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Sounds at Sundown concert series hit by rain delay

MURPHY (June 6, 2016) The annual lineup of musical acts entertaining Murphy residents and guests, originally scheduled to start on June 3, has been victimized by a one-week rain delay, says Kayla McFarland, Murphy Special Events Coordinator.

“Our opening Friday always seems to set the tone for the remaining sets,” she said. “And, this year, our opening Friday will be a special double feature that promises to launch the series with a real double-shot of music and showmanship.”

Last Friday’s threat of severe weather caused officials to postpone the opening band to Friday, June 10. The concert series, sponsored by the Murphy Community Development Corporation, Lumin Health Care, Bonham Chrysler and Frontier Communications, is now scheduled to start on Friday, June 10 with a double-bill of Pearl Gem and Le Freak. Pearl Gem will play from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Le Freak will play from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Barring any further delays, the series continues on Friday, June 17 with Prophets and Outlaws. On Friday, June 24, it’s Memphis Soul taking the stage. The grand finale is set for Friday, July 1 with a Murphy favorite – Emerald City Band.

The series occupies the amphitheater at Central Park, 550 North Murphy Road. The concerts are free, and there is plenty of parking in the various parking lots of City Hall. While the concerts, except for June 10, start at 8 p.m. and conclude at 10 p.m., the event itself begins at 7 p.m. with kid activities, games and fun events.

Dinner plans on concert nights can include meals from the food trucks that will be offering their specialties for purchase. Four food trucks will be onsite, including: Kona Ice, which offers refreshing shaved ice drinks; La Rositas will have tacos, *elote*, and other south-of-the-border favorites; Handel Bars Gourmet Hotdogs, a fun play on the classic hotdog with crazy toppings like mac-n-cheese or mashed potatoes; and Mells Grill, with mouth-watering BBQ.

“We are very grateful for the generosity of our sponsors,” added McFarland. “They are a big reason that we can put on this concert series. Sponsors help bring this kind of top-notch entertainment to the park, exposing them to a larger audience, and giving Murphy residents a chance to see high-quality local show bands.”

Weather-related reschedules or delays will be posted on the City’s Facebook page.

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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. 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.