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TURKEY
FESTIVAL

Saturday
Sept. 30, 2023

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37th Annual Eldon Turkey Festival Schedule of Events



Friday, September 22

Little Mr. & Miss Gobbler and Little Mr. & Miss Turkey

6:00 p.m. Coronation at Eldon South School Gym

Saturday, September 30

Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run/Walk

6:45 a.m. Check-in at Eldon Career Center / 7:30 a.m. Race Begins

Turkey Festival Parade

9:00 a.m. Parade Line-up / 10:00 a.m. Parade Begins

Eldon Community Center

- Joe's Old-Fashioned Fun Carnival Rides • Student Art Exhibition (inside)
• Bounce Houses • Just Be Clowning Around • Miller County Sheriff's Department •

Entertainment Stage (Community Center Caboose)

11:00 a.m. - Lil Mr. and Miss Turkey and Gobbler

11:10 a.m. - Miller County Fair Royalty

11:30 a.m. - Eldon Middle School/High School Cheerleaders

12:30 PM - Eldon High School Chamber Choir

1:15 p.m. - Eldon High School Jazz Band

2:00 p.m. - Out On A Limb

Eldon Airport

Young Eagle Flights - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

First Baptist Church (grass lot)

MU Air2 Medical Helicopter - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Eldon Area Chamber Booth (First and Maple Streets)

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Smoked Turkey Legs and Turkey Tenders & Eldon Christmas Ornament Sales



Festival shopping



Subject to additions or changes, the following vendors will set up shop at this year's Eldon Turkey Festival.

Sunflower Boutique, Miller County Health Center, New ish Finds, Oldthyme Goodness, Infinity Float and Spa, Bestiez Boutiqy, Sarah's Art Shop, Greenridge Baptist Church, Lila Rose Hair Accessories, Avon Sales, Blues Bakery, Our Fathers Table, Tonya's Reborn Cuties, Becks Designz, Two Bro's Chill Company, Lake Ozark Marine Corps 1137, Marvin Scott, Paper Pie, HBM Sales LLC, Landmark Church, Lake of the Ozark Wood Carvers, Mustang Grill, RJ's Real Italian

Ice Cream, Made by Miss, Charming Note, Downtown Eldon, U.S. Coast Guard, Sarah Butler Arts, Kathleen Keane, Krafty Kottage, Karen Sewing;

Betty James, Miller County Republican Committee, D.K. Freeze Dry Candy, Eldon Drug, Honguei Enterprise LLC, Kona Ice, Bearded Men of the Ozarks, Elsie's Awesome Creations, Central MO Foster Care & Adoption, Granny's Crafts, Heather Hill, Alta's Handicrafts, Scentsy Fragrance, Cheryl's Crochet Critters, Clarkson Creations, Jehovah's Witnesses, World Acceptance, Tarotchic Taro Readings, Jennings Insurance

Group, Debbie R's Wax Melts, Brantley House, Renewal by Anderson, Family Force Martial Arts, Crystal Creations;

Church of Christ, Samuel Gearhart Marine Corps, 8:39 Leathercraft, Tabby and Paula Farmasie, Williams Kettle, Gatorwagon, Pizza Kwik Pizza Food Truck, Creekpam Concessions, Old Thyme Funnel Cakes, Lolo's Treasures, 2 Wheels Down, Crimson Skye Boutique, Noble Eagles, Whittle's Pub and Grub, Boutique Trends, B & A Crafts, New Life Joyful Ladies, Rita Runyan, Miller County Democrat Committee, American Legion Post 624, Nickelbrick, Foolish Owl;

Art Creations By MMM, CR Vinyls, Rusty Buckets, Eldon Area Ministerial Alliance, Artfully Aesthetic Photo, Gutter Helmet, Right for Life, Tupperware, Rustic Pink, Nana C's Quilting, Philbilly's Hot Sauce LLC, Albrecht Metal Works, Thirty-one, Sheets and More, Sandy Jones, MADD Crafters, Continental Siding, Club Spyn, RE Originals, Twist Tie Farm, Frog Hollow Wood Creations, Spring Garden Baptist Church, Just Be Clowning Around, Angry Llama, Miller County Sheriff's Department and Peter Wansing Bounce House.

Welcome to the Eldon Turkey Festival



As president of the Eldon Area Chamber of Commerce, I am thrilled to write to you today to share the excitement and anticipation building up in our vibrant community for the upcoming 37th annual Eldon Turkey Festival, scheduled for Sept. 30, 2023. This cherished event, hosted by the Eldon Area Chamber of Commerce, has become a cornerstone of our community's calendar, and this year promises to be more spectacular than ever.

Our community's spirit and unity are exemplified by the camaraderie and energy of the Eldon Area Turkey Festival. With each passing year, the festival has evolved into an occasion that not only brings us together, but also showcases the incredible talents and offerings of our local area.

This year, our festival will proudly feature a diverse array of vendors who will present an eclectic range of goods and services. From unique crafts to artisanal treats, the offerings promise to captivate every attendee and reflect the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of our community.

Our Eldon schools continue to be an integral part of the festival, infusing it with youthful energy and vibrancy. With captivating performances and interactive activities, our students will

undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on festival-goers, reminding us of the incredible potential that resides within our community's younger generation.

The unwavering support of our local Eldon businesses is a testament to the symbiotic relationship between our festival and the entrepreneurial spirit that defines our area. These businesses serve as pillars of strength, fostering economic growth and community development, and their participation in the festival ensures its continued success.

As always, the food vendors at the Eldon Area Turkey Festival are set to tantalize our taste buds with an assortment of delectable offerings. Attendees are in for a culinary journey that will delight the senses and satisfy cravings of all kinds.

One of the highlights of the festival will undoubtedly be the captivating stage performances. Local talent will take center stage, showcasing music, dance, and entertainment that reflect the cultural richness of our community. These performances not only entertain but also celebrate the diversity that makes our area so special.

Erik Svoboda
Chamber of Commerce
President

Carnival, other children's activities set

The Eldon Community Center, both inside and out, is definitely the place to be for kids at this year's Turkey Festival.

Inside is a student art exhibit, but outside there are fun activities for children of all ages, including carnival rides.

Joe's Old Fashioned Fun from Des Moines, Iowa will be in town with a variety of carnival rides.

There will also be three inflatable games, Just Be Clowning Around face

painting and the Miller County Sheriff's Department.

There will also be free flights for youth ages 8-17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the airport, thanks to the Lake of the Ozarks EAA Chapter Young Eagles.

Pre-registration is required online at yeday.org/4357 or onsite. A parent or guardian must be present for child to take their flight and the final registration will take place at 2 p.m.

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Li'l Gobbler, Li'l Turkey pageant Sept. 22

Little Mr. & Miss Gobbler and Little Mr. & Miss Turkey contestants will walk across the South School stage at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, in the annual pageant to crown the top vote-getter. All participants will receive gifts.

Pint-sized contestants receive one vote for each penny collected, and monies collected must be received by 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Eldon Area Chamber of Commerce office.

Children ages 3 and 4 compete for the Li'l Gobbler crown and children ages 5 and 6 compete for the Li'l Turkey crown. Registration forms were due at the Eldon Area Chamber of Commerce office this past Monday, Sept. 18.

All contestants may ride in the Turkey Festival parade Saturday morning, Sept. 30, and royalty will be introduced at the entertainment stage (by community center) at 11 a.m. that day. Parade lineup is at 9:30 a.m.

Note: The festival committee is not responsible for the collection of funds and all proceeds from the event will be used for production of the event and community betterment.

Turkey Trot kicks off Saturday events

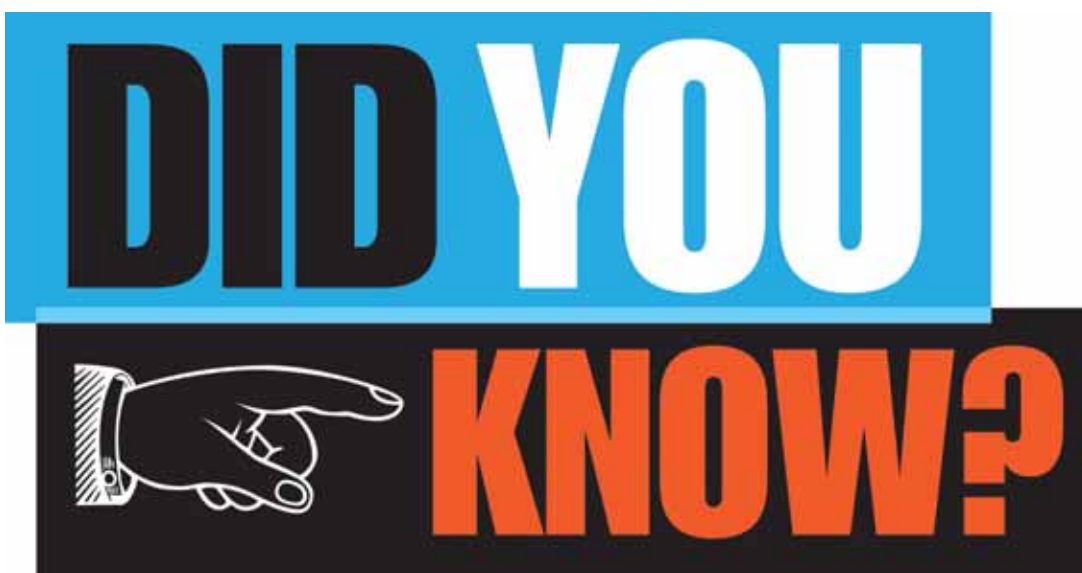
For the 37th straight year, Eldon Turkey Fest events will kick off with the Turkey Trot 5-K run and Gobble Wobble 5-K walk.

This year's event begins at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, in front of the Eldon Aquatic Center in the airpark.

Sign-in and late registration is set for 6:45-7:15 a.m. the day of the race. The cost is \$25.

You can also register at Eldon City Hall and at the Eldon Community Center in advance of the race or at <https://www.eldonmo.org>.

For more information, contact city hall at (573) 392-2291.



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A pig, a calf and a judge - Brooklyn Wieberg, 4, visits with judge Kelly Stumpe from Russellville during Monday's bucket call show at the Miller County Fair in Eldon.

St. Elizabeth board approves preliminary budget

Wednesday, June 28 the St. Elizabeth R-IV board approved the 2023-2024 district budget. Superintendent Doug Kempfer said in the budget summary "the budget for the upcoming year is projected to be a workable budget. Right now, our budget is showing a net profit of \$12,533,333. This amount is likely to increase as the year progresses."

Iberia board raises pay, eyes projects

After considering information from a recent workshop meeting and employee groups, the Iberia R-V School Board has decided to raise the base pay for its 2023-24 budget Tuesday night. The board also considered raising the base pay for its 2023-24 budget Tuesday night.

Trading time this Saturday in Tuscumbia

It's trading time in Tuscumbia this Saturday, July 8 at Riverside Park in Tuscumbia. The event is from 8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a variety of vendors present to sell, better or trade their goods.

Miller County Fair Schedule

Wednesday, July 5
6-10:30 p.m. - Hog show.
6:30 p.m. - Little Royalty Contest (at Eldon High School Performing Arts Center).
FREE admission to livestock grounds and carnival.
Carnival Rides - Armbands available nightly for \$30 - unlimited rides from 6-10:30 p.m.

2023 Theme - "Barnyard Bash"

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Hittin' the main stage at the Turkey Festival

There will be one entertainment stage at this year's 37th annual Eldon Turkey Festival. It will be on the community center parking lot by the caboose.

Below is a rundown of entertainment provided for festival-goers.

Little Mr. and Miss

Winners of the Little Mr. and Miss Turkey and Gobbler contests (held Friday, Sept. 22 at South Elementary School) will be recognized at 11 a.m. at the entertainment stage.

Miller County Fair royalty

Miller County Fair pageant winners will be recognized at the stage at 11:10 a.m.

Cheerleading performances

The Eldon Middle School and High School cheerleading squads will hit the stage at 11:30 a.m.

EHS Chamber Choir

The Eldon High School Chamber Choir will perform at 12:30 p.m.

EHS Jazz Band

The Eldon High School Jazz Band will perform at 1:15 p.m.

Out On A Limb

Popular local music group Out On A Limb will take close out festival entertainment at 2 p.m. at the main stage.

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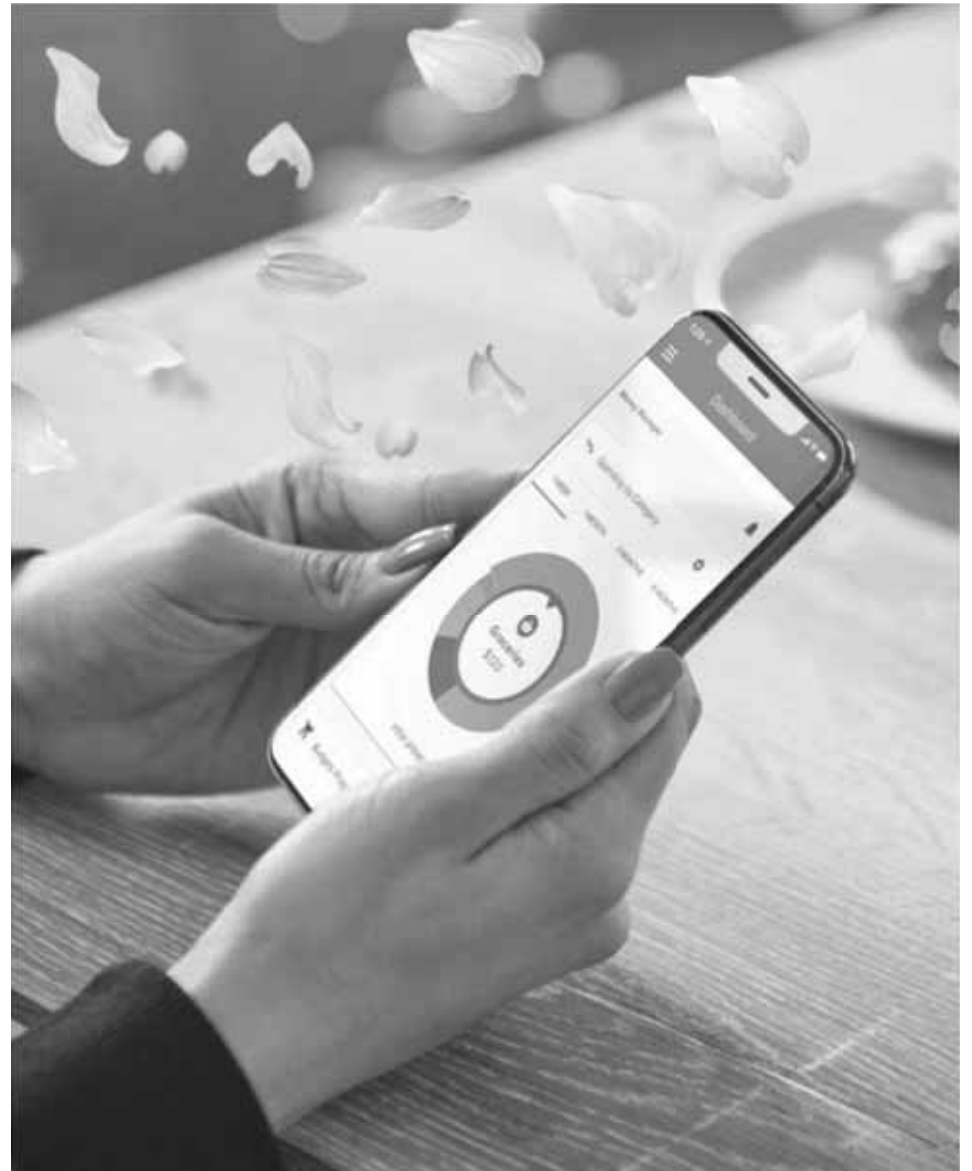
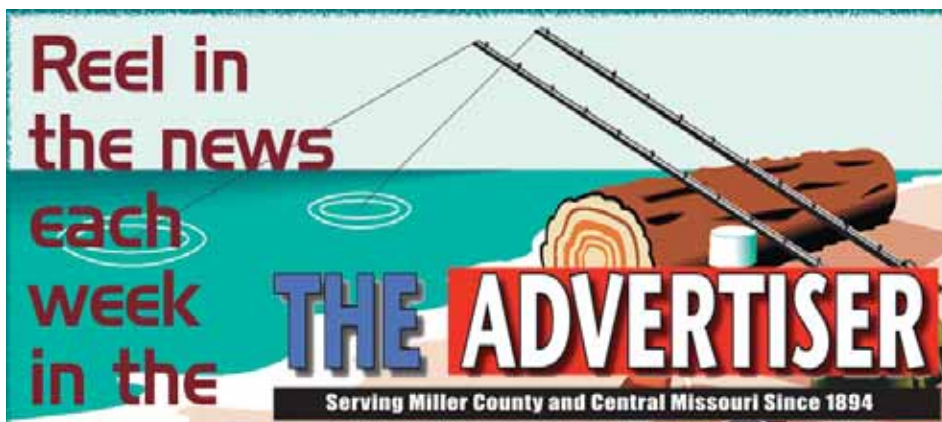
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Young Eagles take flight at Turkey Festival

Kids ages 8-17 will have a chance to take to the skies during the Eldon Turkey Festival Saturday, Sept. 30.

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1254 will host a Young Eagles Flight Rally from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day at the Eldon Airport.

In addition to giving kids free flights,



pilots at the event will explain about their airplanes, teach attendees how airplanes work and how pilots ensure that safety is the prime concern before each flight.

Would-be participants are asked to pre-register online at yeday.org/4357. Walk-ins will be subject to availability.

Relieve stress at rage house



If you have pent-up stress or just want to smash something, the Angry Llama Mobile Rage House is the place to be Saturday, Sept. 30.

The rage house will be open for business that day on the Eldon Community Center parking lot as part of the 37th annual Eldon Turkey Festival.



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Capital Region Clinic featured on Turkey Festival ornament

Capital Region Clinic will grade the 2023 Turkey Festival Christmas ornament, with artwork drawn by Eldon High School art teacher Sean Stephenson.

The gold ornament with black graphics

and lettering, will be available for purchase for \$15 apiece at the Eldon Area Chamber of Commerce booth during the Turkey Festival. Supplies are limited so make sure and get yours early.

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Turkey Fest parade hits the streets Sept. 30

Help us make this year's parade one of the best yet! Enter your float, car, truck, horse, tractor, or even boat and join us for the 10 a.m. parade and kick off the 37th annual Eldon Turkey Festival in style. There is no entry fee to participate in the parade.

Parade check-in for all participants is at 9 a.m. at the Eldon Career Center. Return your completed parade application to the chamber office before Friday, Sept. 27. Forms may also be emailed to mkostelnik@eldonchamber.com.

Categories for entries are, as follows:

- Bands, Drum & Bugle Corps & Majorette Corps
- Antique/Classic Tractors
- Color Guard
- Modified Classic Tractor
- Floats (church or community organization)
- Floats (business/commercial)
- Modified Classic Vehicle
- Bicycles, ATVs, etc.
- Municipal entry
- Equestrian units
- Beauty queen or notable person

First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded only to band entries.

Parade applications are available online at <http://EldonChamber.com>, at the chamber office at 210 E. Sixth Street (new railroad depot) or at Eldon City Hall at 101 S. Oak Street.



Turkey trivia

Turkey feathers used to be fashion statements and the birds were bred for their feathers. An adult bird can have more than 6,000 feather...so there were a lot of nekkid birds wondering around.

Booties are for the birds. A couple of hundred years ago, turkeys in England would wear tiny booties to protect their feet when they were being marched to market.

Athletic birds. A turkey can run up to 12 miles an hour. A human averages four miles an hour.

Bouncing baby bird. It takes approximately 28 days to hatch a turkey egg.

Weight problem? The heaviest turkey on record weighed 86 pounds.



Eldon Turkey Festival Parade Application

Parade Date: September 30

Parade Line Up – 9:00 AM

Parade Starts – 10:00 AM

Group Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Please check that applies to you or your organization.

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| <input type="radio"/> Band, Drum & Bugle Corps, Majorette Corps | <input type="radio"/> Float (Business/Commercial Entry) |
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| <input type="radio"/> Color Guard | <input type="radio"/> Bikes, ATVs, etc. |
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| <input type="radio"/> Float (Church or Community Organization) | <input type="radio"/> Equestrian Units |
| <input type="radio"/> Antique/Classic Vehicle | <input type="radio"/> Beauty Queen or Notable Person |

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

Parade participants must check in at the **Eldon Career Center** (112 S. Pine St.) at 9:00 AM. Saturday morning. Parade positions will be assigned at check-in. Parking is available between the EHS Gymnasium and the Fine Arts Building and the parking lot to the east of the gymnasium. All other parking lots are used by parade participants. **Please return your application by September 27, 2023.**

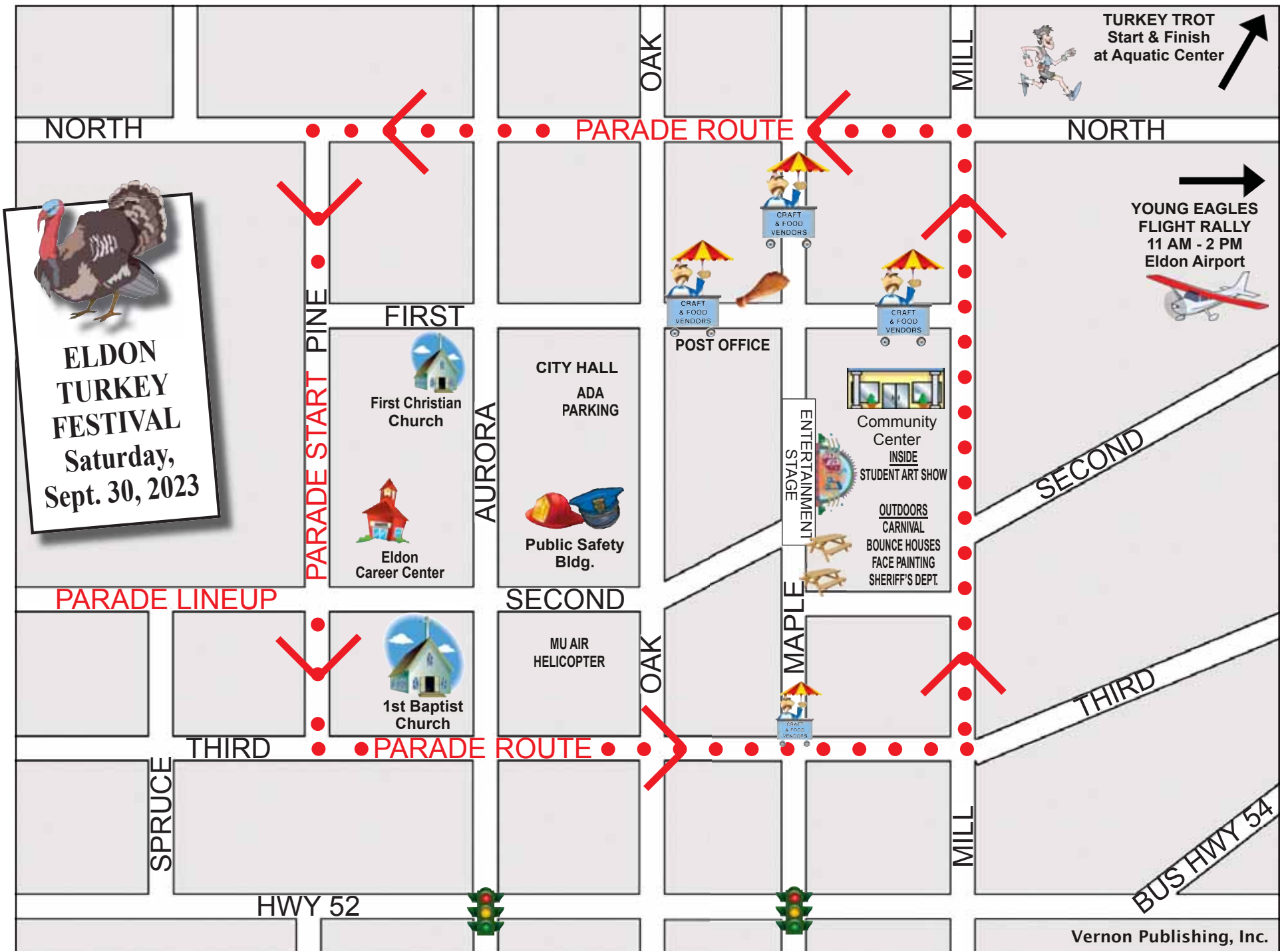
Equine will be in the open field on the corner of Second and Locust Streets. **ATTENTION: All horses must either wear horse diapers or the horse rider must pay \$5 (per horse) for waste disposal.**

All fire trucks and large trailers or vehicles should line up on Third, go North on Spruce where they will be directed to the Parade route.

Bands will be in the parking lot to the North of the Career Center and across the street on the lawn in front of Building C.

We look forward to your participation in the parade and seeing you at the 37th Annual Eldon Turkey Festival!

Return the Form to mkostelnik@eldonchamber.com; or drop it off at the Eldon Area Chamber Office.



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