

Rumors re: festival future quashed

**(KAIR)--Atchison's Amelia Earhart Festival, held last weekend, complete with location changes and expanded activities, is counted as a success.**

**A social media post, made to the official Amelia Earhart Festival Facebook account, calls it “one of the greatest festivals yet,” with the account noting the numerous weekend activities, including Friday night's country music concert, held at the Atchison River Front, as opposed to its more than 20-years held at Warnock Lake.**

**Featuring headliner Sawyer Brown, public comments made to the account call the concert “an awesome show” and a “fun night with friends.”**

**Saturday's events included those at the Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum, which opened in April at Atchison's Amelia Earhart Memorial Airport, providing a new destination point during the annual festival.**

**The festival, as tradition holds, concluded with the Concert in the Sky fireworks show over the Missouri River Saturday night.**

**However, it wasn't long after the festival concluded that rumors began circulating regarding the fate of the festival, specifically the fireworks, with a post made to an Atchison social media group expressing concern that the fireworks would be done away with in 2024. Jacque Pregont, longtime Festival Coordinator, says there's no truth to the rumor, telling MSC News that the annual display will be included in the planning for next summer's festival.**

**The Amelia Earhart Festival is held on the third weekend each July in honor of the birthday of Earhart, the famed aviator who called Atchison her childhood home.**



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