

# Adelphi-Colerain celebrate heritage

## Village and township kick off festivities

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It's the celebration of a lifetime ... or every 200 years.

The village of Adelphi, one of the oldest towns in the region, and Colerain Township are throwing the party of two centuries beginning today.

Boasting a town parade, old-fashioned bolognas, queen and king contests, historical displays, continuous entertainment and a game-playing, cotton-candy-eating carnival, the Adelphi-Colerain bicentennial celebration is sure to entertain local residents.

"There's a lot of different activities going on," said Adelphi resident Carolyn Hunt. "Come on out to help us celebrate our birthday."

The village of Adelphi, located in the northeast corner of Ross County, overlooks the Salt Creek Valley and the entrance to Hocking Hills.

The town, with a population of 600, received its name from an early settler in memory of "Delphi," the sacred city of the Greeks.

Colerain Township was split from Green Township June 11, 1804, by order of the county commissioners.

Leona Barnes, a lifelong resident of Adelphi and a festival coordinator, said the town has stayed true to its roots over the years.

"The village hasn't changed a whole lot," she said. "We have a lot more people than what we used to have."

Festivities kick off today with the queen and king contests at 7 p.m.

Friday's entertainment, running from 5 to 11 p.m., will include the Zane Trace Singers, Jim Reeves Wheeler — a Kenny Rogers look-alike — and the Blue Grass Disciples. According to festival coordi-

nator Donna Karshner, the bicentennial parade, led by Grand Marshal Wayne Cryder, is anticipated to be a big event. The parade, which will feature horse-drawn carriages and covered wagons, will begin at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Karshner said a display of historical memorabilia and old photographs will be on display in the town hall beginning Saturday.

Saturday will also feature children's old-fashioned games in the morning, an antique car show, baking contest, auction and square dance. The Kingston Kickers and the Adelphi Band will also be performing Saturday.

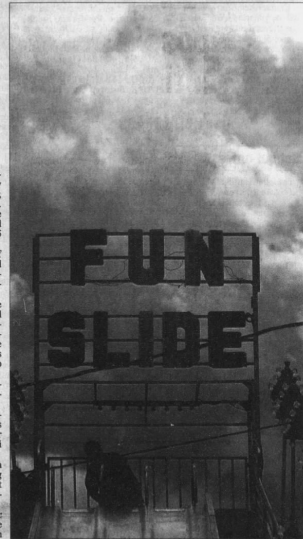
Festivities will wrap up Sunday with a hog roast and picnic starting at 1 p.m.

Chuck Hunt, mayor of Adelphi, said the picnic doubles as a homecoming celebration for former residents of Adelphi and Colerain Township.

Hunt dubbed the festival a "community event," inviting county residents to come out and be a part of the celebration this weekend.

"It's a way to celebrate our heritage," he said. "We invite local residents to enjoy it with us."

(Bunch can be reached at 772-872 or via e-mail at bbunch@mcogannett.com)



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A worker from Daphier Amusements checks the giant Fun Slide in preparation for the Adelphi-Colerain bicentennial celebration that runs through Saturday.



The Adelphi-Colerain bicentennial celebration will feature rides, games, a parade and continuous entertainment. The event is free and open to the public.

**If you go**

- What: Adelphi-Colerain bicentennial celebration
- When: today through Saturday
- Where: Adelphi, Ohio 45710
- How much: Free and open to the public
- For more information, call (740) 655-2693

■ **Bungalow**  
Road at Los M N, Bridge St. (Ranchero), 8-3 day, everyone 11 p.m. must b

■ **Jerry's Pig**  
St. karaoke ev from 8:30 p.m.

■ **Emmitt H**  
Market Street enue, daily spe night is open t Casual Pub.

■ **The Hardt**  
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■ **Stardust T**  
Bridge St., The day Barnat St from 8:30 p.m. cover; Saturd Open Hart Thu ning at noon, F 9:30 p.m. to 2 Tuesday, open ment, 7 p.m.

■ **Tooties Pu**  
E. Main St. Cl day, Dave Chi For more inf (740) 477-1969

■ **The Club,**  
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■ **Dakota's H**  
28 Stoneridge 80 west. Come backyard with ment on the p first full moon Barry Barnes.

■ **The Filling**  
and Pub, 66 N Thursday, ope with Jeff Lew close; Saturd with Laura Be close; half pri 9 to 11 p.m. T Saturday, con 18, car show f Now open n more informat 774-FUEL.

■ **Last Stop,**  
St. Friday, kn Poker run for Hambone, Sig After-run adu entertainment night fun, Sun ball pool toum NASCAR Happ ing; Tuesday, Wednesday, or tournament, F mation, call 77

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