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Guymon Fiesta Day Sunday

Experience Guymon's Hispanic heritage at the 13th Annual Fiesta Day, Sunday, Sept. 26, from 1 to 10 p.m.

This free, all-day cultural exchange is full of fun, great food and entertainment for all ages.

The event, held at the Texas County Activity Center, will open at 1 p.m. with Mariachi Santa Cecilia from Amarillo, Texas.

Guymon's ever popular Alma Folklorica de Oklahoma dancers will perform several times throughout the event. This award winning dance group has proudly represented Guymon's Hispanic culture to various cities in the United States for a decade. The group is able to showcase at least 11 different Mexican regions. Their performances and costume design are a sure attention grabber.

Once again, the annual Fiesta Queen scholarship will be awarded by Oklahoma Panhandle State University President Dave Bryant, along with other prizes for the Queen competitors.

A new feature for this year's Fiesta Day is a Zumba Dance performance, showcasing some of the best local dancers.

For kids and the kids at heart, a Mickey Mouse show, an appearance by Sponge Bob and Elmo impersonators, kids contests for prizes, piñatas and candy will be featured. Parents are encouraged to bring a camera for photos with their favorite characters. A freestyle karate group from Liberal, Kan., will also perform.

Delicious food vendors with a wide variety of traditional Hispanic dishes sure to please a number of palettes will be at the event, as well. Most of the vendors are non-profit groups, including local churches, which are raising money for various church events and local youth groups.

Local government officials will have a presentation around 7 p.m. celebrating the unity of local cultures, with a possible appearance by Republican Gubernatorial candidate Mary Fallin. The campaign has sought out the event coordinator, but no confirmation was made as of press time.

To end the event, around 8 p.m., a live concert featuring the California band "Los Altenos de la Sierra" will perform to entertain everyone during the grand dance.

For more information on this event, contact Soila Medina in the City of Guymon's Community Development office at 580-338-5838.

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