

Celebrating Freedom

Midwest City plans Tribute to Liberty

Midwest City will celebrate the country's birthday with its annual Tribute to Liberty festival on Monday, July 4.

The patriotic celebration will feature family-friendly fun, food trucks, fireworks and live performances at Joe B. Barnes Regional Park, 8700 E. Reno Ave. The event will take place in the Rotary Pavilion parking lot, near the large playground.

"Because the event is on asphalt, we want to remind our attendees to bring lawn chairs, sunscreen, bug spray, and plenty of cold water," said Grace Filer, special events coordina-

tor.

Festivities begin at 6 p.m. with a tribute to the Andrews Sisters by Character Connection Co. The Andrews Sisters' career hit its peak during WWII, making this a fitting patriotic tribute to kick off Fourth of July celebrations.

At 7:15, the winners of the online Patriotic Pups contest will be announced. People are encouraged to dress up their pets in patriotic collars, costumes, headbands, bandanas and accessories. Post your photo entry to the official contest post on the Midwest City Parks & Recreation

Facebook page and use #LiveMWC in the comment text, or by tagging the Instagram page @mwcparksrec and use #LiveMWC in the text with privacy settings set to public.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place based on photos with the most votes as well as a Mayor's Choice based on personal preference.

The Wise Guys, an Oklahoma City-based power rock band, will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. They will perform up to the fireworks program after dusk.



Guests can enjoy food, drinks and treats from Tasty Snow, Lolli & Pops Funnel Cakes, Frybread Express, Jamaican Thunder, Squatchmoe's BBQ, and Psycho Taco and others.

Choctaw schedules July 4 event

By Ryan Horton

The City of Choctaw will be celebrating Independence Day with a grand celebration in Choctaw Creek Park.

The annual Choctaw Independence Day Celebration will be fun for all ages with food, music, games, and more.

The celebration is will be at Choctaw Creek Park and a full evening of activities have been planned beginning at 5 p.m. and ending by 11 p.m.

The evening will be capped by a fireworks display at dark, approximately 9:45 p.m.

No personal fireworks are allowed in the park per City of Choctaw Code of Ordinances. Personal fireworks are only to be discharged on private property.

Activities set for Oklahoma City

By Valerie Scott

Oklahoma City has so many Fourth of July choices this year it'll be hard to pick. Luckily schedules line up perfectly so that you and the family can make it to each one. Bring the family or come out with friends. Food, fireworks, and fun for everyone.

- Visit Riversport as they are having their Stars and Stripes River Festival. The all-day Fourth of July themed festival will take place on June 25 and July 2. There will be Riversport activities-whitewater rafting, rowing, dragonboat contests, and rapid waters. Along with food trucks, live music, a watermelon eating contest, and of course lots of fireworks.

- Bring your iceboxes and summer attire for the Red, White, and Boom musical celebration. At the Scissortail Park, the Oklahoma City Philharmonic Orchestra will be performing on July 3 at 8:30 p.m. This is a free event with a selection of music for everyone, with a variety of patriotic songs and music from Star Wars. Families can bring their own picnic or

buy food from the food trucks.

- Get your baseball caps and Cracker-Jacks ready to watch the Oklahoma City Dodgers compete against the Las Vegas Aviators at the Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark. Stay after the game for their spectacular firework show that's visible from all seats in the house.

- If fireworks aren't enough of a thrill, hop on some roller coasters at Frontier City. The park will be decked out for the Fourth of July. View fireworks popping off as you grip the harness on your coaster ride. The park will be showing its

Fourth of July patriotism from the second to the fourth. Park admission will be at its normal rate.

This year enjoy the Fourth of July your way at your hometown Oklahoma City. With a selection of events great for friends or family, there's no excuse to not celebrate America's Birthday. For more information check out, visitokc.com.

Oklahoma City Philharmonic Orchestra will perform a variety of patriotic tunes at Red, White and Boom July 3 at Scissortail Park in downtown Oklahoma City.

Nicoma Park to host Liberty Bash

Nicoma Park will once again play host to the annual patriotic favorite, Liberty Bash.

The 11th annual Liberty Fireworks event has been scheduled for 2-10 p.m., July 2 near the state's largest fireworks tent, 10525 NE 23rd St.

As always, Liberty Fireworks provides FREE admission, but bring cash as carnival rides, inflatables, games and prizes, food trucks, live music all day and much more will be on site.

The firework show explodes behind The Amp stage beginning between 10 and 10:15 p.m., and runs approximately 20-30 minutes.

Spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.