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Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival

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Local Talent Abounds at Dan Emmett Festival

MOUNT VERNON – Knox County is proud of its strong performing arts heritage, and The Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival is delighted to provide an opportunity for both local performers and nationally rated talent to grace the stage to entertain the crowds. This year includes many such performers throughout the four-day Festival, running Thursday, August 10th through Sunday, August 13th.

On Thursday, August 10th the Chautauqua Series at ThePlace@TheWoodward (101 S. Main St) begins at 6:00 p.m., the Kokosing River Surf Club will perform on the First-Knox Main Stage at 6:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. the semi-finals of the Knox Idol competition begins on the First-Knox South Stage, with singers ranging from age 14 to 29.

On Friday, August 11th, Elvis' Lost Brother will perform on the First-Knox South Stage at 6:30, followed by King Darwin at 8:00 p.m. On the First-Knox Main Stage the Community Jazz Band kicks off at 6:00 p.m. and the Knox Idol finals take place at 9:00 p.m. ThePlace@TheWoodward will host Frey'd Catfish at 6:00 p.m., followed by Sarah Goslee Reed & Firefly at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 12th hosts an array of local talent. The Old-Time Fiddle Contest will take place on the First-Knox Main Stage on the square at 11:00 a.m. with registration beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Banjo and Flat-Picking Guitar Contests will start at 8:00 a.m. on the First-Knox South Stage. Contestants range in ages from single digits through the "55 and older" category. ThePlace@TheWoodward will feature Mike Petee at 4:30 p.m., followed by Court & The Jester at 5:30 p.m., with the Desmond Wall at 6:30 p.m. The Dogwood Blossoms will perform at 5:00 p.m., with Chestnut Ridge at 6:00 p.m. and The Derek Posey Band at 7:30 p.m. on the First-Knox South Stage.

Sunday, August 13th will feature EKG on the Square at Noon. Performers starting at Noon on the First-Knox South Stage, will be Project Roundtable followed by the Sam Shuman Band at 2:00 p.m. ThePlace@TheWoodward will host Jamie Hershberger, Rachel Rinehart, Kim Atkinson, and Adam Taylor. Come early on Sunday morning for a pancake breakfast provided by Grace Community Church and a worship service featuring the Frank Boyd Jr. Blues Ministry and Pastor Roger Tickle will begin at 9:00 a.m.

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Highlights of this year's Festival will include performances by Lee Greenwood, Phil Dirt & The Dozers, a wide variety of local musicians and performers (such as Kokosing River Surf Club, Derek Posey Band, Elvis' Long Lost Brother, King Darwin), the Knox Idol competition, fiddle, banjo, and flat-pick guitar contests, a cheer competition, a flower show, a quilt show, arts, crafts, homemades, a motorcycle show, and the annual antique & classic car show, all with a wide variety of delicious foods.

The 2017 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival runs August 10th-13th in Downtown Mount Vernon with various activities each day. This year's Festival is made possible through the contributions of Ariel Corporation and First-Knox National Bank. For additional information, contact the Festival at (740) 392-FEST (3378) or email at director@DanEmmettFestival.org

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