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Friendship Festival Postponed During Pandemic **Board remains hopeful for 2020 occurrence**

Bourbonnais, IL – Following careful consideration, the Bourbonnais Friendship Festival Board and Village of Bourbonnais announce the postponement of the Bourbonnais Friendship Festival until further notice. The 45th annual event, originally scheduled to take place Wednesday, June 24th through Sunday, June 28th, is the unofficial kick off to summer in the village. According to festival officials, the event dates can be rescheduled and flexible as-needed during alternative months (weather-permitting) and with consideration to other area festivals still scheduled.

“This was a difficult decision to make,” expressed Board Chairman, Bob Steinke, “but public health and safety comes first. We are extremely grateful for the continued support from our sponsors, volunteers and the community. As the situation evolves, we will be able to make a more-informed decision at a later time. Until then, thank you for your patience, and be well!”

Since its origination, the five-day festival held on the grounds of the Bourbonnais Municipal Center has donated over half a million dollars back into Kankakee County through various organizations, educational institutions and individuals who strive to make a difference in the community.

“This event is more than just a carnival,” explained Mayor Paul Schore. “It is a gathering for Kankakee County to come together. We need each other now more than ever, but until we can safely accomplish that, we are respectively looking ahead to a healthier tomorrow.”

The 2020 fairy-tale festival theme, “Once Upon a Time in Bourbonnais”, will remain and the dedicated event volunteers look forward to providing the community with a well-deserved “happily ever after” at a later date.

For current information and announcements, visit www.bourbonnaisfriendshipfestival.com and follow the event on Facebook.

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