

125th celebration, car show are this weekend

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

After months of planning and preparation, Holyoke's 125th celebration and the 13th Annual Dandelion Daze Car Show are set for Friday-Sunday, June 14-16.

Holyoke will be buzzing this weekend as festivities for the quasiquicentennial anniversary have been scheduled in conjunction with the annual car show.

The celebration will officially begin Friday night with a pie and ice cream social on the courthouse lawn from 6-7:30 p.m. In the event of rain, the social will be moved to Holyoke Vets Hall. Prairie Mountain, a band out of Otis, is slated to provide music for the evening.

Mementos including commemorative coins, key chains and belt buckles will be available for purchase Friday and Saturday.

A pancake breakfast from 7-9 a.m. at Vets Hall will kick start Saturday's events.

Car and parade registration will be held from 8-11 a.m. on the courthouse lawn. Throughout the morning, music will be provided courtesy of Star 92.3. There will also be a registrant giveaway sponsored by S&W Auto Supply.

At 10 a.m. at the Peerless Theatre, Abbey Christman and Diana Krogmeier will present the Phillips County Historic Preservation survey results. Krogmeier is a 2003 HHS graduate.

Last summer Christman, a survey coordinator for the Center of Preservation and Research at University of Colorado Denver, led a survey team to document buildings in Phillips County.

The visual presentation will offer a historical look at how architecture evolved in Holyoke.

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While compiling a report of the older buildings in Holyoke, the group worked with the Holyoke Chamber to put together a walking tour of the city. A rough draft of the walking tour will be distributed at Saturday's presentation for feedback and so residents get an idea of the information the team compiled.

The presentation will be free of charge and concessions will be available.

From 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Photography by C Lee will be on hand for vintage pictures alongside the 125th wagon. At 11 a.m. RC gas powered car races are scheduled.

Bill Coleman's "Kids of All Ages" FunFest will take place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Attractions such as an inflatable bounce house, velcro wall and horse and carriage rides will be offered.

A historical scavenger hunt will also be an option from 2-5 p.m. as the Phillips County Historical Society offers a look back through 125 years of life in Holyoke. Life in the 1800s will be discussed, and the museum's quilt collection will be on display. More information can be found at the car/parade registration table.

The museum will also have their transportation area showcased, including a Hupmobile, Model T and much more.

Awards for the car show will be given out at 2 p.m. Entrants in the car show will also be able to join in the parade.

At 2 p.m., the winners from the beard contest and vintage clothing competition will be announced. The man picked as having the best overall beard and the female and male winners for the vintage clothing contest will serve as grand marshals in the parade that begins at 3:30 p.m.

In case of rain, the awards for beards and vintage clothing will take place at the Peerless

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The parade will begin at the Bank of Colorado on the north edge of town and go to the frontage road off of Hargreaves Street before heading back downtown.

A community meal is set for 5:30-7 p.m. at the courthouse lawn. In case of rain it will move to the Vets Hall. During this time, the historical scavenger hunt answers and winners will be revealed.

Saturday's excitement wraps up with an old-time barn dance at Vieselmeyers' Pioneer Seed shed one mile south of the stoplight from 7:30-10 p.m.

The second showing of the melodrama, "Shawnee Lou, The Prairie's Purest Dressmaker," will take place Sunday, June 16 at 2 p.m. at the Peerless Theatre. Many local establishments and familiar names will appear in the melodrama as it is set in 1888 in what is soon to be Holyoke.

For more information on the events offered over the weekend, contact Holyoke Chamber of Commerce at 854-3517 or Holyoke City Hall at 854-2266.

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