

said, smiling. "We're all really look- of-the-line when it was built in the ready in September or October. Valley Mental Health Center detailed information to members.

Kingston fest kicks off bicentennial

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KINGSTON - Bigger, better and improved is what Summer Fest Chairman Mark Conaway has called this year's incarnation of the annual celebration, which kicks off this evening in the village park.

Most of the improvements, he said, are addition of activities that appeal to a larger audience.

"We try to hit everybody's interests," Conaway said.

On tap is a visit from an official at the Ohio Department of Wildlife to give wildlife demonstrations, the Herb Lady, who discusses herbs and life in 19th century, and Thursday's Race Day, when a number of different styles and types of race cars will be on display in the park.

The festival continues through

Schedule

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Saturday, when Kingston will begin Ross County's bicentennial celebration with special programming focusing on the village's role in the county and other historic activities.

Conaway said there will be an old fashioned pie and cake baking contest, kids games from days gone by, and an awards presentation sponsored by the Ohio Historical Society.

He added, "We're trying to fit in with this year's theme."

Mayor Ned Boggs said the bicentennial program will be celebrated somewhat like a birthday.

"What we're going to have is the Adelphi Band performing during the program and Kroger will furnish the cake and punch," Boggs said.

The mayor said he also anticipated several county and state officials to be on hand for the celebration which will close with a flag presentation by a local Boy Scout troop and a gun salute by American Legion Post 291.

Local attorney and village resident Dick Delong will make a presentation about the village during the program, Boggs said.

"It will help bring people out (to the festival)," Boggs said.

Festival organizers are hoping for the same result.

Conaway said he sees the festival as an excuse for "everyone to get together and reunite, to slow down, relax and have old family fun."



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Todd Freed of Michael's Amusements, of Hebron, puts together a Ferris wheel-type ride in Kingston Village Park for the Kingston SummerFest. The festival kicks off at 5 p.m.

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