

The 2025 Annie Oakley Festival is already in the planning stages, and the committee members are very proud and excited about the upcoming Annie Oakley Festival. We are so excited!!!! This year will be our **61ST year** of being a Festival!! With everything we plan, we continue to make this a FREE festival for all who attend. Every event that takes place throughout the weekend, is only made possible through the sponsorships, grants, and donations that we receive from our local organizations, businesses, and individuals.

We are asking you to consider partnering with us for this wonderful, family oriented, time honored festival. Your sponsorship can go to help cover expenses such as printing and advertising, entertainment, contests, parade, and even the Historical Bus Tours. You can pick what area you would like to sponsor, or you can say to put it towards general expenses (rental, publications, etc) Each year, our cost goes up a little, and this year's budget for the 2025 Annie Oakley Festival is approximately \$38,000, and that is why we would greatly appreciate your sponsorship.

Listed below are the events that we are planning for the 2025 festival, and we are so grateful to all of those involved in each of these events, and the excitement that they will be bringing to our festival. This list isn't necessarily a complete list, as we are always looking for new and exciting things to add to our festival

*Annie Oakley Shooting Contest
*Little Miss & Mister Contest
*Annie Oakley Parade
*Free Historical Bus Tours
*Live entertainment including many singers
*Melodrama
*Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association
*National Fast Draw Competition
*Annie Oakley Car Show
*Weiner Dog Races and Costume Contest
*Kidie Tractor Pulls
*Kids Crafts
*Petting Zoo
*Possible new ideas to be announced
*Souvenirs, Vendors, Concessioners, and exhibits throughout the weekend

Another way that you can help us, is by becoming a member of the Annie Oakley Festival Committee. We meet monthly (January-November, weather permitting), and we appreciate new ideas and input from our members. Having more members would help us to create an even bigger and better festival. Membership fees are only \$5.00 per person, per year.

If you have any questions about our festival, and what we are planning, and how you can be a major part of the success of the 2025 Annie Oakley Festival, please feel free to contact me at <u>937-623-9235 or by email at:</u> <u>president@annieoakleyfestival.org</u>

Sincerely, JoEllen M Melling - President – Annie Oakley Festival Committee