



CHEROKEE STRIP DAYS CELEBRATION CANCELED

The Greater Enid Chamber of Commerce has canceled the Cherokee Strip Days Celebration which was scheduled for September 11-12. The decision was made by the Enid Chamber Board of Directors because parade entries were substantially down due to the ongoing pandemic.

"We hated to do it and we certainly didn't take the decision lightly," said chamber president Jon Blankenship. "We felt like we needed at least half the number of last year's parade entries to move forward and have a successful event this year. We didn't reach that threshold."

A second request for parade entries was sent to 2019 parade participants. It was also distributed to media contacts and all Enid Chamber members.

"We emphasized that we were taking several public safety steps including requiring masks and hand sanitizer for vendors and encouraging masks and social distancing for parade participants and the public." Blankenship said they were also planning to encourage spectators to spread out and utilize Grand Avenue and Independence more for viewing the parade.

Activities on the Courthouse Lawn are canceled as well. Blankenship said the parade is always the main drawing card. "Without the parade we would not have the crowd to support the food vendors, entertainers or the arts and crafts area."

All Cherokee Strip event sponsorships are being refunded. Booth fee and parade entry fee checks were not deposited. Those who paid cash for parade entries may come by the Enid Chamber office (210 Kenwood Blvd.) and receive a refund. Refund checks for parade entries can also be mailed upon request.

The Enid Chamber looks forward to planning and hosting the 2021 Cherokee Strip Days Celebration.