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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 11<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

On Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> the Chautauqua Series at ThePlace@TheWoodward (101 S. Main St) begins at 6:00 pm, the Kokosing River Surf Club will perform on the First-Knox Main Stage at 6:30 pm. At 7:30 pm 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 12<sup>th</sup>, Elvis' Lost Brother will perform on the First-Knox South Stage at 6:30, followed by Chestnut Ridge at 7:45 pm. On The First-Knox Main Stage the Knox Idol finals take place at 9:00 pm. ThePlace@TheWoodward will host Desmond Wall at 6:30 pm, followed by Owl Creek at 7:30 pm.

Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 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 am with registration beginning at 10:00 am. The Banjo and Flat-Picking Guitar Contests will start at 10:00 am on the First-Knox South Stage, with registration beginning at 9:00 am. Contestants range in ages from single digits through the "55 and older" category. The South Stage will feature Elixir at 5:30 pm, with the Dogwood Blossoms at 6:45 pm, followed by the Six Miles to Nellie at 8:00 pm. Sarah Reed & Keen will perform at 5:00 pm, with Frye'd Catfish at 8:00 pm in ThePlace@TheWoodward (101 S. Main St). On the First-Knox Main Stage Safire Sun will perform right before the Bell Auction at 6:30 pm.

Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> will feature the sounds of the Caffiends, a talented and versatile quartet, on the Square at Noon. Performers starting at Noon on the First-Knox South Stage, will be Sgt Pepper, King Darwin at 1:30 pm, and the Shuman Band at 3:00 pm. ThePlace@TheWoodward will host Danielle Rebon, Perfect Vision, Kate Ernsberger, Leann Berg, Kingdom Calling andh McManaways. Come early on Sunday morning for a pancake breakfast provided by Grace Community Church and a worship service featuring the Grace Bluegrass Band and Pastor Roger Tickle will begin at 9:30 a.m.

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Highlights of this year's Festival will include performances by Crystal Gayle, T. G. Sheppard, a wide variety of local musicians and performers (such as Kokosing River Surf Club, Safire Sun, and Caffiends), 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 2015 Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival runs August 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Mount Vernon with various activities each day. This year's Festival is made possible through the contributions of Ariel, First-Knox National Bank, and Time Warner Cable. For additional information, contact the Festival at (740) 392-FEST (3378) or email at [director@DanEmmettFestival.org](mailto:director@DanEmmettFestival.org).

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