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S/ Al Dupré

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St. Tammany Parish Fair - Covington

October 8 - 10
Sorrento Boucherie Festival - Sorrento

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Bridge City Gumbo Festival – Bridge City

October 9
Jennings Alive - Jennings

October 10
Louisiana Tournoi De La Ville Platte - Ville Platte

October 14 - 16
International Rice Festival - Crowley

October 15 - 17
International Acadian Festival - Plaquemine

October 16 - 17
Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival

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Kiwanis Club of St. Martinville Pepper Festival

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Calcasieu Cameron Parish Fair - Sulphur

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Tri-Parish Fair and Festival - Eunice

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St. John Parish Andouille Festival - LaPlace

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Louisiana Yambilee - Opelousas

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