Third annual Park Hop set for Sept. 7

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WORTHINGTON — Fun and games are in store for families on Saturday, Sept. 7, when the third annual Park Hop takes place.

As has been the case in previous years, five of Worthington 23 com-munity parks are being showcased for the event, and planned activities are scheduled in each. There will be plenty to enjoy at this year's Park Hop, explained Toni Brouillet, a realtor at Johnson Builders & Realty, an organizer and sponsor.

"We've hired Lighter Side Clowning, and they're going to do face painting and balloon animals for us during lunchtime,"

ing that Lighter Side features Wood Lake's Sharla (Taarud) Bengston, for-merly of Worthington, and Doug Bengtson. "We're going to have a DJ at one of the parks — Brody Wright, of Wright Music and Entertainment. First State Bank Southwest is going to sponsor the DJ and the

"Tara Thompson at Community Education is going to do a photo booth and crafts at one of the parks," Brouillet contin- will be helping at one of freeze pops and water will ued. "Again, we'll have the parks with races and be served. bubbles at one of the parks other games." with Officer (Dan) Brouil-let. Bedford Industries came up with the idea last Park, this year's lunchtime they're going to do donuts of grilled hot dogs (courteand juice at one of the sy of Worthington Optimist explained Brouillet, add- parks. And Noon Kiwanis Club), chips, string cheese, Hop can be made up until games with Noon Kiwan- Culligan and Ocheda Dairy.



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Children participated in a sack race during a previous Park Hop event. This year's Park Hop will take place on Saturday, Sept. 7.

year of a little snack break activities will take place at throughout the day, and Chautauqua Park. A lunch

"We'll also have some great raffle prizes," Brouillet noted of the drawings that will follow lunch. donors for prizes has been the Optimist club."

ers & Realty. Depending on the donations, event organizers may opt to add a new to-be-determined park feature at Centennial Park.

"It should be great," Brouillet said. "I think in the past, we've had anywhere from 200 to 250 people that have participated. We always try to highlight different parks in town, but we also encourage anyone to go to any of the parks in town that they

This year's Park Hop checklist includes: Bris-"I'd say one of our biggest the Worthington Police 1:15 p.m. Department; Millard Walker Park, three-legged Donations for the Park races, sac races and other Worthington, Fareway,

Sept. 6, Brouillet said, and is; Watland Park, chalk brought to Johnson Build- and snack break courtesy of Bedford Industries; Slater Park, photo booth and crafts with Community Education; and Intercity Park, music with DJ Brody Wright.

Participants may meet from 9 to 9:30 a.m. at Chautauqua Park for instructions and sendoff, and park hopping is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants must visit all five parks to be registered for the drawing.

Lunch will be from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. at the Chautauqua Park shelter, and raffle tol Park, bubbles with drawings are scheduled for

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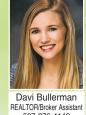
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