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Activities galore planned for 2015 Murphy Maize Days

MURPHY (September 14, 2015) Continuing the long-standing tradition of providing plenty of activities, exhibits, events and out-of-the-ordinary experiences for attendees, Maize Days planners have once again hit the mark.

“Maize Days is known for offering a wide variety of entertaining, fun activities,” said Kayla McFarland, Special Events Coordinator for the City of Murphy. “And, this year we’ve brought back popular favorites and added a few new attractions.”

Maize Days would not be complete without a lively and dynamic Kid Zone. The Zone includes free attractions under a large tent for kids of all ages, including face-painting, airbrush tattoos, bowling, explore horizons, and a painting station for a mosaic mural. A special pre-school tent area will have bubbles, mini-bowling, a sandbox or corn box, and lots of other fun and entertaining activities. Volunteers will be available throughout the tent area to assist.

Outside the Zone tent, inflatable jump houses like Zorb balls, large black ops obstacle course, Euro bungee, will be joined by a less-strenuous preschool bounce house. Also returning is the amazing zip line. The Kid Zone tent will also be the “green room” waiting area for contestants in the Karaoke Corn Idol Contest.

Cute and cuddly will rule at the pet area. Murphy’s Animal Shelter will be onsite from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. providing information about the shelter, collecting donations, and microchipping pets for a nominal fee. Murphy Road Animal Hospital, the pet tent sponsor, will be there to pass out information about their hospital, including some goodie giveaways. Several rescue groups will be showcasing their breeds and passing out goodies as well.

Car, truck and motorcycle enthusiasts will surely flock to the car show, sponsored and presented by Mustang Sally Productions. The show and exhibits will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entrants can pre-register now at www.mustangsallyproductions.com

New this year is the Collin County Farmers Market booth. A select few of the vendors from the market who are at the Municipal Complex every Saturday will be at Maize Days from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. “We are so happy to welcome the Farmers Market to Maize Days,” said McFarland. “We’re strongly encouraging attendees to stop by and check out their products!”

A slight change to the popular Punkin Chunkin station is that the rotund veggies will be chucked into the municipal pond. Punkin Chunkin benefits the Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Foundation and is the brainchild of Foundation chairman Jon Lashbrook. This year, Dunkin Donuts is the title sponsor for the \$5 pumpkin-slinging experience. Punkin Chunkin will open from noon to 5 p.m. Each floating pumpkin in the pond will represent needed funds for this very worthy cause.

“In addition to all this, there will be an active food court, booths, exhibits, treats, live music and lots of people-watching,” she added. Parking and shuttles are free and available at Kimbrough Stadium and Murphy Marketplace. The day begins with the A-Maize-ing Races at Kimbrough Stadium at 8 a.m.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. The centrally-located municipal complex includes four buildings that house Fire, Police, City Administration and Public Works. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.