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Mayfest celebrates 11 years strong

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WALHALLA — For 10 years, it's been one of the city's most popular events.

Walhalla's 11th annual MayFest will kick off on Friday and run through Saturday.

According to Event Coordinator Nancy Schwery, this year's event will happen rain or shine, but the weekend weather looks promising.

"It's a great event and we expect a very strong crowd this year," she said. "There will be numerous vendors and activities for the kids."

Beginning at 11 a.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday, the fun will go until 7 p.m. with live music, a myriad of food options and unique goods perfect for a Mother's Day gift.

"We center this festival around Mother's Day and our vendors do a great job offering wonderful ideas for Mom," she added.



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MayFest will take place in downtown Walhalla on Friday and Saturday. The festival will include 80 craft vendors, lots of food, free activities for the kids and live music all day on Saturday.

The 70 vendors are slated to line up on Main Street, but there are still about 15 spots left to fill.

Currently, the participating vendors will highlight woodworking crafts, plants, jewelry, Avon products and much more.

When it comes to the food, choose from barbecue, bratwursts, fried Oreos and ice cream among other festival food favorites.

This year, a crowd of about 3,000 people is expected for the annual event.

"I have all my vendors lined up on the Arby's side of Main Street," she said. "The street will not be closed to traffic, so we do that for safety reasons."

On the green next to Arby's will be a stage for the live music that will continue throughout the day on Saturday. Groups such as Connie and Bill Lowe, John Bowers, Emerald Road and David Desmelik will be among the performers.

Genres include country, bluegrass, blues, jam and rock.

In addition to music, there will be a dunking tank and a free inflatable for children from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information about the festival or joining the event as a vendor, contact Schwery at (864) 710-9213.

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