

Statehood celebration

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It's countdown time for the two-day celebration of Ohio's 177th birthday.

The annual celebration, recognized throughout the state as the official observance of the birth of the first state in the Northwest Territory, is sponsored by the Chillicothe Kiwanis Club.

Among highlights of the 1980 event are a 9 a.m. Saturday prayer breakfast arranged by the Ross County Ministerial Association at Trinity United Methodist Church, muzzle-loading rifle shoots Saturday and Sunday, the 8 p.m. Saturday concert by the Adelphi Community Band at Chillicothe High School and the 2-5 p.m. Sunday public open house at the Ross County Historical Society's three house museums.

This year's observance spotlights two centennials—the Adelphi band and Chillicothe-born, nationally-known editorial cartoonist Billy Ireland.

Exhibits at the high school, Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library, Mound City Group National Monument, the Ireland and statehood-related displays at the museums with music by The Scioto Musicke Consort round out the weekend schedule.

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