

Hallsville festival starts with parade

If all goes well, Hallsville's population will skyrocket temporarily when the annual Indian Summer Festival begins tonight.

A parade, beauty contests, a horse show and square dances are part of the activities sponsored by the Hallsville Community Center tonight through Sunday.

Robert Anderson, president of the center, said community support has made the center a success since it opened in 1975.

Through barn sales, bake sales and skating parties, the organization has raised enough money to operate the center and finance the festival, Anderson said, estimating about \$2,000 has been raised every year.

Land was purchased for the center and playground equipment and a softball diamond were installed because of the community's support, he said.

Anderson said he expects the horse show and parade to draw the biggest crowds. In the past, up to 700 people have attended, he said. The population of Hallsville is just over 130.

Here is the schedule of events for the festival:

Today

Indian princess parade, 5:30 p.m.
Opening ceremonies and flag raising, 6 p.m. •
Square dance featuring the Justice family, 8 p.m.
Pork roast and flea market all day.

Saturday

10-mile walkathon, 9:30 a.m.
Little Indian princess contest, 11 a.m.
Smokey the Bear arrives by helicopter, sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources, 12:30 p.m.
Games for all ages, including sack races and an egg toss, 1 p.m.
Skydivers land on the festival grounds, 4 p.m.
Adelphi band concert, 4:30 p.m.
Parade line-up, 5 p.m.
Parade, 6 p.m.
Zane Trace band concert, 6:30 p.m.
Gospel Strings will play, 7 p.m.
Square dance featuring the Midnight Special, 8 p.m.
Cake auction, 9:30 p.m.
Raffle drawing, 10 p.m.
Fireworks, 11:30 p.m.
Pork roast and flea market all day.

Sunday

Horse show, noon to 7 p.m.
Worship service at the Community United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
Pork roast and flea market all day.



Clipped By:



mathew5554

Fri, Mar 22, 2019