

Another fun fall fest

It's another year down for the City of Bushnell, as they wrapped up their Fall Festival last Saturday – it was number 41. The celebration is in honor of the City's founding, Oct. 28, 1885, and was initiated in 1986. Resident Betsy Ruano, wife of then city manager, Vince Ruano, was asked to create an event to commemorate the founding date. The festival has been drawing crowds ever since.

Families, friends and newcomers head downtown for a day of fun – vendors with gift items and food are set up, as live music builds the atmosphere. There's a game spot for the kids and challenges all day long, with live performances on stage. There's a greased pig contest, a frog jumping challenge and a hot dog eating contest. There's a parade down Main Street with first, second and third

place honors, as well as pumpkin carving, lamp post and hay bale decorating.

The lamp posts and the hay bales are all a part of building anticipation as folks plan for the big day out. At night, it's time for fireworks and a street dance.

Next up for the City is Trunk or Treat on the plaza at the Marge A. Thies Plaza Park in downtown Bushnell.



Photo courtesy of Benny Collins
The City of Bushnell hosted their 41st annual Fall Festival this past Saturday – a birthday celebration for the City's founding. The fun started in the morning with a parade and lasted into the night with fireworks and a street dance. The fireworks lit up the sky around downtown.



Photo by Jasmine Garcia
The greased pig contest is always a hit, especially for those with children and grandchildren. The fest was full of fun things to do, from the greased pig contest to a frog jumping challenge and hot dog eating contest.



The morning parade kicks off the annual Bushnell Fall Festival, drawing businesses, organizations, schools and groups as they move along Main Street, waving to the crowd. Winning entries were: Iglesia de Dios Pentecost in first place, DeSantis in second and The Village Twirlers in third.



Scenes from the Fall Festival Parade

