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Davis County Reunion gets underway Thursday

The old soldiers and the old settlers from Davis County, along with generous numbers of children and their parents will converge on Drakesville Thursday, as the 126th Old Soldiers and Settlers Reunion begins.

The three day celebration will feature a queen contest, tractor pull, horse and pony show, plus various contests for youngsters.

Also, chairs will be presented to the oldest soldier and oldest settler present at the reunion.

The reunion activities get underway at 11 a.m. Thursday with a tractor pull at the corral in the Drakesville Park.

Tractors will be competing in five classes, with 40 per cent of the entry fees in each class going to the top finisher. Second place will be worth 30 per cent, while 20 per cent goes for the third best pull in each class. The fourth place finisher will receive 10 per cent of the entry fees.

Also, a trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.

Competition will be in a garden tractor class, light weight (4,500 lbs. and under), medium weight (4,500 to 6,500 lbs.), heavy weight (6,500 to 8,500 lbs.), and extra heavy weight (8,500 to 12,000 lbs.).

The weigh-in begins at 10 a.m. at the Drakesville Mill.

The evening's activities begin at 7:30 p.m. with the annual Queen of Conservation contest.

Competing for the crown now being worn by Janice Eakins are Jodi Hopkins, Joyce Long, Joyce Stewart, Ginger Bradford, Linda Lofton, Marla Rysdam and Debbie Johnson.

Following at 8 p.m. in the corral will be a jackpot roping and cutting contest, while on stage will be the home talent show. Prize money totaling \$125 will be awarded in the talent show, with \$50 going to the senior winner and \$25 going to the top junior act.

Entries are still being

accepted by Bill Hardy, talent show chairman.

A teen dance at 9 p.m. caps off the opening day's events.

Friday's agenda begins at 9 a.m. with a pony show, open to youngsters 15 and under. Included in the show will be a greased pig contest.

The afternoon activities get underway at 1:30 p.m. with a baby contest for children to 1 year of age. Also appearing will be the fourth place talent act, the Senior Citizens Kitchen Band, and a fife and drum corps. A number of contests for women and children are also on tap, as is an antique gun shooting contest at the corral.

The reunion will also

present a chair to the oldest soldier attending the celebration.

The annual reunion parade rolls at 7 p.m. Friday, with the official opening by the American Legion scheduled for 8 p.m. A horse show is on the agenda for 7:30 p.m. in the corral, while on stage will be the fife and drum corps, ventriloquist Grover Ruwe, Louis and Sunshine, and the second place talent winner.

Rounding out the second day's program will be a western style square dance at 9 p.m., with Jack Ritter of Grinnell doing the calling.

Holding down the spotlight Saturday afternoon will be a sheep dog trial at 1 p.m., with Dewey Jontz serving as judge.

Also scheduled are baby contests for children 1 to 2 years at 1:30 p.m., in addition to the third place talent winner.

A frog jumping contest will be the center of attention at 2 p.m. Saturday, along with women's and children's contests and a wheelie contest.

The oldest settler present at the reunion will be presented with a chair by the reunion association to close out the afternoon's events.

A mini bike and cycle show is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. at the corral, while on stage John LaComb of Bloomfield will provide organ music. Also appearing will be the first place talent winner.

Moving on stage at 8 p.m. will be the Dale Kerr Little Nashville show, featuring Gino King and the Flyin' Cowpokes.

Kerr and his group will also be providing the music for a hoe down, with round and square dancing, which begins at 9 p.m.



In the running

One of these seven girls will be crowned Queen of Conservation Thursday evening during the opening of the Davis County Old Soldiers and Settlers Reunion in Drakesville. The seven are, from left, Ginger Bradford, Joyce Long, Joyce

Stewart, Jodi Hopkins, Linda Lofton, Debbie Johnson and Marla Rysdam. The selection of the queen was made Sunday afternoon during a tea for the contestants.