

## September 23-24, 2022

# Welcome to Carolina Country Stampede

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**T**he 26th annual Carolina Country Stampede, presented by Williamston Downtown Inc. is back after a two-year hiatus.

The festival, in which downtown's population explodes, is slated for this Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23 and 24.

Music, amusement rides, food merchants and craft vendors will fill Main Street once again.

The festival will be from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Saturday.

According to Cameron Braddy, Town Planner and Zoning Administrator, said they are expecting between 5,000 and 6,000 people throughout the day on Saturday.

"We are very happy the Stampede is back. It does a lot for our community economically, as well as drawing people not only to Williamston, but to our downtown. It helps get the community back on the map again," he said. "With a two-year break we are excited to showcase some of the good things going on in Williamston."

Braddy said this year has the added benefit of a second stage for even more entertainment.

"This is the first year we've had the Stampede since the Chamber of Commerce put in the Community Stage," he added.

"Chase Conner with Tourism has done a really good job of lining up some events on that stage for Saturday.

It will keep things going throughout the day – so there will always be something to

do," he said.

The Community Stage is located at 140 West Main.

The Main Stage is located in front of Town Hall on Main Street near the corner Smithwick.

Over 30 vendors will be on site. Food vendors will provide a variety of refreshment and appetizing meals and merchants will sell an assortment of wares.

"We have a good lineup of vendors so far," added Braddy. "We are still looking for more if anyone is interested."

On Friday, the festival opens at 5 p.m.

The music lineup is as lively as ever with The Embers playing at 7 p.m. at the Main Stage.

On Saturday, the festival picks back up at 10 a.m. and music can be heard throughout



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THE 26TH ANNUAL CAROLINA COUNTRY STAMPEDE  
SEPTEMBER 23RD & 24TH**

Discover Downtown Williamston while you're enjoying the festival. There will be amusement rides, a petting zoo, games for cash & prizes, food & craft vendors, and FREE music entertainment!

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The Message  
of Easter

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