

Hospital marking 100 years

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This month, Medical Center Hospital will kick off a seven-month celebration in recognition of the hospital's 100th birthday.

The June 25 celebration will recreate one of the hospital's first fundraisers and rededicate the facility. On June 27, 1895, the Chillicothe Emergency Hospital was incorporated, accepting its first patient in early 1896. During the first "Fare Day," the women's auxiliary raised money for the hospital by serving as conductors on the Chillicothe Street Railway. All fares collected that day were donated to the hospital.

The 1995 Fair Day will begin at noon Sunday, June 25, with a hog calling contest, followed by a wheelbarrow race, pie-eating and watermelon-seed spitting contests, a three-legged race, a water-balloon toss and a white elephant auction.

The Adelphi Band will perform at 1:30 p.m. and the Great Seal Band will perform at 4 p.m. Fair Day will conclude with the Kingston Kickers and line dancing at 5 p.m. All events are free and open to the public.

Local artisans will also be at the event displaying their crafts and items that commemorate the 100th birthday of the hospital.

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