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4th of July Festival on Nolan Creek in Liberty Park

The annual 4th of July Festival on Nolan Creek will be held in Liberty Park again this year following the parade. Each year following the 4th of July Parade, thousands of visitors enjoy a variety of vendors, food trucks, music, games and displays at the Festival on Nolan Creek.

Liberty Park is located near the Belton Christian Youth Center (BCYC) on Veterans Way. Two years ago, the festival was moved downstream from Yettie Polk Park to help accommodate more space for vendors and the Rev, White & Blue Car Show, as well as being the original area of the historic Belton Rodeo Grounds.

Prior to the opening of the Bell County Expo in 1987, the annual Belton 4th of July Rodeo was held at the old rodeo grounds where BCYC is currently located. Many people remember Liberty Park being the location for the Festival on Nolan Creek prior to moving to Yettie Polk Park for many years.

In years past, there was a low water crossing behind the Bell County Appraisal District office that was used to provide easy access to the park from the downtown area. Last year, the Belton Chamber and City of Belton jointly purchased a temporary pedestrian bridge to cross Nolan Creek, providing easy access from the parade route to Liberty Park and the Festival.

"We are excited about this wonderful Belton tradition as we celebrate 'Celebrating 250 Years of the USA' as our parade theme, then continue the day of family fun with the Festival on Nolan Creek in Liberty Park," stated Randy Pittenger, Belton Area Chamber President/CEO. "Many have commented that they recall wonderful memories of attending the Festival under the shade of trees in beautiful Liberty Park."

Attractions and entertainment for the Festival on Nolan Creek in Liberty Park will include the return of the Hot Dog Eating Contest at Noon, the annual Rev, White & Blue Car Show, static display of military equipment from Fort Hood, the Dr. Watts Cooling Tent, live music performed at the pavilion, and dozens of food trucks and vendors.

The Hot Dog Eating Contest returns after a break last year, and is in its 5th year sponsored by High5HotDogs. Registration is open for both children and adult contestants, with great prize packages available for the winners who can eat the most hot dogs in 3 three minutes.

The Carnival will not be available this year, however, plenty of fun will be available for kids of all ages, including petting zoo, games, and activities.

The 4th of July will be full of activities and events, including the Patriotic Program, Parade, and Festival on Nolan Creek in Liberty Park, Family Night of the 102nd annual PRCA Rodeo at the Huntington Bank Expo (formerly known as the Cadence Bank Center, and more commonly known as the Bell County Expo), and then close out with the Backyard Party at Schoepf's Concert and Fireworks, featuring Sprung and Jared Johnson prior to the fireworks show. The concert is a free, non-ticketed event, open to the public thanks to our sponsors, but seating is only available with advance reservations for reserved picnic tables.

For more information about these events, visit the website at www.beltonchamber.com, call 254-939-3551, or email info@beltonchamber.com. ###