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Band Day 2020 Combines with Artfest

Williston, N.D. – The Williston Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) and The James Memorial Art Center are pleased to announce plans for a community celebration to be held September 19, 2020, in Harmon Park in conjunction with Artfest.

This year has been a year of adjustment. Band Day traditionally occurs over Mother’s Day weekend every year. This year, it was rescheduled for September as schools moved to distance learning in the spring. Artfest is held annually in the late summer.

“This year, student marching bands and guest bands are not available,” commented CVB Executive Director Amy Krueger. “As a result, we have made the difficult decision to not host a parade. Instead, we are focusing on what we do have. We have an opportunity to work with a wonderful, historical organization to help plan a relaxed community event people can enjoy.”

Band Day predates World War II. The earliest reference found to-date of Band Day in Williston was a 1927 print article, which gives Band Day a 92-year history in Williston. The James Library was opened in 1911, with a banquet and grand ball. This year, Williston can celebrate both with food vendors, craft vendors, live auction and more in Harmon Park. Band Day will be honored with an exhibit titled “Band Day Through the Years” in Harmon Park, showcasing historical images from past festivals.

Vendor registration is open now! Vendor registration can be filled out online at www.visitwilliston.com.

If you have questions about Artfest or Band Day 2020, contact the Williston CVB at 701-774-9041 or The James at 701-774-3601 or check the event calendar website for details at www.visitwilliston.com.

Information will also be posted on the Band Day Facebook page (www.facebook.com/WillistonBandDay).

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