Pickens prepares to celebrate July Fourth

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Fourth of July events happening across Pickens County should satisfy even the most fervent residents searching out fireworks and fun.

In downtown Easley, festival-goers will find Celebrate America, an event complete with live entertainment, a children's area, fireworks, food vendors, craft vendors and more.

"The city's been having it over 30 years," said Scott Buckhiester, vice president of operations for Dun-Burks Premier Events. "It is a large street festival."

He said entertainment will be on the main stage all day Saturday, including The Flashbacks and other music groups.

At 6 p.m. a cornerstone of the 100-year-old original Easley High School building will be opened to reveal if anything is inside what those involved believe to be a time capsule, Buckhiester said.

Whether empty or full of pieces from the past, they are going to work with the Pickens County Historical Society to put items back into the capsule and return it to the building.

Downtown Pickens will also be home to family fun, food and fireworks Saturday at the 11th annual Pickens Celebrates the Fourth.

The event, which is put on by the East Pickens Baptist Church, will be on Main Street and will include live entertainment and music, a children's area, concessions and a fireworks display compliments of the city of Pickens, said Sandi Tinsley, ministry assistant with the church.

She said admission is free but said there is a $5 fee for the children's rides, which will be an all-day pass.

Clemsonfest will offer up festivities on Friday in its 16th year, according to Ruthie Millar, membership director for the Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce, which puts on the event.

Millar said Clemsonfest will be at the Foothills Area Family YMCA on Lake Hartwell with fireworks, inflatables for kids, food vendors offering everything from funnel cakes to nachos, and music by the Part Time Party Time Band.

The Clemson Tiger mascot will also be there from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., she said.

"It gives families something to do on the Fourth of July if they're not traveling and just promotes goodwill in our community," Millar said.