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News Release

Outdoor Friday Movie Series doubleheader planned on May 20

5 more movies planned in May and June; full schedule available on website

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (May 19, 2016) — Friday night's doubleheader offering in the 2016 Outdoor Friday Family Movie Series is being billed as more of a throwback night for the adults in the audience.

In honor of the 30-year anniversary of a pair of comedy classics, three entities — Tamara Niles for Judge, Young Professionals of Cowley County and Grass Clippings — have cooperated to provide everyone with a night off. The Niles campaign also will provide free Schwan's ice cream to attendees.

"Ferris Bueller's Day Off," starring Matthew Broderick, will kick off the night at 7 p.m. "¡Three Amigos!" will follow at 9 p.m., featuring the talents of Chevy Chase, Steve Martin and Martin Short.

A total of five more movies are planned each Friday night through June 24 (except June 3, due to PrairieFest), including a special doubleheader movie night event next **month** at Paris Park Pool. All other movie nights will begin promptly at 7 p.m. each Friday under the Wilson Park rotunda, 701 N. Summit St.

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.

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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