

Mayhaw Festival coming up May 2-5

DAISETTA - The Mayhaw Festival is four days of fun-filled, family events in downtown Daisetta, May 2, 3, 4 and 5. The festival offers numerous contests, such as doubles horseshoe and washer pitching, cookoff competitions, beauty contest, basketball and volleyball competitions, mayhaw jelly and baking contests, domino competition, craft booths, a grand parade, street dance and BullJam. Vendors will offer a variety of foods along with arts and crafts and much more. On Sunday morning, a community-wide worship service with dinner on the ground will be held.

The festival gets underway Thurs., May 2, when vendors begin setting up to offer their unique goods and a variety items that will include crafts, artisan items, baked goods, and some delicious food. The carnival will open at 4 p.m. in the Hull-Daisetta High School parking lot and runs each day of the festival.

Friday's activities begin with participants in the barbecue cook-off setting up at the Daisetta City Square. Cookoff categories include Chef's Choice Drink, Beef Fajitas, Steak, Bloody Mary, Kids Cook, Chef's Choice, Chicken, Ribs and Brisket. Winners will be announced and trophies will be awarded prior to the street dance. If the barbecue cook-off is not for you, you can bring your

own pit and cook up a steak in the steak cookoff. The Mayhaw Festival Beauty Pageant, open to both boy and girl contestants, begins at 6 p.m. Friday evening in the Hull-Daisetta High School Auditorium. Entry applications will be accepted until April 24; visit the website below for more information. Over at the City Square, Raygan and Karaoke kickoff at 6 p.m. Also on Friday, festival attendees are invited to participate in some friendly washers, cornhole and horseshoes competitions. The tournaments gear up at 6:30 p.m. and are single elimination with two-person teams. The carnival will be up and running and vendors will be open.

Would you like to show off your baking skills? Do you make the best jelly? There's an opportunity to enter two competitions - the baking competition and the mayhaw jelly competition. Entries will be accepted Friday at the First Baptist Church with judging on Saturday.

Saturday, May 4, will be a day filled with events, activities, arts and crafts booths, competitions, music and plenty of good food. Crafters and vendors booths will open to the public in the high school parking lot. The carnival opens at 10:30 a.m. for fun rides and thrills and continues until 11 p.m.

The grand parade be-

gins at 10 a.m. Saturday morning. The parade route begins just north of the intersection of Hwy. 770 and Hwy. 834 and will proceed south down Hwy. 770 ending at the First Baptist Church parking lot.

The domino tournament gears up after the parade at 11 a.m. at the city pavilion. Over at the gym, the volleyball and basketball tournaments get underway with registration and games. Check the website for registration and game times.

The Mayhaw BullJam and Street Dance and Concert is definitely a crowd pleaser and one of the festival's many highlights. The street dance will feature Texas county music artist George Dearborn and Branded live at the helipad on Main Street on Sat., May 4. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. The action packed BullJam takes place Sun., May 5, at 4 p.m. Pre-sale tickets for both events can be purchased online at the festival website.

The festival mission is to bring life, energy and commitment back to the community by hosting community events that will ultimately support local projects throughout the community and school, as well as help to fund local students' higher education.

For complete festival information, entry forms and more, visit the website: hdmayhawfestival.org, call 936-587-9079 or visit the Facebook page.



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DAYTON SENIORS TAKE A TRIP

On Thurs., April 11, Dayton seniors were treated to a trip to Brenham, Texas. Dayton Senior Center, Inc., sponsored the outing to tour the Blue Bell Creamery. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by all at Nathan's BBQ afterwards. For seniors over 55 that would like to participate in an upcoming event, sign up sheets are available in the senior room located inside the Dayton Community Center, 801 S. Cleveland Street.

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