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ARTS FEST VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer for the 2010 Park City Kimball Arts Festival, which will be held on Main Street Aug. 6-8. Volunteers are needed to greet visitors, sell wristbands and concessions, help with kids' activities and more. For more information or to sign up, go to www.kimballartcenter.org/festival/volunteers or contact Lauren at volunteers@kimballartcenter.org or 649-8882 ext. 105.

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FAIRY PRINCESS TEA PARTY

The Wasatch/Summit County Children's Justice Center and Fair Days will host the second annual Fairy Princess Tea Party at The Homestead Resort in Midway on Wednesday, Aug. 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$15 per princess, \$10 per additional princess and \$5 for chaperones. Register by Aug. 2 by calling Wasatch County Parks and Recreation at 657-3240.

Irish Music Festival comes to Deer Valley

By ALISHA SELF
Of the Record staff

Imagine if St. Patrick's Day in Park City was 75 degrees and sunny. This weekend, Toby Martin of Park City Concerts and Rick Butler of local Irish band Swagger are delivering the next best thing.

The two forces are joining together to bring the inaugural Irish Music Festival to Deer Valley's Snow Park Outdoor Amphitheater on Sunday, Aug. 1, from noon until 8 p.m. The celebration will feature live music, close to 80 performers, traditional Irish fare and of course, plenty of Guinness.

The festival is something Butler has wanted to bring to Park City for a couple of years. He has been eyeing potential venues and crafting his vision since he moved to Utah, but it wasn't until he started working with Martin, executive director of Park City Concerts, that he was able to nail down the details.

The band lineup for the festival includes local favorites Swagger; Irish tribute band The Wailing O'Sheas;

the recently reunited Slaymaker Hill; Celtic ska band The California Celts and headliners The Young Dubliners.

"This kind of music you don't hear on the radio every day," Butler says. "There's a lot of storytelling involved and a lot of energy in this music that other types of music don't have. It's something you have to go to a festival to get the gist of."

According to Keith Roberts, co-founder, vocalist and guitarist for The

Young Dubliners, Irish festivals in the United States have become more numerous and more popular than they are in Ireland.

The festivals started as a way for Irish-Americans to gather together and celebrate traditions of the homeland, Roberts says, but the appeal has expanded beyond Irish transplants to a much larger demographic.

Roberts, a native of Dublin, started The Young Dubliners with fellow

Irishman Brendan Holmes in the late 80s. They are joined by three American-born members who have wholeheartedly embraced Irish music and culture. "We're working on developing their Irish accents every day," Roberts says.

The group plays original music as well as cover songs paying tribute to Irish bands. They draw from various



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Local band Swagger will perform during the inaugural Irish Music Festival at Deer Valley's Snow Park Outdoor Amphitheater on Sunday, Aug. 1.

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