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Are you ready to celebrate? The City and the Burleson Heritage Foundation are putting the finishing touches on the schedule for the 22nd annual Founders Day, slated for Saturday, Oct. 11, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in Old Town Burleson (124 W. Ellison St.).

The historic festival includes western gunfighters, antique appraisals, arts and crafts, great food, games, and children's activities (including bounce houses). There will be two stages featuring entertainment. Vendor booths will stretch down Ellison, from Warren Street to Main Street.

Sonny Burgess, a Country Music Association artist winner and Texas Country Music Hall of Famer will be entertaining the crowd on the City stage with a concert that starts at 4 p.m. in the City parking lot at the corner of Warren Street and Ellison.

Oct. 11 will kick off with a walking parade down Ellison (from Bransom Street to Main Street). The parade features foundation members dressed in period costumes, the gunfighters, Terry's Texas Rangers, and community members who also embrace the spirit of the event by dressing the part of our forefathers.

The antique appraisals are slated for 12 p.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Nashville Party Barn on Wilson Street. Bring your antique (you must be able to carry it) along with \$10 and find out what that antique is worth. The car/truck/motorcycle show is noon-4 p.m. on Ellison Street. There will also be a tractor show in the main city hall parking lot that faces Ellison.

The gunfighters, who have been part of the Burleson Founders Day celebration since 1993, will stage mock gunfights on Ellison. They will also gladly take your money if you want to put someone in their mock jail (or bail them out).

Burgess, a native of Cleburne, has four albums - "When In Texas," "Stronger," "Have You Got A Song Like That?" and "All About The Ride." To find out more about Burgess and to hear his music, go to www.sonnyburgess.com.

Burleson was founded Oct. 10, 1881, and incorporated in 1912. More than 18 mayors have been elected and served since the 1912 incorporation. The Burleson Visitors Center and Museum in front of city hall is owned by the City

and managed by the Burleson Heritage Foundation. The center provides historical and tourist information and items; makes special arrangements for tour groups and school field trips to the center; and offers historically-related merchandise for sale. The center is staffed by volunteers from the foundation.

BHF members refurbished two rail cars – Rail Car #330 and Parlor Car #411 – that are located next to the Burleson Visitors Center and Museum.

Vendors interested in being part of the 2014 Founders Day celebration can download a vendor application from the City website at www.burlesontx.com/foundersapp. For additional questions about booth space please call the BRiCk at 817-426-9104 or the Burleson Visitors Center and Museum at 817-447-1575. Food vendors must have a permit from the Tarrant County Public Health Department. Booth spaces are 10 feet by 10 feet.