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News Release

Outdoor Family Friday Movie Series continues Friday at rotunda

Ten movies planned for May and June; full schedule announced on website

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (May 5, 2016) — The 2016 Outdoor Friday Family Movie Series will continue Friday night in Arkansas City with a double feature under the Wilson Park rotunda, 701 N. Summit St.

A total of 10 more movies are planned each Friday night through June 24 (except June 3, due to PrairieFest), including two more doubleheaders and a special movie night event at another location.

All movie nights will begin promptly at 7 p.m. each Friday.

The 2016 series continues Friday with a pair of classic Disney cartoons that have been remade this year as live-action films. "We hope the children of Arkansas City will enjoy seeing the classics that inspired those movies," said City Manager Nick Hernandez.

The evening will begin with the 1967 version of "The Jungle Book," sponsored by the Optimists of Arkansas City. The live-action film debuted earlier this year and still is showing at Cowley Cinema 8.

The night will continue around 8:30 p.m. with "Pete's Dragon," cosponsored by the Kiwanis and WB Meats. The live-action remake of this 1977 cartoon will debut in theaters on Aug. 12.

The full schedule of movies for this spring can be found at the City of Arkansas City's website, www.arkansascityks.gov, and on its Facebook page, www.facebook.com/arkcity.

Promotional materials such as posters will be made available to media upon request.

The 2015 Outdoor Summer Movie Series was a huge success in the debut season for the new V.J. Wilkins Memorial Stage at the rotunda, with particularly large crowds viewing "Big Hero 6" and "Frozen."

A special fall showing of "Inside Out" drew more than 300 people to the rotunda last November, despite colder temperatures. City officials hope to show more movies this August and during Arkalalah.

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The projection equipment, sound system and stage all were made possible by a grant received two years ago from the V.J. Wilkins Memorial Foundation, in order to promote the arts throughout the city.

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