

Cow Days overview: Get ready for a busy weekend

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Ham it up

Saturday's events kick off early with the car show, and the always popular ham breakfast buffet from 6 to 10 a.m.

Fleet of feet

Booths open at 8 a.m. and the 5K run also begins at 8 a.m.

Quilts, pageants and old tractors

At 9 a.m., arts and crafts as well as the Homemakers Quilt Show will be featured at the historic Courthouse.

Cow days pageants will be held at Green County Middle School at 9 a.m.

An antique tractor show is on tap for 9 a.m.

Paddle on!

At 10 a.m., lovers of non-motorized water craft will have a chance

to earn bragging rights with the Kayak, Canoe, Tube Race and Float that departs from the Legion Park launch site and ends at the Paddle Trail.

NOTE: After the Cow Days special section went to press, the time was changed from 2:30 p.m. to 10 a.m.

Bouncy houses

Greensburg Baptist Church will again have inflatables for the kids

from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. FFA games will be held on the downtown stage at 10 a.m.

Parade

The parade will head down Main Street starting at 1 p.m.

Toe tappin' and two-steppin'

An abundance of music for all tastes begins at 2 p.m. with perennial favorite DeWayne Spaw,

followed by One Shot Johnny at 3:30 p.m.

At 4:30 p.m., Fire Down will perform with Perfect Fit then taking the stage afterward.

Then at 7 p.m., headliner Layla Spring will rock the stage, with a meet and greet session for her fans at intermission.

Dogs and ducks

And don't forget the second annual hot dog

eating contest at 3:30 p.m. with the Duck Derby afterwards at 5 p.m.

For \$5, participants can enter a rubber duck to be floated down Green River, with the possibility of winning \$250.

Show me the money

At 6:30 p.m., officials will be giving away \$500 cash to one lucky winner at the stage near the foot-bridge.

Traffic

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Main Street will reopen to traffic about 10 p.m. Friday, Chief Hedgespeth said.

At 6 a.m. Saturday, Main Street will be closed and remain so until the end of the festival, about 10 p.m.

Shuttle buses will deliver visitors to the Old Courthouse in the center of the square. Parking is free for the shuttles, which will run from 7 a.m. until the

festival closes. Parking is available at Green County High School and Green County Middle School.

Parking can be difficult in the downtown area this weekend and Chief Hedgespeth said that blocking alleyways will not be tolerated.

"We had some issue with that and this year we will make sure those alleys remain open to first responders and the U.S. mail carriers," he said.

Chief Hedgespeth said festival patrons may be dropped off at the barricades.

"We ask everyone to be observant of the fact that we've got guys standing at these intersections directing traffic whether it's one of my guys or whether it's National Guard, rescue squad or members of the fire department," he said. People need to follow the detour signs and not move the orange cones."

Through traffic, including semi-tractor trailers, will be routed

around the downtown area. Signs will be posted.

To allow vendors to set up for Cow Days,

the City of Greensburg officials have asked all cars to be moved from parking spots on the square and along Main

and West Court streets by 4:30 p.m. Thursday. Any vehicles in those places after 5 p.m. will be towed.

Parade

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"Everybody who's going to participate in the parade except the walkers and tractors, everybody else will stage on Industrial Drive where Farm Bureau and the old Fred's building is located," Stearman said. "They can start staging at 10:30 a.m. CDT but need to be there by 12:30 p.m., as we will leave the staging area about 12:40 p.m."

The Kentucky State Police Color Guard will march in the parade.

The grand marshals will be the Smokin' Dragons Trap Shooting team, pulled in a new wagon built by Dan Jacobo of Stone Fort Custom Hardwood and Furniture.

Floats, walking units, horses, mules, tractors, classic cars, motorcycles and much more are invited to participate.

Unlike last year

when mules, horses and ATVs lined up at the Greensburg Nazarene Church, this year they will be at the staging area on Industrial Drive.

Walking entries will stage on West Hodgenville Avenue in front of Greensburg Housing Authority/Police Department.

Those participating in the parade should arrive at their staging area by 12:30 a.m. CDT.

For more info, call Stearman at 270-932-3284.

Hot Dog contest at Cow Days

By LARRY ROWELL
INTERIM EDITOR

If you're looking to imitate Joey Chestnut, who wolfed down 74 hot dogs in 10 minutes this past summer to claim the world title, then belly up to the table at the main stage at 3 p.m. Saturday during the Greensburg Rotary Club hot dog eating contest at Cow Days.

Twelve contestants will compete for bragging rights.

Last year, the winner reportedly downed 10 hot dogs in the al-

lotted time.

Contest Chairman Andre Calhoun said contestants will have 10 minutes to eat as many hot dogs as possible.

"There is a maximum of 12 contestants and they can sign up at the Rotary Tent beginning Friday," he said.

Calhoun said quality table manners will matter as much as quantity.

"There will be referees beside each contestant, looking for sloppy eaters," he said.


"If they don't eat all of a bun or hot dog they will get a yellow card. If they do it again, they will get red card and be disqualified."

Hot dogs, buns and water will be provided. In case there is a tie, an eat-off will be held where the fastest to consume five hot dogs will be crowned champion.

There is a \$5 entry fee and participants must sign a waiver form.

For more information, call Calhoun at 270-405-1137.

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