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***WEIMAR GEDENKE OPENS ITS DOORS OF HOSPITALITY TO
SHOWCASE MUSIC, CULTURE, FOOD & FUN
FRIDAY, MAY 10 AND SATURDAY, MAY 11***



Vintage Vehicles Welcome

Whether your cup of tea is hometown food (German in this case), dancing and music, parades, pageants, bbq cookoff, games and activities for the young and old, reunions, or even old cars, chances are the Weimar Gedenke will be serving it in Weimar on Friday May 10 and Saturday May 11--so Mach Schnell (shake a leg) and get ready! Take that warm German welcome from the friendly community of Weimar, stir in some history, culture, and tradition of celebration and you get the recipe for an annual event that continues to touch thousands. The Weimar Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors with a host of volunteers has made the Weimar Gedenke an experience for all ages with lasting memories—and it's free (even the parking). Tradition dictates that this festival is held annually before Mother's Day--this year May Friday May 10 and Saturday May 11. And, any monies made after expenses goes back into the community—a real win-win.

The grounds open Friday evening May 10. This includes the Biergarten that will remain open until 11:30 pm. Arts & crafts, games, food/beverage booths as well as the bbq cook-off all commence from 4-9 pm at the City Park in downtown Weimar. Bring the dance shoes (or boots) because The Park Pavilion will be showcasing The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly from 5-8 pm with the Texas Unlimited Band from 8-11:30 pm wrapping up the evening.

BBQ cook-off chefs (or the wannabes) may begin to compete at 7 am, Saturday, May 11. Awards will be given around 7 pm. Runners young and old can take that country run early that morning as the 5K Fun Run/Walk kicks off at 7:30 am at the Park Pavilion. Enjoy the fresh country atmosphere that sets the course for the rest of the day. For the gals (and guys) that enjoy baking, the annual pie contest and auction offers incredible competition. Entries may be brought from 8-9:30 am to the Boys & Girls Club...9:30 am is the absolute cut off. The auction on the pies will be held from 5-6:00 pm that evening. Midst everything else, expect some great games, activities, food, drinks, silent auction, and even old cars. History never takes a back seat to the Gedenke as just a few steps away at the Heritage Society Museum will be the newest exhibition entitled, “Fact, Fiction, and the New World: The Role of Books in the Making of America.” They are located on 125 East Main Street and will be open on Saturday, May 11 from 10 – 4 pm.

There’s no celebration without a parade and the Gedenke parade is designed around the culture, heritage, and reunions that evolve with this event. It begins at noon Saturday and everyone is encouraged to bring their lawn chairs. Non-profit food/beverage vendors are always welcome at the Weimar Gedenke as well as game booths and other activities. A silent auction for that fun-filled afternoon is held from 1-8 m at the Boys & Girls Club Porch. The Red Ravens are showcased from 1-5 pm at the Park Pavilion and the introduction of Miss Weimar & her Court will be held during this time. The day simply warms up for the evening with the great battle dance between The Telstars (featured from 6-7, 8-9 and 10-11 pm) and The Hit Men (from 7-8, 9-10 and again from 11-12:00 am).

“This is our commitment reinforced—*working in the community for the community*,” states Fran Barr, Executive Secretary to the Weimar Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, forms, or schedules on the Weimar Gedenke Festival Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11, contact the Weimar Area Chamber of Commerce at 979-725-9511, fax 979-725-6890, e-mail weimarcc@cvctx.com, or go to www.weimartx.org. Weimar is located between Houston and San Antonio off of I-10.

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