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Healthy Living Expo May 29, Deadline for Vendors is May 1

The 2015 Healthy Living Expo, hosted by Haskell County Coalition, is scheduled for Friday, May 29 and it's not too late for agencies and businesses to reserve free booth space to showcase their services.

The event will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the courthouse lawn and area agencies and businesses are invited to participate by providing educational information, screenings or healthy living activities—all aspects of Healthy Living, explained Janice Williams, executive director of Stigler-Haskell Co. Chamber of Commerce and coalition member.

Booth space is free, but vendors must complete a registration form and return it to a member of the organizing committee by May 1. Anyone with questions regarding the event are asked to contact Connie Olcott at 479-763-8007, Shelly Franz at 918-448-0098 or Jennifer Brinker at 918-617-8071. A copy of the registration form is available at the Chamber of Commerce office and also on the Stigler News-Sentinel's Facebook page. Each vendor is encouraged to provide a door prize for the event.

A booth decorating contest between the vendors is also scheduled. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative. Area residents should mark their calendars for May 29 and plan to attend the event, said Royce Alverson, a coalition member who is employed with KI BOIS. The Healthy Living Expo is held each year in May and is a family-friendly tobacco free event, he explained. Don Buchanan, CEO of Haskell County Community Hospital, will be the emcee for the event and numerous events for all ages will be conducted.

A variety of food preparation demonstrations will be presented, and winning entries in poster and recipes contests will be on display. Oklahoma Kids will perform at 11 a.m. to noon at the gazebo and door prizes will be given away. Neighbors Building Neighborhoods will be organizing a program which will allow area residents the opportunity to dispose of prescription drugs that are outdated or no longer needed. "This is the first year for this event," Alverson said.

Additional information about events planned during the Expo will be included in future issues of the Stigler News-Sentinel.