

Dam Days festival opens Wednesday in Williamsport

WILLIAMSPORT — An antique car show, five-mile run, hog calling and drill team competitions will be several of the activities at the Deer Creek Dam Days in Williamsport this week.

Also scheduled for the Wednesday-Sunday celebration will be four parades and concerts by the Westfall High School Band, Adelphi Community Band and Roger White and the Hard Times.

Saturday events include a flea market, the five-mile run, baby contest and entertainment until midnight, ending with three hours of round and square dancing with the C & R Express Show.

On Sunday, an open air worship service, gospel sing and antique car show will be held.

An art show will be held in the Deer Creek Township Community Gymnasium throughout the festival.

The Dam Days will begin at 7 p.m.

Wednesday with the queen and junior queen contest.

Little Prince and Little Princess parades will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The Queens Parade honoring all past festival queens will be 7 p.m. Saturday and the Drill Team Parade will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday.

Pickaway County Sheriff Dwight Radcliff will be the grand marshal of the Saturday night parade.

The Westfall band will perform at 8:30 p.m. Thursday and the Adelphi band will play at 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

Saturday's five-mile run will begin at 10 a.m. at the Williamsport United Methodist Church on North Main Street. Runners will run north on Chillicothe-Williamsport Road, northeast on Cox Road, west on Keyes Road and back to Williamsport on the Chillicothe-Williamsport Road.

The first place finisher and first finishers in several age categories

will receive trophies.

The first 100 entries will receive a patch or T-shirt.

Chairman of the race is Westfall High School track coach Randy Williams. Net proceeds will go to the track program.

No entry fee is required for the car show which is open to all Ohioans. It will be held in front of the Methodist Church. Trophies will be awarded to the best Model T, Model A, classic and utility vehicles, the best car manufactured before 1935, the best car manufactured 1935-1950 and the oldest model.

Organizations wishing to enter the drill team competition need only submit a card with information about the organization prior to the Sunday parade, according to festival secretary Ruth Schleich. There is no age limit, she said.

Tours of the Deer Creek Dam and

scenic area will be held during the week.

The Dam Days began 10 years ago as the Sulphur Spring Festival and acquired its new theme following the Bicentennial celebration.

Here is a schedule of activities:

WEDNESDAY
5-9 p.m. — Rides open at discount.
7 p.m. — Opening ceremonies; queen and junior queen contest.

THURSDAY
6:30 p.m. — Parade units assemble at South Water and Walnut streets; contestants for little prince contest verify prior registration.
7 p.m. — Little Prince Parade.
7:30 p.m. — Westfall High School band concert on North Main Street platform; art awards presentation; judging for little prince and attendants.

FRIDAY
6:30 p.m. — Parade units assemble at

South Water and Walnut streets; contestants for little princess contest verify prior registration.
up.m. — Little Princess parade.
7:30 p.m. — Judging for little princess and attendants.

SATURDAY
8 a.m. — Flea market opens.
10 a.m. — Deer Creek Dam Days Five Mile Run at Williamsport United Methodist Church; Verification of prior entry for baby contest at North Main Street platform.
10:30 a.m. — Baby contest.
11:30 a.m. — Five mile run awards ceremony.
Noon - 3 p.m. — Special discount on rides.
1 p.m. — Queens board bus.
1-3 p.m. — Roger White and the Hard Times.
3-4 p.m. — Butch and Dave's World of Magic.
4-5 p.m. — Dynamic Mentions Drill Team.

5 p.m. — Introductions of queens and past queens.
6:30 p.m. — Parade lineup.
7 p.m. — Queens Parade.
8 p.m. — Midnight — The C & R Express Show featuring round and square dancing.

SUNDAY
10:45 a.m. — Open air worship service.
1 p.m. — Ceremony honoring festival founders.
1:30 p.m. — Senior citizens hour.
2 p.m. — Antique car show at Methodist church; Gospel sing featuring the Westfall High School choir, Ross County Gospel Singers and Den Brown and the Four Saints.
3:30 p.m. — Parade lineup.
4 p.m. — Drill Team Parade.
5:30 p.m. — Adelphi Community Band concert.
6:30 p.m. — Hog calling contest.
7:30 p.m. — Drill team awards ceremony.

Today in the area

Coordinator to talk to group

attend the annual May meeting of the Chillicothe and Ross County League of Women Voters for which State Auditor Thomas Ferguson is the main speaker.

The meeting, open to the public, will be held at noon May 20 at the Holiday Inn on North Bridge Street. Reser-

ved Fisher's appointment to village council. Anderson has been transferred to a new church in the Dayton area.

Fisher is a six-year fire department veteran and was a village policeman for two years.

served as counselors.

The program was the first of its kind for Paint Valley, sponsored through the school's Career Development Program. The student's handbook of activities to perform at home and school were prerequisites for their attending

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