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## MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU!

Salina Comic Con and Salina Liberty to celebrate 'STAR WARS' day on May 4th

Salina, Kan. – Just like the odd couple pairing of Luke Skywalker & Han Solo, Salina Comic Con and the Salina Liberty Indoor Football team are joining forces to give fans of the *Star Wars* movies a full day of celebration on the day internationally recognized as *Star Wars* Day – May the 4th.

The day kicks off with the opening of Salina Comic Con – Episode III at 10:00 am at Tony's Pizza Events Center's Heritage Hall. May 4<sup>th</sup> is also 'Free Comic Book Day' and the first 300 people through the door will receive a free comic book courtesy of Diamond Publishing.

Salina Comic Con will this year feature: *Marvel Comics* illustrator Rodney Ramos and Supernatural Angel; a 1967 Chevy Impala replica car from the CW Network's *Supernatural*. Additional appearances may be announced closer to the show.

Vendors will be on hand for attendees who want to buy, sell, and trade comic books, toys and pop culture memorabilia. Also returning is the popular costume contest, known as 'cosplay.'

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive in the south plaza from 9 am to 3 pm in conjunction with Salina Comic Con. Donors will receive a *Game of Thrones* themed poster and t-shirt, as well as a \$5 Amazon gift certificate. Call 800-REDCROSS to make your life-saving appointment; walk-ins are welcome.

A cast of *Star Wars* cosplayers will be patrolling Heritage Hall and the concourse as members of the 501st Legion, Rebel Legion, and R2 Builder's Club will be present for photo opportunities at both Salina Comic Con and the Salina Liberty game.

At 6:30 pm the Salina Liberty, in cooperation with Lucasfilm, Ltd., is hosting 'Star Wars Night', but get there early – the first 100 kids through the door will receive a free lightsaber courtesy of Ryan Roofing.

Students from Oakdale School will provide entertainment during pre-game, halftime and will sing the National Anthem.

Salina Comic Con hours are 10am to 6pm on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>; and 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Saturday tickets are just \$10 in advance, and Sunday tickets are just \$8 in advance. Prices increase \$2 the day-of-show.

Salina Liberty tickets start at only \$9 for adults, and kids ages 2-12 are \$5 with a paying adult. Tickets for both Salina Comic Con and the Salina Liberty game are on sale now at the *Tony's Pizza Events Center* Box Office, online at [tonyospizzaeventscenter.com](http://tonyospizzaeventscenter.com), or by calling 888-826-SHOW (7469).

Be sure to follow the social media pages of Salina Comic Con, Salina Liberty and Tony's Pizza Events Center for up-to-date event announcements.

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**About the Tony's Pizza Events Center:**

TONY's Pizza Events Center opened on July 1, 1979. The \$6.5 million facility obtained its bonds in 1976 hence the original name, the Bicentennial Center. The center contains a 7,500 seat multi-purpose arena and Heritage Hall, a 25,000 square foot convention and exhibition facility. Heritage Hall underwent a \$2 million renovation in 2010. Then from 2013-2016 the center completed a \$13.1 dollar renovation.

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