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The Silver Rail band - classic rock, oldies, country, blues and funk – is the headline entertainment Saturday, Oct. 8, at the 19th annual Founders Day celebration in Old Town Burleson. Silver Rail is on the City stage for 90 minutes, starting at 4 p.m.

The 2011 event is slated for 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Old Town. The fun will take place on Ellison Street and stretch between Johnson Avenue and the railroad tracks (Main Street). Founders Day is hosted by the City of Burleson and the Burleson Heritage Foundation. Mock gunfights and great food, arts and crafts, carnival rides and entertainment will mark the celebration of the founding of Burleson, Texas. There may even be a costume parade to kick off the festival. Burleson was founded Oct. 10, 1881, and incorporated in 1912. The first Founders Day festival was in 1993.

The City stage will be set up at Ellison and Main streets. The entertainment starts at 9:30 a.m. with Ballet Folklorico de Fort Worth, followed by the Elk Strutters, Stribling Elementary choir, Recreation Center Performers, Country Club Kickers, Ballet Folklorico Azteca de Fort Worth, Texas Tradition, Performers Unlimited, Artistic Motion Dance, Frances Lea Dance Academy, and a Tae Kwon Do demonstration.

First Baptist Church is hosting a stage at the corner of Ellison and Bransom that will feature Christian music entertainment.

John Wayne and his horse Dollar will be visiting festival goers on Ellison. The infamous gunfighters will stage mock gunfights at least four times – 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. - during the event. And the gunfighters will be taking bribes to put people in a mock jail, and “bail” money to get them back out.

The real police officers from the Burleson Police Department will be taking a pie in the face at the Citizens On Patrol booth. And Patches and Pumper (the animated firefighting Dalmatian and his fire truck) – will be “talking” to people who Patches picks out in the crowd.

For more about the festivities, call 817-426-9112 and ask for David McDowell. For a booth application, call Neal Jones at 817-447-3522 or 817-343-2589. Come on out and enjoy the fun!