

Fall Fun

Harvest Fair and Tractor Pull set for Choctaw

Bethel Church Choctaw is hosting an exciting family friendly, fun-filled, and free event on Saturday, October 29, 2022. Bethel's second annual Harvest Fair and Tractor Pull is open to the community, and everyone is invited to come enjoy the many activities of the day.

Scheduled Activities Include

- *Craft/Vendor Fair*
- *Tractor Pull*
- *Food Trucks*
- *Inflatables for the kids*
- *Laser Tag*
- *And much more.*

There will be over forty (40) local vendor booths, inflatables, and dozens of vintage tractors participating in the tractor pull. Local food trucks, Nick's Tamales, and Chuck's BBQ, and Cutie Pies Concession will be on-site for you to purchase some delicious food. There will be two large inflatables for the kids to enjoy climbing, sliding, and jumping on, and a few other fun activities.

The location is 3254 N. Choctaw Rd. Choctaw.

This is a **FREE** event, (*Food Trucks and Laser Tag are the exceptions*) and all activities begin at 10 a.m. All activities are outdoors and will conclude at approximately 4 p.m.



Cordell's 35th Pumpkin Festival set for Oct. 8

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On the second Saturday of October each year, Cordell holds its pumpkin festival in what is one of the more unique festivals in the state.

First off, there is much more that goes into the festival than simply pumpkins. The town holds a bed race, where teams of five race against each other to an outhouse with one child on the bed. The child goes into the outhouse and dresses in a nightgown before getting back on the bed and racing to the finish line.

The most recent time the bed races happened were in the 1990's.

Teams must be pre-registered to participate in the event. Sept. 26 is the final day to register. Beds are provided by Corn Heritage Village, and registration is \$50. Team leaders are required to check in on the east side of the courthouse at 12:30 p.m. before the race.

There is also a Parade for those interested. The goal is to spotlight any organization or group who wants to participate. The Parade

starts at 10 a.m.

Sarah Lau, the Executive Director of the Cordell Chamber of Commerce, talked about some of the activities and vendors who will be at the Pumpkin Festival.

"We have food vendors, vendors for shopping," Lau said. "We have a Car Show that will be going on. We have a kid zone that has jump houses. The Guthrie Gunfighters will be coming out and doing a gun show for us."

Events will happen at the Town Square.

There will also be a movie shown at the local theater at 7 p.m. and a haunted house. For those on the fence about attending, Lau had a pitch for the event.

"Experience a small town in its fullest because we have everything there that you would want to see in a small town during the day," Lau said.

Another featured part of the festival is the car show. All old, new, classic or work in progress cars are eligible for the show. Registration closes Oct. 6 and is \$20 per vehicle if participants pre-register. Registration on the day of the show is \$25 per vehicle. There is

also an auto contest and a burn-out contest which tends to attract many participants.

Car classes will include Pre-40, 40-59, 60-81 and 82-present. For pickups, those classes include Pre-55, 56-72, 73-87 and 88-present. Street Rod, Rat Rod, Motorcycle and Muscle Cars classes are 64-84 and 84 to present. The show starts at 9 a.m. and goes until 3 p.m. Awards begin at 2 p.m.

Cordell High School is also participating in the event through the Pumpkin Pancake Breakfast happening Oct. 8 between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Buy tickets at the Cordell Chamber or the Washita Theater before the event to save \$1.

Tickets can also be purchased the day of the event at the door. Adults tickets are \$7 and kids 12 and under get in for \$5.

Then, there is the Jack Loftis Pumpkin Baking Contest. Sponsored by From Scratch Bakery, people can bring items for judging with awards being given out immediately following the judging. Registration starts at 8 a.m. on the south side of the square, and the judging starts at 9 a.m.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 29

WHERE: 3254 N. Choctaw Rd.