

The Town of Jones City celebrates the long history of the community with the annual Old Timers Day held every October.



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Old fashioned festival attracts thousands to Jones

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The Town of Jones City opens each October with a classic celebration that celebrates the long history of the small community, Old Timers Day.

Located at the geographic center of the state, Jones is the heart of Oklahoma and a prime example of small town America.

The town has a population of around 2,500 meaning Jones offers all the benefits of country living with access to big city conveniences right down the road.

Jones was incorporated as a city in 1909, but the history of the community goes back even further meaning Jones has a rich and long history that the community loves to celebrate each year with the annual Old Timers Day festival.

While the origins of Jones Old Timers Day may not be known the festival has become a staple of the community.

When football and cooler temperatures are in the air, and the first Saturday of October is fast approaching all of Jones knows it must be time for Old Timers Day.

The annual celebration of the founding and history of Jones kicks off each fall with a plethora of family friendly activities, contests, giveaways and entertainment in downtown Jones.

Annual events include a donut eating contest, hay bale throwing contest, cutest baby contest, cutest pet contest, a parade, plenty of crafts and vendors, all capped off by a street dance.

This year a "Wiener Dog Race" will be added to the festivities to replace the previously beloved lawnmower races.

Owners of dachshunds are encouraged to bring their pet out to compete for cash prizes, trophies and glory.

In the 1950's Old Tymers Day was used by the Civic Club to raise money for a new fire engine. The event continued for quite a few years, but eventually died

Old fashioned fun!

WHAT: Old Timers Day 2018

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 6

Celebration begins at 9 a.m.

Festival ends at 10:30 p.m.

WHERE: Main Street in Jones

DETAILS: Free to enter with free prizes all day!

off. Restarted in the mid 1990s, Old Timers Day has become an annual tradition once again.

Current organizer Linda Harcum said she fell into running the event.

"I went to City Hall to pay for a booth to sell hamburgers and they said we're not having it this year," Harcum said. "And I was like, 'what?' They said nobody will head it up, and I was like, 'well I'll do it.'"

City Hall's Tammy Wallace and many other

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