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Branson Chamber Chatter

Event Saturday, Aug. 29

Child ID Program at Roy Rogers-Dale Evans Museum

Branson Masonic Lodge 587 will host free Missouri Child Identification services from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Roy Rogers-Dale Evans Museum. The MOChip program is part of the National Masonichip Network. The goal is to provide parents with identifying material in case their children of any age were to become missing.

Local volunteers will take a digital photo, fingerprints, contact information and a dental/DNA impression and make two laminated ID cards. The information is given to the parents on a mini-computer disc which could be provided to law enforcement for an Amber Alert. The Missouri Freemasons keep nothing but the permission form signed by the parent. The Museum will be open 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There will be no show in the Happy Trails Theatre.

Event Saturday, Aug. 29

Elvis Salutes Veterans

A U.S. Army Freedom Team Salute to veterans from the U.S. Army Co. A, 8th division, 41st Tank Battalion will be presented during the 8 p.m. öRock NøRoll is Here to Stayö show featuring Don Solice in öA Tribute to Elvisö this Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Branson Star Theatre located behind the Olive Garden.

The battalion fought in Germany during World War II. Of the 700 men, 400 were killed or wounded. About 18 veterans and their wives are expected for the show, and will be in the lobby before the show for those who want to meet them.

Tickets are \$29; children 6 to 16, \$16. For reservations call 417-334-7131.

Event Labor Day, Sept. 7

Rev. Bob Hubbard to Host Labor Day Gospel Sing-Off

Bob Hubbard of the Foggy River Boys will host the Gospel Sing-Off at 2 p.m. on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7, at Sight & Sound Theatre. All proceeds support Christian Action MinistriesøFood Pantry.

There will be an opening performance by The Duttons and then 12 finalists competing. The groups, soloists, trios and quartets come from Branson, Kimberling City, Spokane, Republic, Billings and Desoto as well as Arkansas and Alabama.

The winner will be determined by a panel of celebrity judges. Tickets are \$10 at the Sight & Sound box office or call 800-377-1277.

Event Saturday, Sept. 19

Rubber Duckies on Lake Taneycomo

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19, a thousand yellow rubber ducks will be released from two Ride the Ducks vehicles into Lake Taneycomo near the south parking lot of Branson Landing. The finish line will be at the Bass Pro Shops dock.

Funds raised will support the activities of the Junior Auxiliary of Taney County. People may adopt a duck for \$10. Call the Ducky Drift Hotline at 417-365-1872.

There are numerous prizes including two round-trip airline tickets from Branson Airport, packages to a Rams-49ers game in St. Louis, a portrait package from Missouri Photographer of the year Pat Lambert and a one-year membership to the Hollister Family YMCA. For information on joining the Auxiliary or making a donation, call chair person Mary Jo Green at 335-2758.

Soon for Oct. 3.

Auction Items Needed

Church Army Branson needs items for an auction they plan on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 10 a.m. at the Branson/Hollister Lions Club. The non-profit agency helps people recover from alcohol or drug addiction. They currently have 15 homes with more than 175 people in the program. The auction also will help support the Frances Rittenhouse Learning Center for children, the program for single mothers and other programs.

People also may become a sponsor with a cash donation of \$500 or more or in-kind gifts with a retail value of \$1,000 plus. For more information, call Michelle Harlee at 339-3804.

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