



Press Release



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ID Cards for kids available at Apple 'n Pork Festival

CLINTON, IL – The Child ID Card Program that was kicked-off at last year's Apple 'n Pork Festival by the J.W. Cook Memorial F.O.P. Lodge #101 was such a success with parents, kids and the community that the lodge will be making the ID Cards available to the public again. The ID cards will be available from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, September 24, 2005 at the Apple 'n Pork Festival in Clinton.

"We received such a positive response from the people in the community after the Apple n' Pork Festival last fall, we knew that we would continue to make the ID Cards available to the public," said Lodge President Rick Hawn. "We want to try and make ID's for as many kids in the community as possible so that all families can be prepared for an emergency."

The child ID cards will be available to children age 12 and under who are accompanied by their parent or guardian. Each ID card will have a current photo, thumbprints, along with important contact information for each of the parents/guardians. Other important information such as birthmarks or other distinguishing features will also be included on the cards. We will be offering an ID card to each of the parents along with the child if so desired.

"A parent never knows when something may happen. Our goal is to better prepare parents for an emergency," said Lodge President Rick Hawn. "Having one of these ID cards readily accessible in a wallet or purse could save valuable time during a moment of fear and panic. The ID cards will be very beneficial to law enforcement officials in the initial phases of locating a missing or abducted child."

DeWitt County Sheriff Roger W. Massey supports the Lodge's efforts. This program is another example of the concern that these employees of the DeWitt County Sheriff's Office have for the community and especially the children," said Sheriff Massey. "I am proud to work every day with these professionals."

While there is no charge for the ID cards, the J.W. Cook Memorial F.O.P. Lodge #101 will be accepting donations for the service. The ID cards will be available from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, September 24, 2005. The table will be located at the intersection of Center Street and Woodlawn Street, near the Law Enforcement Command Post. Just look for the DeWitt County Sheriff's Department van.

For more information, contact Detective Rick Hawn, Sergeant Mike Walker or Sergeant Tyrel Klein at the Sheriff's Office, 217-935-9507 or 217-935-3196 or visit the DeWitt County Sheriff's Website at www.dewittsheriff.com.