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Fall in Fayetteville Weaves Its Way Through Music, Art, Fundraisers, and Happy Memories



Connecting people to art and music seems to be a mainstay for Fayetteville. This National Registry community continues to reach out to all ages via local artistic venues all year long. Such is the case with the Arts for Rural Texas Annual Harvestfest and the recently "renamed" Fayetteville Picking Park (not forgetting that great food with fundraisers as well). It's one busy list!

A benefit kicks off November in Fayetteville as Thursday, November 3 from 5 to 7 pm is a drive through only turkey and dressing dinner at the Fayetteville Community Center located on 202 West Main. Tickets are available at the Fayetteville Bank, Jerry's General Store, Fayetteville Store, West Side Shamrock, and Peter's BBQ in Ellinger. The big win-win is that the \$10 per plate dinner benefits the Fayetteville Community Baseball Park.

ARTS major fundraiser each year is Harvestfest and this year it's scheduled for Saturday, November 5. This fundraiser is quite simply tailored to perfection. By attending or donating, everyone personally helps bring art education and fine art assemblies to the children of this rural community. Some may even return home with a treasure or two.

Make no mistake about it, the true treasures are the kiddos that benefit from Arts for Rural Texas and *it's* benefits throughout the year. Just a few of the items included are a pizza party, Rick Rowley piano concert, movie night at the Red and White, trip to Cabo San Lucas, weekend excursions...it's a big list. One particular grand piece of art is donated from acclaimed Houston artist Bruce Williamson (whose paintings have been included in collections throughout the US and Europe). And if you are into gifts, art, decor, special events tickets, ceramics, pottery, or jewelry, there is an extensive list to choose from in the silent auction. For information, call 979-378-2113 or e-mail info@artsforruraltexas.org.

Obviously with election day clearly drawing close, there's loads of energy exerted and not to worry, because the Fayetteville Lions Club has food covered (at a great price) after voting with their annual Scholarship Fund Spaghetti Supper scheduled for Tuesday, November 8 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm at the Old Fire Station on the square with dine-in or take-out at \$9.00 per plate. This is an annual event (yet another great fun tradition) that is always held on election night.

Food and more fun takes center stage on Saturday, November 12 as Fayetteville Picking Park returns and the St. Paul Lutheran Church has its 37th Annual Turkey or Beef Stew at the Old Fire Station on the square. Besides St. Paul Lutheran Church's meal, hot dogs, a good ole' fashioned bake sale, and raffle will take place. Bring your own pot as there are limited amounts of plastic containers available. To top off the celebration, a drawing for a homemade quilt will be held at noon.

Fayetteville Picking Park packs in the live acoustic bluegrass jamming as everyone meets for some fun on Saturday, November 12 on the square. It's free to the public and all participants and because of the Annual Turkey and Beef Stew, the slow jam led by Lou Lou Barbour will kick off at 3:00 p.m. Jams will take place around the square during the day and all levels of players are encouraged to attend. The Old Fire Station closes at 10:00 p.m. and the jamming will continue at the gazebo and the square afterwards. The Fayetteville Picking Park jam sessions are held on the second Saturday of every month except for December. Everyone is welcome to bring a lawn chair, sit back, and enjoy great tunes. Questions may be directed to Debbie Stepan at 512-914-6640.

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