

Northwest Weekly
By: Mayor Chris Riley

LeonValleyDays.com
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Have you seen the banner at Evers and Wurzbach roads? Have you checked out the website, compliments of web designer Greg Meffert? Next weekend is our two-day celebration, "**Leon Valley Days 2012 – New History in the Making**", celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the City of Leon Valley and 150th (Sesquicentennial) of the Huebner-Onion Homestead and Stagecoach Stop.

Leon Valley Historical Society 2012 Pioneer Gala

A dinner gala benefitting the Homestead restoration will be held on Friday October 19th at the Leon Valley Community Center with a barbeque dinner, music by Tennessee Valley Authority and exceptional raffle packages. General Admission tickets: \$50 per person or \$40 per person for members of the Leon Valley Historical Society.

The 2012 Pioneer Gala **Grande Raffle** is a unique fundraiser. Pay \$25 per ticket (only 300 raffle tickets will be sold) for a chance at one of these packages: Pearls, Pearls, Pearls; No Place Like Home; Romantic Getaway; Great Games; Wine and Dine All Around; Wellness and Fitness. Additionally, for \$50 per ticket, you can enter the **Super Ticket Raffle** for a chance to win (2) box seats at a *Dallas Cowboys Game in Texas Stadium*, thanks to Waste Management. Anyone who purchases (4) Grande Raffle tickets will receive a chance to win the Super Ticket Raffle. **You do not need to be present to win.**

Proceeds benefit the Leon Valley Historical Society. For more information or to purchase raffle tickets, visit LeonValleyDays.com or call 684-0885 or 595-8099.

Founders Day Family Festival

On Saturday, October 20th from 2:00 pm to 7:00 p.m. at Raymond Rimkus Park, we'll have food trucks, beer, sodas and other refreshments and a kids carnival and exhibitors. Admission is free. Great live music will be played from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m., with Augie Meyers' band playing last (5:15 – 6:45 p.m.). Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Sorry, no ice chests allowed.

Simultaneously, the Historical Society will host an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social at the Huebner-Onion Homestead. Pioneer activities at the Homestead will include a blacksmith, pigeon racing, quilting, a chuckwagon, and a hayride that will help bring us back to the mid-1800's . There will be a shuttle to take people between parking lots, the Huebner-Onion Homestead and Rimkus Park. You can also walk to the Homestead from the park on the Natural Area trail.

At both venues there will be ceremonies commemorating the founders and history of our community.

I would encourage any Leon Valleyite who is able, to walk to the park. For those of you driving, you can park at the Leon Valley Elementary School or St. John's Church on Huebner road (shuttle service will be available to the park) or at the Community Center on Evers road. In the event of rain, all activities will be moved to the Community and Conference centers.

This festival is one of the largest we have had in our city since the Stagecoach Days, back in the '70's. It is made possible through a partnership between the City of Leon Valley and the Leon Valley Historical Society. Special thanks to Co-Chairs, Mayor Pro Tem Kathy Hill and Councilwoman and Vice President of the Historical Society, Irene Baldrige, and the Commemoration Committee, for planning this unique two day celebration! Hope to see you there!