Spirit Of Amelia Earhart Alive In Atchison

 $(\hat{K}AIR)$ --Thousands of people are expected to converge in Atchison this weekend for the nineteenth annual Amelia Earhart festival.

The event will officially kick of Friday evening with Lakefest. The annual concert at Warnock Lake that traditionally kicks off the festival will feature country singers Erik Dylan, Cassadee Pope, Easton Corbin, and Headliner, Eli Young Band.

Lakefest is set to start at 7:00 with gates opening at 4:00. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the gate.

Wagner's carnival, a staple of the family entertainment at the festival has also returned this year, and will be providing a variety of family favorite carnival rides and attractions. The carnival will be open Wednesday through Friday from 6pm until 11:00, and Saturday from noon until midnight.

The Pioneering Achievement Award is presented at each year's festival, and it honors those who best carry on the spirit of Amelia. This year's winner, Sophia Danenberg will be honored at a luncheon held in Benedictine College at 12:30 Saturday afternoon. Tickets are \$15.

The festival will wrap up Saturday night with the "Concert in the Sky" fireworks show.

More information on all the events planned for the festival can be found at atchisonkansas.net.

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