

Join the fun at Hooper Tomato Days celebration

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HOOPER — It started with a few people getting together to hold a rodeo with their wild horses.

Nowadays, nearly 7,000 people attend the annual Hooper Tomato Days celebration.

"It's really grown," said council member and committee member Vicky Fowers. "It's a real neat event and an inexpensive way for the family come out and have fun together."

The celebration starts bright and early at 7 a.m. on Labor Day, with a flag ceremony presented by the Hill Air Force Base color guard at Hooper Park. Breakfast will then be served under the bowery.

At 8 a.m., a 5K run/2K walk will be going on. Youth can bring their horses in at 8:30 a.m. to participate in the Jr. Jackpot event. At the same time, there will be a baby show, which Fowers says features more than 100 babies every year.

"The most popular event we have each year is the dog race, which will start at 12:30," Fowers said. "We divide the dogs into sizes and put one person



The Hooper Tomato Days royalty was crowned Aug. 20 at the Hooper Arena. From left: Second Attendant Jackie McMullin, Queen KariAnne Berry, and First Attendant Makenzie Maughan. Right photo, from left, Savannah Steed was crowned queen of the Hooper Junior Rodeo, along with First Princess Chelsea Bennett and Junior Princess Sidney Kash Gay.



Courtesy photos

on one end and another person on the other end who calls the dog. The first one to cross over wins. It's pretty fun and the dogs don't always do what you want them to. The dogs are required to be on a leash for the race."

The celebration also includes a craft fair, farmers market, soccer, games, rides,

volleyball, karaoke, Miss Pink Tomato contest and rodeo performances. The first is at 1 p.m. and the second is at 6 p.m.," Fowers said. "We'll also have a program with a lot of great entertainment lined up throughout the day."

Initially called Labor Day Celebration, the name was

changed in 1932 because of the city's reputation for its famous tomatoes.

The Hooper Tomato Days royalty was crowned Aug. 20 at the Hooper Arena. This year's queen, KariAnne Berry, is the 20-year old daughter of Cort and Tammy Berry of Garland. She is a graduate of Bear River High School and is currently

a sophomore at Snow College. She won the personality, appearance and speech categories of the competition.

First Attendant Makenzie Maughan is a senior at Fremont High School and is the daughter of Rod and Mindy Maughan of Hooper. She won the horsemanship category. Second attendant Jackie Mc-

Mullin, 19, from Smithfield, is a daughter of Corey and Carolee McMullin. She attends Utah State University majoring in public relations.

Dani Frandsen of Santaquin won the congeniality category. Savannah Steed was named queen of the Hooper Junior Rodeo. She is the 13-year-old daughter of Gary and Kim Steed of Farr West. She attends Wahlquist Junior High School, and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. She is also the 2009 Weber County Junior Posse First Princess and the Davis County Sheriff Mounted Posse First Princess.

First Princess Chelsea Bennett is 12 years old and lives in Hooper. Her parents are Mark and Darlene Bennett. Chelsea attends Rocky Mountain Junior High School and is a seventh grade class officer.

Junior Princess Sidney Kash Gay lives in Farr West with her parents, Brandon and Carsen Gay. She attends Farr West Elementary School.

For more information and a schedule of events, visit www.tomatodays.com.

Staff writer Janae Francis contributed to this story.

SENIOR MENUS

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Lunch menus

Weber County Nutrition
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Today: Meatloaf, rice, succotash, gelatin salad, pears, roll
Friday: Oven baked fish, au gratin potatoes, spinach, carrot and raisin salad, peach cottage cake, cornmeal roll
Monday: Labor Day, closed.
Tuesday: Chili con carne, carrots, cottage cheese and peaches, fruited pudding, cornbread
Friday: Ham salad on croissant, potato salad, relishes with dip, fruited gelatin salad, ice cream
Sept. 10: Chicken strips, ranch dressing, steak fries, broccoli, coleslaw, chocolate cream pie, roll

Riverview Senior Center
Lunch is served at noon Mondays through Fridays for seniors age 55 and

older. Suggested donation, \$2.50. Those age 55 and younger, \$4.50. Information, (801) 621-6086.

Today: Turkey steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, peas, roll, apple slices with cinnamon
Friday: Sloppy joes, pasta salad, chips, rice pudding
Monday: Labor Day, closed.
Tuesday: Mesquite chicken breast with barbecue sauce, cooked carrots, pea salad, roll, crescent Danish roll
Wednesday: Spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad, rolls, cantaloupe
Sept. 10: Swiss steak with country gravy, creamed peas and potatoes, roll, cherry cobbler

Brigham City Senior Center
Today: Turkey steak with gravy, baked potato, broccoli, biscuit, fruit cup, cook's choice dessert
Friday: Auntie's asparagus chicken, steamed rice, asparagus, coleslaw, whole wheat roll, royale cookie
Monday: Labor Day, closed.
Tuesday: Ham and scalloped potatoes, spinach, bran muffin, stewed tomatoes, fresh peach
Wednesday: Chicken enchilada, Spanish rice, green beans, tossed salad

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