



Crowds line the canal at Duck Downs at Blue Bonnet Park during last year's race at the annual Duck Festival put on by the Liberal Chamber of Commerce and numerous area sponsors. This year's race will take place Saturday shortly before the winners of the annual KSCB Chili Cook-off are announced. The top duck this year will win \$5,000 for its adopted guardian, and a total of \$10,000 will be given away to the top eight winners as well as the last place duck earning \$500 as the Hard Luck Duck. All the activities, booths, games and displays start at 9 a.m. with the duck race at 2 p.m. Ducks can be adopted for \$10 each or a six-quack for \$50 at the Chamber office located at the Rock Island Depot, or they will be available at Blue Bonnet Park before the race. L&T file photo

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The Liberal Chamber's Annual Duck Festival and KSCB Chili Cook-Off is Saturday at Blue Bonnet Park.

Ducks are ready to be adopted for the race from any Chamber board member or Ambassador and are also available anywhere you see a "Ducks Sold Here" sign. They are also available at the Chamber office.

Same price as they have been for years – 1 for \$10 and a 6-Quack for \$50.

Booth space is available at the festival for any business or organization.

Call Chamber office for details-624-3855.

Numerous fun activities will be at the festival for the public to enjoy including bouncy booths, bowling, trike races, kick-the-can contest, Ducky Downs, whacky duck relay and more.

Call KSCB Radio, 624-3891, to sign up to enter your chili in their Chili Cook-Off.

On Monday, KSCB had issued a release that due to a lack of contestants, the chili cook-off was in danger of not happening.

“If KSCB doesn’t have at least 10 contestants by Wednesday, there will be no chili cook off this year,” the release said. “Right now, there are only two contestants. The deadline to enter is Friday, but if there aren’t 10 by Wednesday, the Chili Cook Off will be called off.”

However, the Leader & Times spoke with KSCB’s Joe Denoyer Tuesday, and he said as of 1 p.m., the radio station had seven entries for the contest, with the promise of at least two more by the end of business on Tuesday.

Denoyer said after 10 entries are received, the station will continue to take entries until 5 p.m. Friday.

The Chili Cook Off is from 11:30-1 p.m. Saturday at Blue Bonnet Park. First prize is \$250 and

the KSCB traveling trophy with a second place prize of \$150, \$50 for third, and \$25 for the people's choice.

Proceeds will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Haskell, Stevens and Seward Counties and the Whirlwind Career Counseling Center for Veterans.

The Chamber would like to give a big thanks to these festival sponsors: Black Hills Energy, Electric Motor Service, Fashion Tree Boutique, First National Bank, Keating Tractor, Liberal Springs, Scantlin's Furniture, Southwest Medical Center, Southern Office Supply, Southgate 6 Theatres, Southern Pioneer Electric, Stu Emmert Automotive, Squeaky Clean Car Wash, United Wireless, Versus and insurance agents C Dean Riney, Farmers/CandacePrater, Farm Bureau/Scot Kane, Farmers/Claireisa Bayouth, Shelter/Gene McElroy, State Farm/Roger Crossman and State Farm/Jerry Harding.