

“We have been planning for this weekend since January. We are so excited that it is here and it’s time to celebrate,” stated David Abbott, Publicity Chair for this year’s Sellersburg Celebrates! Festival. The Sellersburg Celebrates! Festival will be held tomorrow, Thursday, August 21 through Saturday, August 23 at Silver Creek Township Park, 408 Adkins Court in Sellersburg. The event will feature something for everyone as over 100 booths, rides, yummy food and entertainment will fill out the schedule for each day.

The Sellersburg Celebrates! Planning Committee held a logo design contest earlier this year after deciding on the motto of Community Pride for 2014. Heather Phillips was the winner of this year’s contest.

Sellersburg Celebrates! will begin tomorrow, Thursday, August 21, from 5 to 10 p.m. and continue Friday and Saturday. Hours on Friday in Silver Creek Township Park will be 5 to 10 p.m. and Saturday will be 12 noon to 10 p.m.

BUSINESS LUNCHEON

One of the featured events each year is the Business Luncheon held on Friday at Rock Creek Community Academy. This year’s guest speaker will be Steve Green. He is a 1971 graduate of Silver Creek High School and was Bobby Knight’s first recruit for Indiana University. Green was a member of the Indiana All-Star team before playing for the Hoosiers. After finishing his career at Indiana, Green went on to play professionally. He was drafted by the Chicago Bulls in 1975 but opted to sign with Utah in the ABA. Green continued to live his dream and play professional basketball for five years, four with the Pacers of Indiana. Green then decided to head back to Indiana University to pursue a degree in Dentistry. He graduated from the Indiana University School of Dentistry in 1984.

The Business Luncheon will be held at Rock Creek Community Academy on Friday beginning at 11 a.m. with a meet and greet. The lunch, catered by KFC, will begin at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$20 and still available for purchase at Rock Creek Community Academy, Ray’s Lawn & Garden and the Sellersburg Branch of The New Washington State Bank.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

“The pancake breakfast is always a huge event. Last year I went over early and the pancake breakfast was already standing room only,” Abbott laughed. “I am looking forward to going over Saturday morning and visiting with friends and making new friends before the parade.”

The ever-popular pancake breakfast, sponsored by Silver Creek Township Trustee Bill Ramser, will be held next to the Sellersburg Police Department on Saturday from 7 a.m. to the beginning of the annual parade at 10 a.m. The pancake breakfast is free but donations are accepted. The proceeds from the pancake breakfast will benefit the new Sellersburg Senior Citizens Center.

PARADE

The annual parade will be held on Saturday morning, August 23, beginning at 10 a.m. The parade will leave Haas Cabinet Company and travel down Utica Street to Silver Creek Township Park. This year's Grand Marshal is Cole Williams, a senior at Silver Creek High School, making a mark on the racing scene. He was the 2013 NASCAR Whelen All-American Series Missouri State Champion and was also named Missouri Rookie of the Year. Williams was also the I-44 Speedway Late-Model Points Champion.

Williams began racing in 2007 after his parents purchased him a go-kart. He won a main event on only his second start and was hooked. Williams will also be available for autographs during the festival.

MOCK CRASH

Students from Prosser Career Education Center will gain knowledge as they "work" an accident scene during the event set for 2 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. These students will be able to showcase their skills as they take over the created serious motor vehicle accident. Students will be involved in the roles of fire fighters and police officers.

The Air Methods helicopter and Yellow Ambulance will also be involved in the mock scene.

According to Abbott, "Rick Cannon, the Sellersburg Celebrates! President, has advised that the helicopter will be landing in the ball field during the mock crash. We just want our visitors to the festival to be aware that this is part of the scene. The helicopter would be something that young kids would enjoy and the older kids could learn the dangers of making bad decisions then driving while watching the true to life accident scene," Abbott added.

RAFFLE

The Sellersburg Celebrates! Committee will be hosting a raffle during the three-day festival. Raffle Chairman Joe Hubbard has been working to collect donations for the raffle, to be held at the Information Booth in the park. Local businesses and individuals have made donations to the raffle including: The Concrete Lady, Goodwill of Southern Indiana, Joe Hubbard, Martina Webster and David Abbott.

Raffle tickets may be purchased at the Information Booth. Tickets will be \$1 each or six tickets for \$5 or 10 tickets for \$15.

Hubbard is still accepting donations for the raffle. If you would like to make a donation please contact him at 502-817-5603.

BOOTHS

Sellersburg Celebrates! will offer something for everyone as 100-plus booths will fill the landscape of Silver Creek Township Park.

“I love to walk through the booths and I always find something I can’t live without!” Abbott stated with a grin. “I will walk through the booths several times and it seems I always find something I didn’t see before.”

The festival will also offer a Business Expo under the tent to highlight local businesses.

Booth applications are still being accepted. Please contact Rick Cannon at 502-523-2665 for more information on booth space. Spaces are available for \$25.

ENTERTAINMENT

Abbott is truly excited about this year’s line up and knows the entertainment will have people up, dancing around and enjoying the festival.

“I know Terry (Purlee) and others have worked hard to give us great entertainment for this year’s festival. We will have entertainment each night on the main stage and will conclude with the popular local band, The Louisville Crashers,” Abbott stated.

The entertainment schedule will begin on Thursday evening as the Silver Creek High School Theatre Department will take the stage from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, Lanny Hatt & The Hickbilys will kick off the entertainment at 7 p.m. For more information on this local band visit www.hickbilys.com or like Lanny Hatt & The Hickbilys on Facebook and ReverbNation. Ground Zero will entertain the crowd from 8 to 11 p.m. For more information on this band please like them on Facebook.

Saturday the entertainment schedule will begin with Josh and Holly at 7 p.m. For more information on Josh and Holly like them on Facebook. The Louisville Crashers will rock the stage from 8 to 11 p.m. on Saturday night. For more information about the Louisville Crashers please visit www.thelouisvillecrashers.com and like them on Facebook.

FIESTA RIDES

“No festival would be complete without a midway full of fun rides for the young ones and young at heart,” Abbott added with a smile. “Hearing the screams and laughs coming from the midway always makes me smile. For years, I believe the committee has worked hard to make the midway affordable for everyone. This year is no exception.”

Abbott added, “Fiesta Rides will offer armbands for the best value for the midway rides. Armbands will be available on Thursday (August 21) for \$15. Armbands will be available for \$20 for Friday evening (August 22) or all day Saturday (August 23) from 12 noon to 10 p.m.”

BALLOON GLOW

This year the Balloon Glow will feature seven balloons.

“The Balloon Glow will be held on Friday evening at dusk. Festival visitors love the balloon glow. This is a great time to let the kids stay up a little later and come out, enjoy a delicious dinner where everyone in the family can have their favorite festival food, then enjoy the balloon glow. After the balloon glow, then you can throw your blanket down in front of the main stage and sit back, relax and enjoy free music from local bands,” Abbott added.

TRAFFIC FLOW CHANGES

“This year there is a major change for the direction of traffic flow for the festival. Basically, it will be reversed in comparison of years past. Now visitors will enter the park from County Road 403 and Commerce Park. Donnie Ross, the Sellersburg Police Department Chief of Detectives and Security Chairman for Sellersburg Celebrates! believes this will be much a much better traffic flow pattern,” Abbott added. “Visitors to Sellersburg Celebrates will enter off 403 and exit the park through Service Drive.”

The traffic flow change will take motorists off County Road 403 down Commerce Park and around North Fern Street into Silver Creek Township Park. Once festival visitors are ready to head home after a fun evening or day at the park, they will exit off Service Drive.

““Every year we have received requests for new traffic measures from residents, fair attendees and the police officers that deal with traffic and parking,” Ross stated. “This year we felt we needed to reverse this one-way traffic flow, because of the growing popularity of our town fair, the amount of traffic that goes with that, the confusing cross over traffic at the entrance and exit to the park and a few near accidents we had on 403 last year. It was just very dangerous for everyone involved,” Ross concluded.

Local traffic will still be permitted access to their neighborhoods from East Utica Street by police permit as in the past.

GOLF SCRAMBLE

The annual Sellersburg Celebrates! Golf Scramble will be held on Sunday, August 24 at Speed Golf Course. A sign up sheet is available at the golf course. The scramble will begin at 8:30 a.m.

“We have worked hard as a committee all year to bring the best festival to the great town of Sellersburg. I honestly believe the leadership of the Sellersburg Celebrates! President Rick Cannon and the dedication of the many volunteers who have been doing this for many, many years will once again help to make this one of the most memorable weekends for all festival visitors. Rick has poured his heart into making this year’s festival successful. With his passion and the hours of dedication from all the volunteers, the community will be able to show their pride for the Town of Sellersburg.”

Abbott concluded, “This was my first year working with the committee for Sellersburg Celebrates! I was grateful to meet new friends and help continue the excellent tradition of this festival. Be sure to come out to Silver Creek Township Park this weekend and enjoy a great

family friendly outing.”

SPONSORSHIP

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The contributors to this year’s festival, at press time, include:

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