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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Eagle Point Park to Host Budweiser Clydesdales Thursday**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales will make a public appearance at Dubuque’s Eagle Point Park from 3 - 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 12. The public is invited to attend and see the horses in action. Admission to Eagle Point Park is \$1 for motorized vehicles and \$5 for buses. Admission is free for pedestrians and bicycles.

A team of eight Clydesdales pulling a turn-of-the-century, meticulously restored beer wagon will take two laps around the park. The team will be unloaded and hitched from 3 – 4 p.m., will make two loops of the park from 4 – 5 p.m., and be unhitched and loaded from 5 – 6 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and find space along the paved loop at the “top” of the park, which begins at the Riverfront Pavilion, travels down to the Log Cabin, and returns along the river overlook.

Five traveling hitches of the Budweiser Clydesdales tour the country for 10 months every year. Twelve horses, the famous red, white and gold beer wagon and other essential equipment are transported in three 50-foot tractor trailers. To qualify for one of the hitches, a Budweiser Clydesdale must be a gelding at least four years of age. He must stand 72 inches, or 6 feet, at the shoulder when fully mature, weigh between 1,800 and 2,300 pounds, be bay in color, have four white stocking feet, a blaze of white on the face, and a black mane and tail. Each hitch horse will consume as much as 20 to 25 quarts of whole grains, minerals and vitamins, 50 to 60 pounds of hay, and 30 gallons of water per day.

The Clydesdales’ appearance at Eagle Point Park is being made possible by Kirchhoff Distributing, which is sponsoring their visit to Dubuque this week for the America’s River Festival, which runs Friday through Sunday, June 13-15, at the Port of Dubuque. The horses will be stabled and available for viewing at the festival site this weekend.

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