Issaqueena Festival returns

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SIX MILE — The Issaqueena Festival, rooted in the area's American Indian folklore, is ready to welcome residents and visitors for live music and entertainment, arts and crafts, a car show, food and much more.

"It gives people a chance to come out in the community and just meet together with their friends and neighbors and have a good time," said Rita Martin, Six Mile town clerk and treasurer.

Martin said the Issaqueena Festival will be from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday in downtown Six Mile.

Roy Stoddard, a Six Mile councilman and chair of the Issaqueena festival committee, said the event is "family oriented" and is an opportunity to "show off a little bit of Six Mile."

Martin said the festival will have arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, a car show and inflatable playgrounds.

"We've got vendors that are going to be selling hot dogs, funnel cakes, snow cones, hamburgers, pizza, barbecue," she said. "So come hungry."

Stoddard said arts and crafts will range from jewelry to candles.

YOU CAN GO
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When: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. May 21
Where: downtown Six Mile

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Car owners can enter their vehicles in the car show. The entry fee will be canned goods that will be donated to the food bank at Six Mile Baptist Church, Stoddard said.

Entertainment will include Christian rock group Forget Tomorrow, Hotfoot Cloggers, Mountain View Baptist Quartet and Cane Creek Bluegrass Band.

She said there will also be Cherokee dancing, drumming, song and storytelling hosted by South Carolina's Reedy River Intertribal Association.

Martin said the festival is rooted in the story of Issaqueena, an Indian woman who, according to legend, made a roughly 90-mile trek to warn settlers of an impending Indian attack.