



Chisholm Trail Comes To Life Again For Full Day Of Festivities Saturday At Abilene



Days of Longhorn steers slowly rambling into the railroad stockyards as dusty cowboys look toward the Alamo Saloon just a few yards off the Chisholm Trail will almost again come to life this weekend.

It'll be just part of the 35th annual Chisholm Trail Day Festival activities at the Dickinson County Heritage Center, 412 South Campbell Street, in Abilene, Saturday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m. "We have an entertaining and educational array of programs planned for everyone," invited Jeff Sheets, official of the Dickinson County Historical Society, event sponsor.

Advertised and promoted on 580 WIBW and The BIG 94.5 Country, there will be living history demonstrations throughout the day to highlight blacksmithing, bread making, quilting, cane squeezing, chair canning, cider pressing, corn shelling and grinding, molasses cooking, spinning and weaving, rope making, saw mill operation, wheat weaving and wood carving.

Entertainment on the live stage begins at 10 o'clock, with the lineup to feature Dave "Zerf" Zerfas (above); Classic Heart, 11 a.m., and 2 o'clock; Bill Burrows Highway 40 Band, noon and 3 o'clock; and Harold "Trail Song Willy" Williams, 1 o'clock.

Program for the history stage features Williams, 10:30; Randy Schumock (lower right), at 11:30 and 2:30; Zerf, 12:30; and Wilma and Lori Howie, 1:30.

Registration for the antique farm show, featuring the John Deere M, will be from 8 to 10 o'clock, with exhibits, including stationary engines, opening to the public at that time. Special feature tractor will be a John Deere M, owned by Dee Rodda.

"We'll have tractor games at 11 o'clock, and the parade of power is set for 1 o'clock. There will be other unique antique farm machinery educational and entertaining demonstrations throughout the day," Sheets said.

A pedal power pull, for youth four to 12 years of age, is to begin at 10:30, with registration at 9 o'clock. There'll be a petting zoo, clown and other children's games.

An antique tractor pull, sponsored by the Heartland Pullers, begins at 2 p.m., with information available from Travis Kuntz at 785-263-5186.

The fully-restored steam-powered 1901 C.W. Parker Carousel merry go-round will be in operation, as will the Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad, with steam-engine train runs from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m., on the hour.

Wild Bill Hickok will tame the streets in Old Abilene Town, and Can Can dancers are to perform in the Alamo Saloon at noon, and two times during the early afternoon. The Old Abilene Stagecoach is to be in operation with rides reminiscent of 150 years ago.

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Padre says:
"Do what you do so well that they will want to see it again and bring their friends."