around and makes the days longer, our first instinct is to peel off our sweaters and bask in it. Go ahead. Just take precautions so you won't have to deal with the unpleasant (and unnecessary) consequences.

### What SPF Do You Need?

Follow these steps to calculate what SPF you should look for in a sunscreen:

1. Determine how many minutes your bare skin can be exposed to the sun before it burns.
2. Divide that number of minutes into the total number of minutes you want to remain in the sun.
3. The result is the SPF you should look for in a sunscreen. For example, if your unprotected skin burns in 10 minutes, and you plan on being in the sun for three hours, you would need a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 18 (180 minutes divided by 10 minutes).



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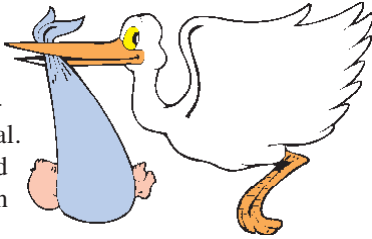
### The Welcoming Committee

The Welcoming Committee is now ready to meet and greet all our new Trails residents. If you are new to the neighborhood and have not been welcomed, please call Carolyn Stone at 832-237-8178 or email her at [cstone@swrg.com](mailto:cstone@swrg.com). We want to stop by and say hello, get some information to introduce your family to the neighbors through the Howdy Partner article, and give you a handy packet of information to help familiarize you with your new neighborhood. We also have Trails information available on our website at [www.winchestertrails.com](http://www.winchestertrails.com). Welcome to the Trails!

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## Stork Report

If you have a new little one due, please contact Jeff and Julie Kelly at 281-970-5441 or [jw.kelly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jw.kelly@sbcglobal.net) to share your news and have the WT Stork appear in your yard if desired.



## A Favor to Ask

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Our Trails website, [www.winchestertrails.com](http://www.winchestertrails.com), is packed with all kinds of useful information. Not sure about pool hours? It's there. Not sure how to get the



Stork? It's there. Plus links for deed restrictions, a directory form, school info, updates on committees, and much, much more. Even back newsletters are available in case you misplaced yours. So please be sure to use this valuable resource soon and often. Comments and suggestions are always

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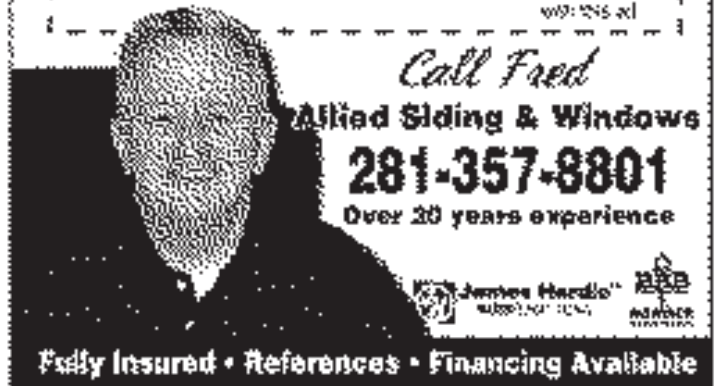
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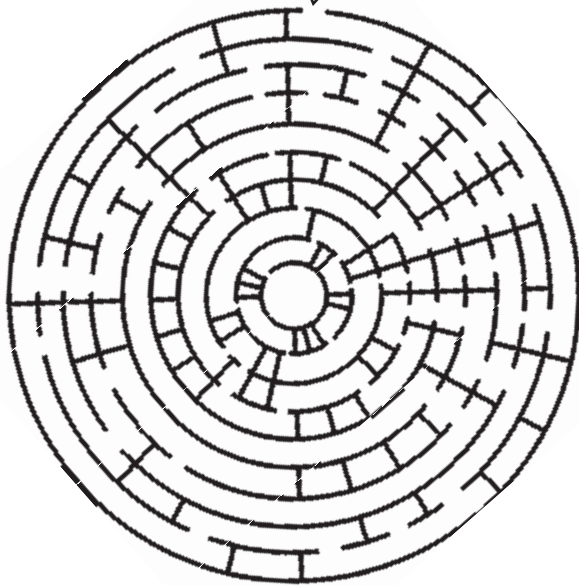


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- 6, 13, 20, 27—KEMAH: Rock the Dock Concert Series Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880
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- 8—SANTA FE: Annual Harvest Fest Begins at 8 p.m. with a blessing of the crops by the winery's chaplain. Help harvest the grapes. Haak Winery, 6310 Ave. T. www.haakwine.com 409/925-1401
- 8-9—HARLINGEN: Backyard Brawl Softball Tournament Sports Complex, 3139 Wilson Road. 956/245-0264
- 8-9—ROSENBERG: Fort Bend County Antique & Collectible Market Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. E-mail: info@cwgs.com • www.cwgs.com 512/441-2828
- 8, 22—PASADENA: Guided Canoe Trips Enjoy a morning of education and adventure — paddling canoes on a guided tour down the backwaters of Armand Bayou. Meet at Bay Area Park for a leisurely morning of wildlife watching, wetland education, relaxation and fun. Travel is about 2-3 miles round trip. Reservations required. Armand Bayou Nature Center. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551
- 10—FULTON: Music at the Mansion Begins at 7 p.m. Fulton Mansion State Historic Site. 361/729-0386
- 12—SAN BENITO: El Second Weensdee Enjoy an oral history series on conjunto music. The Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center, 225 E. Stenger St. 956/361-0110
- 13—WHARTON: WCJC Foundation Summer Fund-raiser & Dinner Features singer/classical guitarist/comedian Mike Rayburn. 979/532-4560
- 13-Aug. 6—DICKINSON: Anything Goes Bay Area Harbour Playhouse. www.harbourplayhouse.com 281/337-SHOW
- 14-15—BEAUMONT: Kidmunity Presents Guys & Dolls Performed by 8th through 12th graders. Jefferson Theatre. www.jeffersontheatre.org 409/842-4664
- 14-16—CORPUS CHRISTI: "Winds-Waves-Bonsai" 24th Annual State Convention Tour the exhibit and vendor areas. Holiday Inn Airport, 5549 Leppard St. www.corpuschristibonsaiclub.com 361/992-0009
- 14-16—PORT ARANSAS: Outboard Fishing Tournament Offers a fishing tournament for boats powered exclusively by outboard motors. Registration is Friday. Fishing days are Saturday and Sunday. Robert's Point Park. 361/749-6211
- 15—BAY CITY: Market Day More than 100 vendors sell handmade crafts, homemade jellies and more. Courthouse Square, 1700 7th St. E-mail: mitchthames@visitbaycity.org • www.visitbaycity.org 800/806-8333
- 15—BRAZORIA: Third Annual Santa Anna Ball Begins at 6 p.m. K.C. Hall. 979/798-9250
- 15—BROWNSVILLE: Open Beach Volleyball Tournament Presented by the Brownsville Police Officers' Association. 956/548-7087
- 15—CLUTE: Brazosport Art League Gallery Opening Center for the Arts & Sciences. 979/265-7971
- 15—GALVESTON: Artwalk Commercial galleries, non-profit art spaces, restaurants and retail stores exhibit art and welcome viewers. Historic District. www.galvestonartscenter.org 409/763-2403
- 15—PORT NECHES: Trade Day on the Avenue 409/722-4023
- 15-16—HARLINGEN: Super Rolling Thunder U.S.S.S.A. Softball Tournament Begins at noon. Harlingen Sports Complex Ball Park, 3139 Wilson Road. 956/245-0264
- 15-Aug. 13—GALVESTON: Shared Vision — Texas Artists Then & Now and George Lorio — Recent Work Galveston Arts Center. www.galvestonartscenter.org 409/763-2403
- 16—BEAUMONT: Champions on Ice 2006 Tour Begins at 3 p.m. Ford Park. www.fordparktx.com 409/951-5400
- 16—BROWNSVILLE: Brownsville Police Officers' Association 21st Annual Redfish Surf Fishing Tournament Offers one of the largest fishing tournaments in Texas. Hours are 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kids fishing tournament is held Saturday. Boca Chica Beach. 956/455-3521 or 956/266-5050
- 16—HARLINGEN: S.T.C.A. Eighth Annual Conjunto of the Year Awards Hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Casa de Amistad, 1204 Fair Park Blvd. 956/454-8482
- 16—SANTA FE: Huck's Acoustic Revue Hours are 6 to 8:30 p.m. Haak Winery, 6310 Ave. T. www.haakwine.com 409/925-1401
- 18-23—HOUSTON: Brooklyn: The Musical Tells the story of a group of homeless street performers who put on a show at a street corner in New York City. Begins at 8:15 p.m. Miller Outdoor Theatre, 100 Concert Drive. www.tuts.com 713/558-2600
- 20-23—HOUSTON: 29th Annual Reliant World Series of Dog Shows 2006 America's premier canine extravaganza includes about than 12,000 dogs. Reliant Center, 8400 Kirby Drive. www.reliantdogshows.com 800/884-2443

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21—VICTORIA: Country Opry Community Center Annex. 361/552-9347

21-22—PORT ARANSAS: Blue Wave Owners Tournament Fishing tournament is held for owners of boats manufactured by Blue Wave. www.bluewaveboats.com 918/473-6768

22—BEAUMONT: National Gym Association Crockett Street National Bodybuilding Pro Qualifier www.beaumontcvb.com 409/880-3749

22—BEAUMONT: Orleans Street Jazz Festival Hear live jazz from hot musicians. Enjoy shopping, food fare, arts & crafts and more. The Market on Orleans. www.beaumontcvb.com 409/880-3749

22—PALACIOS: Brian Burns & Matt Thigpen Little Sixth Street Outdoor Stage overlooking Matagorda Bay. www.outriggerrestaurant.com 361/972-2615

23—PORT ARTHUR: Alligator Spotlight Count Take a boat trip down five miles of the best alligator habitat in Texas and census the alligators. Hours are 8:30 to 10:30 p.m., weather permitting. Annual Public Hunting Permit or Limited Public Use Permit and reservations required. J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area. 409/736-2551 ext. 23 or ext. 25

23—SANTA FE: Tommy Dardar Hours are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Haak Winery, 6310 Ave. T. www.haakwine.com 409/925-1401

26—WHARTON: Babe Ruth Regional Tournament 979/532-1298

27-29—CLUTE: Great Texas Mosquito Festival Fun-filled, family

event features arts & crafts, food booths, carnival rides for children and adults, variety of contests and live concerts each evening. Clute Municipal Park. www.mosquitofestival.com 800/371-2971

28—HOUSTON: Epicurean Evening Popular restaurants and stores offer fine food tasting. Includes a concert by The Bellamy Brothers. Sam Houston Race Park. www.hncc.com 281/440-4160

28-29—PORT ARANSAS: Hooked on Youth Fishing Tournament Proceeds benefit the Hooked on Youth Organization. Woody's Sports Center. 210/695-3016

28-30—BAYTOWN: The Music Man Baytown Little Theater. E-mail: ellenbradj@aol.com 281/424-7617

29-30—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: 47th Annual Beachcombers Art Show & Sale Features artists from the Southwestern United States. SPI Convention Center. 956/425-4994

29-Aug. 24—BEAUMONT: Drawings from the Permanent Collection of Art Museum of Southeast Texas www.amset.org 409/832-3432

30—BROWNSVILLE: Kids Appreciation Day Gladys Porter Zoo. www.gpz.org 956/546-7187

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