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29th Annual Founders Day Festival Coming Soon... April 22-24

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Editors Note: If you have any questions regarding this press release, please call City Administrator Michelle Fischer or Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught at 512-858-4725.

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas – Dripping Springs’ beloved springtime festival will return April 22-24 in Dripping Springs’ historic downtown area. A celebration of heritage and community spirit, the festival has grown to a sizable event with thousands attending the annual festivities.

Hosted by the City of Dripping Springs and a twelve-member Founders Day Commission, which includes representatives of various community organizations, the proceeds from the weekend of live music, delicious food and good old-fashioned fun directly benefit local non-profit organizations, churches, school and park programs, youth groups, and charities.

This year’s celebration kicks off at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 22nd with the Mighty Thomas Carnival. A Grand Parade will follow at 6:30 pm on Mercer Street in downtown Dripping Springs. Bring a lawn chair and be prepared to cheer on the hometown themed parade, *Destination Drippin.* Food and beer booths will open immediately after the parade and a street dance with headliner *People’s Choice* will rock the Main Stage starting at 7:30 pm.

On Saturday morning starting at 10:30 am, festival-goers will enjoy the Carnival, kids activities, a maze of arts and crafts booths, non-profit organizations and business booths, cook-off competitions, tasty BBQ, traditional fair food, and live music and entertainment. A street dance on Saturday night with featured artists Carport Casanovas will start at 8:15 pm and Bobby Pounds Band will play at 10 pm. Other entertainment and live music include Hired Guns, Thought Cloud, Doug Marsh and the Shimstocks, The Jim Halfpenny Band, Jimmy and the Mustangs, Decibel Agency, Bill Paige and Friends, Tommy Mojica, Clickety Cloggers, Tommy Mojica and the Dripping Strings, Dripping Springs High School Battle of the Bands winner, Head to Toe Dance, and Central Texas Youth Ballet.

Sunday family fun will continue with a church service at 9 am, the Carnival and arts and crafts booths will open at 11 am, and beer and live music will start at noon. Wrapping up the weekend, will be the Cook Off Awards and the hilarious Chicken Clucking contest at 2:30 pm.

Dripping Springs Cook-Off Club provides one of the greatest attractions to the festival with 133 entries showing off their skills of cooking brisket, chicken, pork, beans, margaritas, chili, and salsa. Like the organization’s motto, “dedicated to helping other community organizations that do not always have the means to help themselves,” the cook-off club also donates its profits back to the community.

Admission to the festival is FREE because of the many sponsors who so generously provide festival security, sanitation, barricades, tents, trash pick-up and publicity for the event. A very special thanks is extended to the following 2016 sponsors: Caliterra, LockTite Storage, Vaquero Waste and Recycling, South Point Hyundai, CMA Engineering, Gordon Inscore Homes, Pioneer Bank, Medical Towers at Sawyer Ranch, McAden Builders, M/I

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Pre-sale carnival tickets will be available starting Friday, April 8th at Lone Star Capital Bank, Prosperity Bank, Dripping Springs Pharmacy, South Star Bank, Cedar Valley Grocery, Protech Automotive, and Dripping Springs City Hall. Tickets are \$20 per sheet and include 40 tickets. At the carnival, they will be sold for \$40. Pre-sale tickets are cash only.

For questions regarding the event, please call City Hall at 512-858-4725 or visit the Founders Day web site at foundersdayfestival.com.

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