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DPLS, 4KD Crick to host Def-Com Mini-Comicon

[DEFIANCE] – Defiance Public Library System’s beloved mini comic convention will return this summer, this time in partnership with 4KD Crick Brewery.

The event, a smaller-scale version of those held in years past, will take place Saturday, June 12, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 4KD Crick, 211 Carpenter Road, Defiance.

Admission is free, and the mini convention will feature a wide array of vendors, a cosplay contest, drink specials, and live music by Sam Dell.

The event has quite a zero-to-hero origin story itself: the first Def-Com was planned as part of a grant application that was, unfortunately, unsuccessful.

“We thought, ‘Hey, why not throw a mini-con anyway?’” said Angela Powell, branch manager at Johnson Memorial Library and one of the event’s founding organizers. “We had one without a budget that year, using just our local artist friends and musicians, a few crafts, a cosplay contest, and the library’s side yard.

“Fast forward to last year—unfortunately cancelled—when we had signed on the Farscape actress to join us. [In the past] we’ve even had famous cars from Supernatural, Jurassic Park, and a TARDIS.”

As the public eases back into in-person events, this year’s Def-Com will go back to basics, with artists, music, and cosplay, but is sure to offer everyone a geeky good time.

Vendors who will appear at Def-Com include:

- Silas Sanchez of Silodraw (prints and stickers)
- Lesley Zimmerman/Harleen Quartz (resin gems, jewelry, keychains, stickers and dragon eggs)
- Sheyenne Boyd/ReyneDance (digital/traditional artwork available for commission)
- Atom Ball/Oxizero Design (enamel pins, stickers, prints, shirts, original artwork)
- Alex Ball/The Loser’s Club (pins, stickers, koozies, and more,

specializing in horror and nostalgia)

- Jarett Walen (pop culture art prints from Star Wars, Marvel, DC, and more)
- Stephanie Lemming/CATastrophe Cosplay and Crafts (craft-themed crafts and cosplay)
- Michael Gruen/SteamPropsLLC (steampunk props)
- Dustin Roerig/Poster Parade (original prints of pop culture characters, custom-art commissions)
- Vista Vaia (cosplay/costume design)
- Jack Spellman/RavenHeart Studios (original and fandom art prints, buttons, stickers, DND accessories, rune stone and tarot readings, playing cards)
- Steve Miller (artwork)
- Mexican Slime Shop
- Jacob Minick (artwork)
- Terence Hanley (coloring books, comic books, posters, postcards, and other items, mostly monster-themed)

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