

# Clarksburg ready for annual homecoming

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CLARKSBURG — Folks will set up lawn chairs for long chats while 800 pounds of fish will sizzle at the 78th annual Clarksburg Field Day Thursday.

It's been the same scene for generations at the Clarksburg homecoming which draws 3,000 to 4,000 annually. This year, organizers will focus on the history of its sponsor, the Clarksburg United Methodist Church, says organizer Barbara Cleary.

"The homecoming is what brings them back," she says. "People enjoy the historical tent. They can reminisce."

Pony rides, a treat from many years ago, will be back. But some new aspects have been added. A small Civil War encampment will be set up and a clown will entertain the kids, says fellow organizer

Denise Kern.

Fresh entertainment is on the agenda and a roof has been built over the stage. Shakinah Tabernacle Baptist Church Band will perform at 10:30 a.m. and Honey and the Mooners will play '50s and '60s music at 8:30 p.m. Perennial favorites such as the Adelphi Band will perform at 2 and 5:30 p.m., Blackwater Run will play bluegrass at 6:30 p.m. and Elizabeth Davis will sing gospel at noon and 4 p.m.

The day begins at 10:30 a.m. and ends about 10 p.m., with kids games at 3 p.m. And as always, trap shooting, horse shoe pitching and craft demonstrations of all sorts will continue throughout the day.

The celebration is at the Field Day grounds, ¼ mile east of Clarksburg on Ohio 138. Admission is free to ages 12 and younger and 50 cents for all others.

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