

music. The CFMA is dedicated to Cajun French music, language and heritage. The event features the best in Cajun music, Louisiana crafts, Cajun dancing and Cajun cuisine. Aug. 20-22. 800-346-1958, www.lafayettetravel.com.

COLUMBIA, S.C.

■ **Jubilee: Festival of Heritage** — A highlight in the city's cultural life, this celebration will feature Bill Pinkney's Original Drifters, a group that keeps alive the sounds of the '50s. South Carolina Young Playwrights will perform "Sermon of Fire: The Village Blacksmith." Artists, storytellers, dancers, other musicians, craft demonstrators and Buffalo soldier reenactors will add to the festival atmosphere. Trolley tours, specialty foods, marketplace. Aug. 28. Mann-Simons Cottage. 803-252-7742, Ext. 25, www.historiccolumbia.org.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

■ **East Coast Surfing Championships** — The second-oldest surfing contest in the world includes beach volleyball, skimboarding, golf tournament and live music on a beachfront stage. Aug. 25-29. 800-861-SURF, www.surfecsc.com.

JENKINS, KY.

■ **Jenkins Days Festival** — This citywide event will include concerts, parade, auction, outdoor drama and talent contest. Performers will pay tribute to the late Gary Stewart, country star from Letcher County. Jenkins City Park. Aug. 19-21. 606-832-0090, www.jenkinsdays.com.

WARTBURG

■ **Heritage Day Festival** — Craft demonstrations, barbecue, hayrides, old-fashioned children's games and petting zoo will make up this annual event at Frozen Head State Park and Natural Area. Performers will include the Lantana Drifters, Tony Thomas, Lone Mountain Station, Sunset Mountain Bluegrass Band and Gene Homer with FiddleShop Bluegrass. Aug. 28. 423-346-3318.

JOHNSON CITY

■ **UMOJA** — A festival using the Swahili word for unity as its name includes a children's carnival, vendors, golf tournament and community worship service. Entertainment includes Watoto Dancers and Drummers, Shaka Zulu, Midnight Starr, and Bennie Anderson and

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the Drifters. Free. August 13-15. Freedom Hall. <http://umojajc.tripod.com>.

SHELBYVILLE

■ **Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration** — This premier event draws nearly a quarter-million fans from more than 40 states to watch the selection of 20 world champions. Aug. 25-Sept. 4. 931-684-5915, www.twhnc.com.

PENSACOLA, FLA.

■ **Pensacola Seafood Festival** — Sample a variety of mouth-watering seafood and then ease your conscience with the 5K run. Event also offers arts-and-crafts vendors and children's activities, including puppet shows and hands-on arts and crafts. Sept. 24-26. 850-433-6512, www.flestaoffiveflags.org.

LONDON, KY.

■ **World Chicken Festival** — Col. Harlan Sanders opened his first Kentucky Fried Chicken cafe here, and now it hosts a weekend that features live entertainment on four stages, a Col. Sanders lookalike contest, the world's largest skillet (filled

with chicken), and crowing, strutting and clucking contest. Sept. 23-26. 800-348-0095, www.chickenfestival.com.

CHARLESTON, S.C.

■ **MOJA Arts Festival** — MOJA is a Swahili word that means "one," and this festival celebrates harmony among all people. The event highlights black and Caribbean contributions to Western culture and includes visual arts, classical music, theater, dance, ethnic foods and children's activities. Sept. 23-Oct. 3. 843-724-7305, www.mojafestival.com.

■ **Fall Candlelight Tour of Homes & Gardens** — Residents of the historic district open their homes to visitors for self-guided, self-paced walking tours. The properties on tour range from early Georgian design to the 20th century. Sept. 16-Oct. 23. 800-968-8175, www.preservationsociety.org.

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