

Firemen's Festival at Austin offers visitors free musical entertainment

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During the two days of the Austin Firemen's Festival, October 9 and 10, visitors are going to be treated to some very good -and free – entertainment.

On Friday, October 9, the schedule calls for exhibitors' booths to be set up on the grounds of the Jennings Township Volunteer Fire Department in downtown Austin from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Booths and exhibits will open to the public starting at 4 p.m. and will remain open until 11 p.m.

The fire department's famous fish fry will also start at 4 p.m., continuing through 9 p.m. People can carry away their purchases or eat at the fire department.

Music will be played by DeeJay Ray from 4 to 5 p.m. in the stage area. Starting at 5 p.m., performers with the Indiana Gospel Music Association will play and sing until 7 p.m.

Family-style hayrides will begin at 6 p.m., with the scarier, haunted version starting at 7 p.m. that night.

On stage, Bomar and Ritter will perform from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. their own style of folk music.

A new group to the area, Cadillac Hearse, will play from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and a local band, On the House, will end the evening's entertainment, performing from 9:45 to 10:45 p.m.

Exhibit booths at the festival will reopen on Saturday, October 10, at 11 a.m.

At the stage, the Pilot Club of Scott County will feature a Pretty Baby Contest. Youngsters from birth to age three can be entered starting at 10:30 a.m., with the contest to begin with the youngest boys and girls at 11 a.m. Trophies will be awarded to winners of each age category.

After the baby contest, Cody Collins will perform from 12 noon to 1 p.m. on stage. Farewell to Kings is set for 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. HotWired is set from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., followed by John Cornett and Cabin Creek from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

31 East performs from 5 to 6 p.m. with Lonesome Highway set at 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Ratio is on stage from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. The night ends with Lanny Hatt and Hard Tymes from 9 to 11 p.m.

A cornhole tournament will begin on the fire station grounds at 2 p.m. Those planning to compete in the categories scheduled should report by 1:30 p.m.

Firemen will fire up their fryers from 4 to 9 p.m. to serve fish and other festival foods.

Those wanting booth space at the two-day event are urged to call Debbie at the Mayor's Office at 794-6646 and make reservations. Cost for a 10x10 space without electricity is \$10. With electricity, the rent is \$20. No 220W or water hook-ups are available.

All food vendors must complete a Scott County Health Department permit application and pay the fee prior to the start of the festival.

Proceeds from the Firemen's Festival are used by the Jennings Twp. Department for the fire station.