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COLUMBUS — The Ohio Historical Society will launch its observance of the Bicentennial July 4th with a re-creation of an early American Independence Day celebration at Ohio Village in Columbus.

With the possible exception of election day, July 4th was the most widely celebrated holiday in Ohio before the Civil War. The Ohio Village celebration will feature many of the same activities that were enjoyed by Ohioans more than a century ago.

Many events like checkers, horse shoes, croquette and the village's popular craft demonstrations will be available throughout the day.

The 9th—13th Virginia Regiment of New Knoxville will demonstrate Continental Army maneuvers and musket firing at 4 and 7 p. m. The authentically Continental Army maneuvers and musket firing at 4 and 7 p. m. The authentically costumed group has been designated as an official American Bicentennial performing unit.

Visitors are urged to dress casually so they can participate in the many games scheduled throughout the day. These include the Great Tug-of-War, with more than 100 persons manning the rope, foot races, bag races and a berry pie eating contest. Silver dollars will be offered as prizes.

Several concerts by the Adelphi Band will be offered during the afternoon and evening. The band will also lead a traditional Independence Day parade at 1 p. m. The parade will lead around the village square to a speaker's platform for a brief, patriotic ceremony.

A colorful fireworks display will conclude the day's events shortly after 9 p. m.

The American House Hotel in the village will offer picnic lunches throughout the day for visitors.

The village will be open from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. July 4th. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and children 12 and under are admitted free with their parents. Unaccompanied children are 50 cents. Ohio Village is located just south of the Ohio Historical Center at I-71 and 17th Ave.

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