

First Scott County MaterFest on courtyard this Friday and Saturday

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How about enjoying a “last blast” before school begins this August?

That’s what Scottsburg Main Street organizers are planning on when the organization offers the first Scott County MaterFest in downtown Scottsburg on Friday and Saturday, July 25 and 26.

Based on the tomato, once a staple of the Scott County economy, MaterFest offers a wide range of free musical entertainment as well as games for children, a cooking competition, art, free outdoor movies, vendor booths and much more. MaterFest was planned in conjunction with special shows scheduled at the Ross Country Jamboree, located in the old Scott Theater on the south side of the downtown square.

Information about all MaterFest activities and contests can be found by visiting Materfest.com.

Starting on Friday, July 25, vendors can set up their booths at 4:30 p.m. From 5 to 7 p.m., deejay Brandon Polley will entertain with music.

At 6 p.m. on the courtyard, a tomato sculpting and painting contest starts. All comers are welcome for this event.

Starting at 6:30 p.m., a tomato-related art show will be offered.

Evening entertainment also includes the MaterFest Pageant at the courtyard’s gazebo. This event offers honors to male and female winners in several age categories, 5 to 12; 13 to 19; and 20 and above. The entry fee is \$10 per contest participant.

At 7:30 p.m., the popular Doo Wops All Stars will perform at the Jamboree. Come early to get tickets to this performance and eat on the square.

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From 9 to 11 p.m., the Rifle band will perform free in the courtyard.

Families will enjoy two free movies in the Scott County State Bank summer series on Friday night. At 10 p.m., "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2" is scheduled. For die-hard sci-fi fans, "Attack of the Killer Tomatoes" will begin at 12 midnight.

Both movies will be shown on the big screen that will be set up in the depot parking lot off North Main Street.

Their showing will conclude the festival's first evening.

Events scheduled Saturday, July 26, will start early for some. Registration for the MaterFest 5K Run starts at 7 a.m. at Heritage Station, the depot at 90 North Main Street. Runners will take off from the depot at 8 a.m.

Expanded hours for the Scott County Farmers' Market are scheduled for MaterFest. The market will open at 8 a.m. and remain in the depot parking lot until 3 p.m. Vendors on the courtyard will also open at 8 a.m.

An all-day art show is offered at the Coffee House, located on the north side of the downtown square on Saturday. Plenty of other downtown businesses will be open as well, so visitors are encouraged to browse through merchandise offered.

Additional attractions at the depot will include an antique toy and tractor show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the mater growing contest at 10 a.m. Bring your best, most choice tomatoes for the judging.

Check-in of entries for the MaterFest cooking contest starts at 12 noon at the courtyard.

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Several categories are offered, with folks urged to create tomato-based foods and drinks. Entry fee per food item is \$5, and the winner will take home all of the prize money in the category won.

All Star cheer teams will demonstrate their skills at 1 p.m. in the courtyard. They will be followed by the Mater Eating Contest at 2 p.m. The cooking contest judging begins at 2:30 p.m. Diamond Dance Centre performers will be on the courtyard at 3 p.m., and the MaterFest corn hole tournament will also begin at that time.

At 3:30 p.m., cooking contest winners will be announced. The Yellow Rockin' Squares Dancers perform at 5 p.m.

Throughout Saturday, a variety of musical entertainment will be offered, most on the courtyard for all to enjoy. Bring lawn chairs or blankets if you wish.

The music schedule includes:

11:30 a.m.: John Sheckler presents Not Your Granny's Dulcimer.

12:30 p.m.: F.E. Project.

1:30 p.m.: Fishers of Men.

3:00 p.m.: Bomar and Ritter.

5:00 p.m. Fatal Awaken.

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6:00 p.m.: Karaoke contest.

8:00 p.m.: Day of Ruin.

9:00 p.m.: Riverside

Fans of local talent can visit the Ross Country Jamboree at 2 p.m. To see Dave Campbell and Lanny McIntosh perform on stage. At 3:30 p.m., Roux du Bayou will be at the Jamboree for a special afternoon show.

T. Graham Brown, a country musician who began writing and performing in the 1980s, makes a return appearance to Scottsburg as the headliner for the Ross Country Jamboree's 7 p.m. show.

A native of Atlanta, Ga., Brown offers country music with a bluesy sound. He has recorded 13 albums since 1986 and has charted more than 20 singles on Billboard's Hot Country Songs charts. His number one hits include "Hell and High Water," "Don't Go to Strangers," and "Darlene." Another song, "I Wish I Could Hurt That Way Again," reached number three on the country charts.

This year, the versatile performer has released a new album featuring artists such as Leon Russell, the Oak Ridge Boys, Booth Brothers, Jimmy Fortune and Jason Crabb.

Some tickets for the performance are still available and can be reserved by contacting the Jamboree box office. Outside in the courtyard, the band Day of Ruin will perform at 8 p.m. followed by Riverside at 9 p.m.

There is something for everyone at the Scott County MaterFest. Bring the family and friends and enjoy this Scottsburg Main Street event.