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▼ Drama

Annie
The Westfall High School Music Department will present the musical "Annie" Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets will be on sale through Friday by calling the school at 1-614-896-2911 between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., or at the door. Tickets cost \$3 for students and \$3.50 for adults.

▼ Art

Hanging by a Thread
From Friday to May 27 the Hanging by a Thread Art Studio and Conignment Gallery, 63 N. Paint St. Suite B, will feature an art exhibit featuring the mixed media works of artist Margaret McAdams. For more information call 773-0913.

▼ Where to go

Dogwood Festival
Flickton's 28th Annual Dogwood Festival is Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Opening ceremony is 6 tonight with the presentation of the flag and symbolic dogwood tree in the Village Green.

Here is the festival's schedule of events:

- Friday
 - 5:30-7:30 p.m. — Mountain Cloggers, Village Green
 - 5:30-7:30 p.m. — Dick Steele, Middle Street stage
 - 7-9 p.m. — Calvary Singers, grade school stage
 - 8-10 p.m. — Southern Reign, Middle Street stage
- Saturday
 - 8 a.m. — Cyclist Dogwood Tour, Piketon High School
 - Noon-2 p.m. — Luke Hawkins and His Almost Country Band, Middle Street stage
 - 12:30-2:30 p.m. — Mountain Cloggers, Village Green
 - 12:30 p.m. — Groundbreaking of Public Library of Pike County, Second and Lucas streets
 - 2 p.m. — Childrens games, childrens tractor pull, grade school
 - 2:30 p.m. — Fiddlers contest, Middle Street stage
 - 3 p.m. — Pie eating contest, Second Street stage
 - 3-4 p.m. — Childrens program, grade school

Bicentennial beauty Pageant is scheduled for Friday

By RHEA EDMONDS
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Bicentennial ball and pageant ticket sales got off to a slow start, but things have picked up, according to Karen Conley, city community affairs director. Weekend bicentennial celebration events include a:

- Parade
- Ball
- Pageant
- Street dedication for performer Nancy Wilson

Bicentennial monument dedication. Twelve young ladies are preparing themselves for the once-in-a-lifetime chance of being crowned Chillicothe's Bicentennial Queen.

Miss Sesquiocentennial Chillicothe 1946, Vivian Richards Crowe, will crown the winner.

Featured performers include Johnny Parraza, a singer/songwriter and pianist; songwriter Erik Bennett; Miss Ohio, Ellen Pastarak; Miss South Central Ohio, Shanna Corde; and Chillicothe's own Andrea Ramsey Digges; Elizabeth Davis; and Alena Elementary fourth-grade students. Bennett wrote a song chosen from hundreds submitted to the summer Olympic Committee to be sung during the Atlanta games. He will perform the song, "We Were There."

The pageant, sponsored by Kroger Co., will be 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Majestic Theatre, the nation's oldest continuously operating theater. There will be a 7 p.m. pre-show.

Kroger officials wanted to participate in this capacity "to give back to the community some of the loyalty that they've shown us over the years," Mike Ash, manager of the Bridge street school.

- 4:30-6:30 p.m. — Pike Pickers, Village Green
- 5-7 p.m. — Cactus, grade school stage
- 5-7 p.m. — R.W. Skeens, Middle Street stage
- 7:30-9:30 p.m. — Marie Molea and Salem Fridge, Middle Street stage
- 7:30-9:30 p.m. — Dick Steele, grade school
- Sunday
 - 12:30-2:15 p.m. — Country Knights, grade school
 - Noon-2 p.m. — Luke Hawkins, Middle Street stage
 - 1-2 p.m. — Rev. Frank Williams, church service, Village Green

2:30 p.m. — Grand Parade
3:30 p.m. — Banjo contest, Middle Street stage
4 p.m. — Adelphi Band, Village Green
4 p.m. — Drawing for Dogwood Quilt
3:30-5:30 p.m. — Country Knights, grade school

Trail ride
The Lazy Dude Ranch, Tack Shop and Livery Stable will be hosting a benefit trail ride for the Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital. The ten-mile ride will be at the ranch, 650 Mitchell Road in Bainbridge, on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. A rain date is May 4. For more information call 1-614-634-2098.

Where to call

More information about events for the bicentennial weekend is available by calling 775-4703.

A closer look

The 12 young women competing for the princely title of Miss Bicentennial Chillicothe are pictured on Page 2B.

advance and not wait to get them at the door.

If 400 people want to buy ball tickets at the door and only 400 have purchased them in advance there won't be enough food, Conley said, stressing the need to be an early bird ticket buyer. "It's pretty important," she said.

About 30,000 people are expected to turn out for the Saturday parade, which begins at 1:30 p.m.

Gas Conostock, city economic development director, said the fact that Chillicothe can accommodate the estimated 80,000 people expected to participate in the weekend events is a testament to the way the city has grown and developed.

Singer Nancy Wilson, who lived in Chillicothe a short time as a girl, will have a street dedicated in her honor, Nancy Wilson Way, at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Dedication of the Bicentennial Monument in Yontacree will wrap things up for the Bicentennial weekend. It will be 2 p.m. Sunday with a live band and "Chillicothe," the song, sang by Chillicothean Roslyn Cross. Wilson will be the honored guest.

▼ Music

Barn dance
Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Wagon Wheelers Hall. Out of the Blue will be featured for hoedown, square dancing, clogging and line dancing.

At church
The Sanctuary Choir, The Kid's of the Kingdom and The Testament Players present "Bless This House," a collection of music and drama centered around the festival, call 642-3231 or write P.O. Box 383, Kingston, Ohio 45644.

at Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Music in the Park
Immediately following the parade in the city park on July 5, there will be "Music in the Park."

The Nashville Sounds will perform at 8:30 p.m.

Michael Boyle and Friends will perform at 8 p.m.

McGuffey Lane will perform at 9:30 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the CHS Alumni Association All-Class Reunion and Pepel.

For more information about the festival, call 642-3231 or write P.O. Box 383, Kingston, Ohio 45644.

News-makers

Back to her roots
NEW YORK (AP) — Aretha Franklin will perform at the NYC Jazz Festival, 34 years after knocking them dead as a virtual unknown at the Newport Jazz Festival in Newport, R.I.

Franklin will perform at Carnegie Hall on Day 6 of the eight-day festival, which kicks off June 21.

The 27-concert lineup includes such musical giants as Joe Williams, Chick Corea, Herbie Hancock, Mel Tormé,

Joshua Redman, Tito Puente, Earl Klugh, Kevin Eubanks and Benny Waters.

The concerts will be held at jazz clubs, parks and concert halls around the city. There's even a jazz cruise on the Circle Line around Manhattan.

Just a few drinks'
ATLANTA (AP) — Bobby Brown failed two sobriety tests and refused to take a blood-alcohol test after being pulled over in his red Mercedes for doing 60 in a 45 mph zone, police said.

The 27-year-old singer was arrested and charged with drunken driving after refusing the test, DeKalb County police said Wednesday.

Brown, who is married to Whitney Houston and has homes in Atlanta and New Jersey, smelled of alcohol when police stopped the car early Monday, police said.

Brown told the arresting officer, "Yes, I had a few drinks at the club," the police report said.

Weiland in drug rehab
NEW YORK (AP) — Stone Temple Pilots lead singer Scott Weiland has checked into a drug rehab center, forcing the band to cancel three free concerts.

Weiland, 29, "has been unable to rehearse or appear for these shows due to his dependency on drugs," Atlantic Recording Corp., the rock band's record company, said in a statement Wednesday.

No further details on Weiland's condition were released and Atlantic spokeswoman Patti Conte would not say where he was being treated.

The band canceled concerts scheduled for April 29 in Chicago, May 1 in New York and May 3 in Los Angeles. The Pilots were set to promote their new album, "Tiny Music...Songs From the Vatican Gift Shop."

Weiland pleaded innocent and was freed on \$10,000 bail after his May 1994 arrest for allegedly buying cocaine and heroin.

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