

Family Fun Night Planned

Lawrence County Memorial Hospital, the City of Lawrenceville and the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce are planning two "Family Fun" events for this summer.

The first will be a Family Fun Night in the Park, from 5 until 9 p.m., followed by a movie, on July 20 in Lawrence Township Park. The second event is set for Aug. 17 on the Lawrenceville square, and will feature a cruise-in for vintage automobiles and another free movie.

As part of the Family Fun Night at the park, a variety of activities are being planned, with proceeds to go to Kids' Shopping Day of Lawrence County.

"I think it's a great opportunity for the hospital, the city and the chamber to get together and try to show the community what it means to be a family again," said Don Robbins, Lawrence County Memorial Hospital CEO. "So many people today are into the internet and cell phones and things like that. This is going to be a great opportunity to get together as a family, participate and have fun. We're excited to be able to make that happen."

Lawrenceville Mayor Don Wagner termed the Family Fun Nights "a great idea."

"Any time you can get the community together to have a night like this, you can't beat it," he said. "That's what a small town is all about, living and enjoying."

Pie-eating contests and a corn hole tournament, as well as face painting and extended hours at the city swimming pool will also be a part of the Fun Night in the Park, along with a free meal.

Registration for the pie-eating contest will begin at 6:30 p.m. The eating will commence at 7 p.m. Children in age groups 3-4 and 5-8 will devour "miniature pies" to get the contest under way. That will be followed by contests for those aged 8 to 14 and 15 and over. Entry fee will be a donation of some kind to the Lawrence County Kids' Shopping Day.

The final pie-eating contest will feature entrants sponsored by local businesses at a cost of \$100. Proceeds will go to Lawrence County Kids' Shopping Day.

Contestants will be provided an identical pie, sliced into pieces. The first person to finish his pie will be declared the winner, with a five-minute time limit.

Unlike many such contests, participants will use their hands to eat pie at the Family Fun Night event.

Prizes, provided by the hospital and the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, will be awarded.

Registration for the corn hole tournament will begin at 4:30 p.m., and the first 32 two-player teams (aged 14 and over) to sign up will gain entry. The tournament will begin at 5 p.m., while the championship match is scheduled to take place at 7:30 p.m. Entry fee will be a free will donation to Kids' Shopping Day of Lawrence County.

Likewise, the top teams will be awarded prizes from the chamber of commerce and the hospital.

Tanna McCullough, a provider at the hospital's Primary Care Clinic, will be painting faces. Hospital employees will also be manning the grill, with hot dogs, chips and drinks to be served from 5 until 6 p.m.

The night will conclude with a children's movie, the 2010 film "Yogi Bear," being projected onto a screen near the shelter house, starting at about 9 p.m. Free popcorn will be provided to movie watchers.

The Family Cruise-in on the square on Aug. 17 will be geared toward both youngsters and adults.

The cruise-in will begin at 5 p.m., for cars, trucks, tractors and motorcycles.

Children will also be involved, as they're being asked to bring tricycles, bicycles, power wheels, etc.

A disc jockey will be set up on the bandstand, with music from the 1950s being the focus for the night.

Area food truck operators, as well as other food vendors, will provide the meals for the event.

Another free movie, this one geared toward an older crowd, will bring the evening to a conclusion. The movie could possibly feature Bill Phipps, a St. Francisville native who appeared in more than 70 Hollywood films, before his death on June 1, 2018.