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PRESS RELEASE

DBA PRESENTS AT&T's YESTERFEST, 2010

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9am – 5 pm

"Step into History"

Step into three separate eras of history on April 24 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at AT&T's Yesterfest 2010! Bastrop, and the Downtown Business Alliance, celebrates the past defining the pioneer days, the jazz era, and the rock-a-billy time of post-war innocence through music, costume, reenactments and just plain entertainment. The public is invited to come and encouraged to dress for a favorite time period. A costume contest will reward the winners in all three era categories.

The Pioneers on South Main will host trick ropers, gunfighters, saloon girls, Native American Dancers and Chuck Wagon Cooking. We are sure that there will be gunfights at the old Saloon, a probable train-robbery of the miniature train running from the Children's area, and that the Indians will be dancing for rain or sunshine, whichever is needed. Visitors can enjoy the music of the era on the stage located in front of City Hall, and can watch the telling of the Wilbarger and Manlove stories presented by members of the Bastrop Historical Society.

In memory of the great Runaway Scrape during the Texas War for Independence where, after the fall of the Alamo, the women and children left at home while their men were fighting the various battles had to leave their homes and stay ahead of the advancing Mexican army, Bastrop is creating the first Runaway Scrape foot race. Runners will start at North Main and Spring, run down to Fisherman's Park then along the river Walk on the banks of the Colorado River and end back up on South Main. There will be prizes for the winners. Participants in costume will be given a head-start handicap.

Don't miss the opportunity to get your Bastrop Certificate for Spitting off the Bridge. A time-honored tradition with certification held by a select few, Bridge Spitting is known to increase circulation and breath control. One wonders what long-term effects the practice will provide to the spittees.

The Jazz Era on North Main will have music to please all since the time encompasses jazz, gospel and the blues. Bonnie and Clyde (who were reputedly in Bastrop, but did not rob the bank) will be available with authentic memorabilia to finally rob the old bank. Don't miss the reenactments, Bonnie's will, g-men and flappers as they hang out in front of the Speak-Easy, and the Bastrop Historical Society's presentation of vignettes from Bastrop's Jazz Age.

Rock-a-Billy is the theme of Spring Street, with 50's cars parked at the drive-in waiting for their vanilla cream cokes while the Sonic Skaters deliver ice cream from the Opera House. Listen or dance to period music from swing to bop to rock-and-roll and watch the D'Ette and Company tap dancers or join in to learn the Swing, or participate in the sock hop. Try the hula-hoop contest in front of the Opera House, Daddy'o, and hear the stories of Bastrop's experiences during the post-war days.

Continue your "Rock-a-Billy" day by attending the Bastrop Opera House performance of "Forever...Patsy", a play starring Terry Moore as Patsy Cline at 7:30 pm. Don't miss this thrilling performance.

While all eras will be wonderful family entertainment, children will want to visit the Children's Area at the County Courthouse where there will be animal displays from McKinney Roughs, the Fry's Fun Farm petting zoo and pony rides, MJ's Traveling Train rides, Boy Scout Troop 181 pine car derby races and beadwork and halos made by the representatives of Children's Advocacy Center.