

Kennywood Media Release

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Celebrate America! @ Kennywood **June 28 thru July 3**

West Mifflin, PA- Kennywood invites guests to join in its annual *Celebrate America* festival, a weeklong salute to the red, white, and blue. The celebration, an evolution of the Grand Victorian Festival, runs from Wednesday, June 28 through Monday, July 3, 2006.

Featured entertainment for this year's festival includes *human cannonball* Jennifer Smith. Pete McAneny, Kennywood President, explains, "Throughout the summer of 1998 David Smith, Sr. and David Smith, Jr. performed as human cannonballs for Kennywood's centennial celebration. The cannonball act is a natural for any American celebration and we're thrilled to have another member of the talented Smith family – Jennifer!" Jennifer will blast across the lagoon twice each weekday and three times on Saturday and Sunday.

A world-renowned diver joins the spectacular and popular *All-American High Dive Show* cast for this special event. 1992 Olympic Silver Metalist, Scott Donie, makes his Kennywood debut for Celebrate America. There are four High Dive Shows on weekdays and five on the weekends.

Special entertainment takes place throughout the celebration. Stilt walkers, mimes, jugglers, unicyclists, high wheel bikes, and magicians interact with guests all around the park. Antique car lovers can browse the wonderful collection of vintage cars scattered throughout the park.

In addition to the cars, specialty artisans will set up around the lagoon. Favorites such as carousel horse carver George Nowak and pastel artist Linda Barnicott return, as well as the beautiful ice sculptures by Ice Creations, and amazing chainsaw sculpturing by Jeff Pinney, Jewelry Maker Maria Nadik again sells her ware, and Pittsburgh Children's Museum provides their signature arts and crafts for kids.

Pavilion 23 is the venue for some of the regions most talented bands, ensembles, barbershop quartets, banjos, etc. Guests can expect lots of patriotic favorites in their repertoires. For a complete schedule visit www.kennywood.com.

Kenny Kangaroo, Garfield, and friends join in a brief celebration parade at 6 p.m., and every day ends with a "bang!" – a spectacular display of fireworks at 9:30 p.m. (weather permitting)

Note: \$8.00 OFF discount coupons are available for Celebrate America at participating Giant Eagles locations. For more information call 412.461.0500 or visit www.kennywood.com.

Special Entertainment Highlights:

- Daily**
- Pittsburgh Children's Museum with arts and crafts for kids
 - Ice Creations by Master Ice Sculptor, Rich Buban
 - Supersaw – chainsaw carving by Jeff Piney
 - Carousel Horse carver, George Nowak
 - Stilt walkers, magicians, jugglers, mimes, & much more!

- Nightly**
- Parade (6:00 p.m.)
 - Fireworks (9:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, June 28

- 1 PM Kennywood Players
- 4 PM The Magic of Chuck Lane
- 7 PM Music Unlimited Jazz Ensemble

Thursday, June 29

- 1 PM Kennywood Players
- 3 PM Weiner 100 Dachshund Race / Western PA Dachshund Club
(located between the Parkside Café & Merry-Go-Round)
- 4 PM The Magic of Chuck Lane
- 5 PM Carrick High School Steel Drum Band
- 7:30 PM North Allegheny Fiddlers

Friday, June 30

- 1 PM Kennywood Players
- 4 PM Broadway Kids
- 5 PM River City Youth Coral

Saturday, July 1

- 1 PM The Dogz
- 2 PM Barbershop Quartets & Chorus
- 5 PM Ohio Valley Band
- 7 PM East Wind Symphonic Band

Sunday, July 2

- 1 PM Mon Valley Express
- 3 PM Pittsburgh Banjo Club
- 5 PM Mon Valley Community Band
- 7 PM Kiski Valley Community Band

Monday, July 3

- 1 PM The Magic of Chuck Lane
- 3 PM Steel City Kids
- 4 PM East End Kids
- 7 PM Midnight Run

Plus: *Going Home Greyhounds*, an organization helping retired racing greyhounds find a home, will be at the park with a several dogs on various days during Celebrate America.

Times and events are subject to change and weather permitting. Gates open at 10:30 a.m.; rides begin at 11 a.m.

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