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Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.

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Children 14 and under will enjoy this free event open to the public. Lots to see and do! A bicycle safety rodeo, Sparky the interactive firetruck, Andy the ambulance, a K9 unit demo and a chance to meet officers from the Rockford Police and area fire departments. There will also be giveaways and refreshments. The fair is held at SwedishAmerican in the Camelot Tower parking lot on State Street. For information call Jennifer Picrella at (779) 696-6150.

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Jedediah Cantrell, vice president of operations at SwedishAmerican, notes that “Patients are the big winners here, but our community wins, too. In addition to the expanded care, we will deliver hundreds of new jobs that will produce long-term economic impact in downtown Rockford.”

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