



September 14 - 15, 2018

Dear Friends:

We cordially invite you to participate in our **Annual Karnes City Rotary Lonesome Dove Fest Parade**, which will be held on **Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in downtown Karnes City**. This event is held in conjunction with this year's **25th ~Silver~ Anniversary Lonesome Dove Fest** that will be held at the Karnes County Youth Show grounds September 14th & 15th. The Lonesome Dove Fest includes youth day on Friday (closed to general public) and two days (Friday evening and all day Saturday) of activities for everyone including vendors, exhibits, games, entertainment, and more! **This year's event is one week earlier than usual so please indicate the earlier date on your calendar. *******

For the Annual Karnes City Rotary Lonesome Dove Parade, awards will be given in the following categories: Local floats, Chamber of Commerce/Out of Town, Antique or Decorated Cars, Civic Organization/Club/Church, or Other. A Grand Prize & Reserve Grand Prize trophy will be awarded to the best entries. This year's parade and LDF celebration will have the theme of **Silver and/or 25th Anniversary** so we encourage you to decorate as such! We highly encourage music. **Check in will start at 8:00 a.m. in front of the Karnes City Library at 302 S. Panna Maria Avenue, Karnes City, Texas 78118. No one will be at the library for check in BEFORE 8:00 a.m., so please don't expect to check in early, though you can start putting together your float or entry before 8:00 a.m. if you desire. Judging will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. If you are not in place by 9:00 a.m. you will not be judged.**

You have been a very important part of our parade in the past and your entry this year will be greatly appreciated. Help us celebrate this special event by your participation. Our goal this year is to have 100 entries in our parade!

Enclosed you will find your entry form. **Please return your entry form no later than September 1st if you would like to participate in our parade. *****Due to the time and effort that goes into organizing the parade list and preparation for that day, late parade entry forms will NOT be accepted. *******

The parade line-up will **NOT** be available before the day of the parade so please **check in at the library** to get your lineup number. **Every parade entry is required to check in the morning of the parade in front of the Karnes City Library so we know you are there and so we can give you the number to place on your vehicle or entry for our announcer to know who is going in front of him as he announces your information. For the safety of the crowd, especially children, NOTHING (candy, giveaways, and etcetera) CAN BE THROWN FROM THE FLOATS OR PARADE VEHICLES, please.**

If you require any additional information please contact me at 210-906-4083.

Thank you, *Lavonne C. Murphy-Guzman*

Lavonne C. Murphy-Guzman, MBA, LNFA
Lonesome Dove Fest 2018 Parade Chairman

