

Perkins celebrates Pistol Pete Days

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Cowboys and Indians and fun for the whole family was on the agenda at the Pistol Pete Days celebration in Perkins on Saturday. Perkins Main Street Inc. hosted the event with the day full of activities including a cooking contest, fun run, games, entertainment and more.

The celebration was kicked off with a 5K (2 mi.) Fun Run at 8 a.m., starting in the center of town at the intersection of Main and Thomas. The rest of the day's events were held at Roscoe Emerson Park on west Kenworthy, beginning with a Dutch Oven Cooking Contest at 8 a.m.



Most attendees enjoyed the day's activities under clear skies and a canopy of trees while celebrating Perkins' most famous citizen, Frank "Pistol Pete" Eaton.

The event's started at 1 p.m. with the announcement of the winners of the cooking contest. Prizes were awarded to the top cooks in three categories and to the overall champion.

In the Main Dish category, first prize went to Larry Plank for his Daube Roast. Runners up included second place winner Kenneth Edmondson for his Beef Stew and Herb Dumplings, third place winner Robert Edmondson for his Sausage Jambalaya and fourth place winner Galene Moorman for her South of the Border Pizza.

In the Bread division, Kenneth Edmondson was the first place winner with his Sun Dried Tomato Bread and LaNita Plank took second place with her Sourdough Biscuits and Chocolate Gravy.

In the Dessert entries, Anna Gazaway took first with her Texas Pecan Cake with Sourdough Starter. Runners-up included LaNita Plank with her Banana Pudding taking second and Gaylene Moorman taking third for her Strawberry Shortcake.

Grand Champion of the Dutch oven cook-off was Larry Plank for his first place winning main dish winner. Kenneth Edmondson was the runner-up with his winning bread entry.

"The contest was a lot of fun," Plank said. "I didn't plan on winning, so it was a nice surprise."

Once judging was completed, attendees could enjoy samples of the unusual concoctions. Tasting bowls were provided with five samples available for a dollar.

Entertainment was provided throughout the day, as well, including Wayne Spears as "Pawnee Bill" Spears along with his horse "Y," a leopard spotted Appaloosa, regaled the crowd with stories of how the two got paired up and shared information about the upcoming Wild West show in Pawnee.

Other entertainers included dancers from Rhythm Alley Dance Studio, Native American Youth Dancers, Senior Citizens band, Melissa Holbrook and Gary Hinshaw.

The main attraction, however, was Oklahoma native Pake McEntire, brother of country

sensation Reba McEntire, who gave two 45 minute performances.

Pake, a former RCA recording artist, is a star in his right with three Top-Twenty hits on Billboard's Country Chart. These songs have included a number one hit with his song "Every Night," a number three showing with "Saving My Love For You" and a number 12 placing with "Bad Love."

He has toured the U.S. and parts of Canada since the 1970s, performing at rodeos, fairs, stage shows and dances of all kinds.

Games and activities for all ages were also available throughout the celebration. These included pony and donkey rides, basketball toss, dart throw, cow chip toss, three-legged races, frying pan toss, sack races and laser tag.

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