

Dandelion Daze, Candy Land highlight weekend festivities

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

From the Grease Lightning Parade and the Show & Shine to a life-size Candy Land game and sidewalk sales, Holyoke's Dandelion Daze promises to be a fun-filled weekend. The 10th annual event, sponsored by the Holyoke Chamber of Commerce, kicks off Friday night, June 18 and continues through Saturday, June 19.

Cruise into town on Friday for a meal sponsored by Bank of Colorado and Holyoke Marketplace as well as Rockin' the Oldies music sponsored by Star 92.3 on the Phillips County Courthouse lawn from 5:30-7 p.m. Registration for the car show will take place at this time as well as Saturday morning from 8-11 a.m.

During Friday's festivities, Phillips County Fair "Lady In Waiting" and "Princess" candidates will give their speeches at 6 p.m.

The night will conclude with the Grease Lightning Parade at 6:30 p.m. Car owners will show off their hot rods as they drive from downtown Holyoke to the Regent Park/Carriage House parking lot.

At 7:30 p.m. head over to the Phillips County Raceway at the fairgrounds for the Dry Creek Sprint Car Nationals featuring URSS Sprint Cars, Colorado 1200 Outlaws and RMMSA.

Saturday morning kicks off at 8 a.m. with city-wide garage sales sponsored by Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation. Maps will be available at Holyoke Elementary School.

Saturday's events also include the Show & Shine, vendors, crafts and more, all located at the courthouse lawn from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Don't miss the Chamber lunch from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. At the same time, RC gas-powered car races will take place on the south side of the courthouse.

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Phillips County Historical Museum will be open Saturday from 1-4 p.m. Visit their transportation area with a Hupmobile, Model T and more.

Saturday afternoon a quilt raffle drawing and car show awards will take place at the courthouse lawn at 2 p.m. Awards will be given for the top 15 cars, top gun (rodders' choice) and people's choice.

Corporate sponsors for Dandelion Daze are Bank of Colorado, Holyoke Marketplace, S&W Auto Supply/NAPA, Star 92.3, Regent Park Nursing & Rehab, Wolf Auto, Scholl Oil and Transportation, Grainland Co-op, Kurtzer, LLC, El Buen Sazón, State Farm Insurance, Holyoke Community Federal Credit Union, Sullivan's Appliance and Air, Flower Garden, Oak Tree, First Pioneer National Bank, Holyoke General Store, Highline Electric Association, Lighthouse Real Estate/Wiebke Harvesting, Vets Club Inc., PC Telcom and Andy Gordon.

My Little Angel to host life-size Candy Land

New to this year's Dandelion Daze is a life-size Candy Land game sponsored by My Little Angel, Early Childhood Council, LPS, Holyoke Chamber of Commerce and the Lisa B. Murphy Insurance Agency.

From 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday children can participate in fun Candy Land activities on the north side of the courthouse. Stations with Candy Land characters will be set up along the game trail.

Invites for the life-size Candy Land are available in advance at First Pioneer National Bank.

Firefighters from the Wages Volunteer Fire Dept. will also be at the Courthouse Saturday to greet children from 10 a.m.-12 noon. The idea is to educate children that firefighters are friends and will help them during an emergency. There will be balloons and candy for the kids as well

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as cupcake decorating.

Event organizers are excited to offer children identification kits sponsored by the Lisa B. Murphy Insurance Agency in Haxtun. This is a wonderful tool for parents to use with law enforcement officials if their child should be missing.

Children can also stop by the booth sponsored by My Little Angel and Operation PC Cares. Kids can use paint to put their handprint and name on a cloth. These handprints will be made into a quilt to send to Phillips County troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

My Little Angel is a group of parents who do things for kids in honor of their children who have died. Fund raising for their Christmas toy drive will begin this weekend with the sale of raffle tickets for the Ultimate Backyard Giveaway, sponsored by Holyoke Chamber of Commerce, Holyoke Marketplace, First Pioneer National Bank, Hassler Crop Insurance, Highline Electric Association and Holyoke Community Federal Credit Union.