

DEPOT DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

Saturday, October 8th, is the 19th annual Depot Day, Gainesville's favorite festival. This year's Main Street event continues in its downtown location around the Courthouse Square. Festivities begin at 10:00 AM and end at 5:00 PM.

Fun for the whole family, children look forward to the many rides and activities in the KIDS ZONE located from Main to Pecan between Dixon and Rusk. Five inflatable rides are on of the favorite rides along with Home Depot's craft center. Returning this year are the barrel train rides, pony rides, puppet shows, 4H pumpkin patch and many games presented by local service organizations. GAVA will be on hand for artist face painting.

October is the perfect time to begin your holiday shopping. Downtown stores will be open during the festival spotlighting heirloom quilts from the area in honor of the Common Threads Quilt Show taking place at the Civic Center during Depot Day. More than 40 arts and craft booths will surround the Courthouse featuring many new artisans.

Main Street is proud to partner with the Gainesville Antique Car Club who has moved their annual show to Depot Day. Cars will be featured down California Street from the courthouse to the State Theater where the awards presentations and registration take place. Another local Club, the Law Dogs, will spotlight a different mode of transportation, motorcycles. Have your picture taken on a chopper and then head to the Dunking Booth to humble one of our leading citizens.

For some extra excitement don't miss the Guns of Timber Creek gunfight shows taking place on California Street across from GNB bank. Show times are 10:30 AM, Noon and 2:30 PM. Once the western heritage of Gainesville grabs you, walk to the Morton Museum to take a wagon ride through the historic home district. The main entertainment stage will be on Commerce Street on the west side of the courthouse across from Wiese's and Starrbooks featuring local live bands and homegrown youth talent.

History buffs will enjoy a guided walking tour of our historic downtown featuring many of the Legends and Lore of Gainesville. Visit the Morton Museum booth in front of the B-Hive to sign up for a tour at 11 AM or 1 PM.

Texas/OU fans, don't despair. The game will be shown live on TV's at Sarah's on the corner of Commerce and California and the Main Street Pub. Libations are available. Perfect spots to enjoy the game in its entirety or to check in throughout the day.

Depot Day is made possible through the generous support of local businesses. Some of this year's sponsors include, Chamber of Commerce, First State Bank, Goldsworthy State Farm and KGAF. Sponsorships are still available. Sponsors will be treated to an appreciation party on October 15. It is a Harvey House party at the Santa Fe Depot with authentic menus and in character Harvey Girls as we transport our guests to the 1920's.

Depot Day is a Main Street Festival. For more information about Depot Day or the Gainesville Main Street program contact Lynette Pettigrew at 940-668-4530