

***By Jan Rahn***

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The lineup of activities planned for the annual Fourth of July celebration just keeps growing.

The event scheduled for Sunday, July 4, in Grant City Park includes something for all ages with food and drink to accompany the action-packed day.

Sponsored overall by Perkins County Chamber, the day includes several activities put on by area organizations or businesses.

The day begins with an early morning opening ceremony for the Firecracker Fun Run sponsored by Image Total Fitness.

Show up at 6:45 a.m. in the park for the opener, followed by the run at 7 a.m.

From 7:30-9:30 a.m., the Perkins County School Foundation will serve breakfast from the park shelter along the north side.

Since the Fourth falls on Sunday, there will be a community church service at 9:30 a.m. hosted by Trinity and Zion Lutheran Churches.

Three area banks—Adams, Pinnacle, and Valley— are setting up Bounce Around Inflatables for the kids from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Proceeds from the \$5 cost of all-day wrist bands go to the swim team.

Lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be served by the Perkins County Animal Shelter. Burgers, chicken, brats and hot dogs are on the menu.

The animal shelter is also holding their annual dog wash from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Speaking of washing—the swim team will host a car wash to raise funding from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

A car show from noon-5 p.m. will be set up in the park for motor enthusiasts to view.

Ice cream and popcorn will be available from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Rotary exchange students Jeannie and Janet Kuskie will be serving the treats to raise funds for their overseas programs.

Kids can enjoy free swimming at the pool in the park from 1-5 p.m.

Adults can take part in a horseshoe tournament at 1 p.m., hosted by Great Plains Communications.

Other sports activities include a youth dodgeball tournament hosted by FFA students, who are also serving slushies.

The hospital is setting up a duck pond for the younger set and giving away sunscreen and sunglasses.

Cuppa Calfé will be in the park throughout the day serving refreshments from the mobile unit owned and operated by Michele Cutler.

At 5 p.m., a free will offering meal hosted by the Youth Development Club will be served in the park where patrons of the community can gather and eat, visit, and wait for the day's final-é—the fireworks.

At 9:30, the Grant Volunteer Fire Department personnel will set off the annual fireworks display from the fairgrounds located in the southwest quadrant of the city.

Members of the Chamber's planning committee include Dawnya Dreiling, Jill Barry, Brandon Wood, Ronda Lawyer and Ryan Potts.

Make plans now to spend a day of fun-filled activity on July 4th in Grant City Park.