

Out & About

A weekly guide of things to do

Freedom

200-year-old town to celebrate first settlers' arrival

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FREEDOM — The town of Freedom will celebrate the arrival of its first settlers in a three-day bicentennial event this weekend.

Festivities will kick off Friday night at 7 p.m., with opening ceremonies under the tent behind the town hall, 1188 Eagle St. Master of ceremonies Jim Whitacre will help open the time capsule and cut the celebratory bicentennial cake. Music by JP Sound will play from 8 to 11 p.m., with snacks and drinks available.

The celebration will resume at 11 a.m. Saturday with a grand parade, beginning at the town hall and running to Haley's on Route 98. Chicken barbecue will be available from noon to 2 p.m. for \$9 each at the town park, and more food will be available at the car cruise at YB Sales on Route 98 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Also ongoing from 1 to 4 p.m. will be a variety of children's activities at the ball field — games for all ages, Kasper the Clown and food and drinks will be available.

Visitors can take in the history of the town and purchase memorabilia from 1 to 6 p.m. at the town park building, which will feature "200 Years of History of the Town of Freedom."

Throughout the day, under the park tent, will be a variety of entertainment:

- ▶ 1 to 2 p.m.: Bent Brass Band
- ▶ 2 to 3 p.m.: Arcade Community Chorus
- ▶ 3 to 4 p.m.: Town Historian Lorna Spencer speaks on the history of Freedom (town park building)
- ▶ 4 to 5 p.m.: Wild Spirits Birds of Prey with Paul Ferhinger
- ▶ 5 to 6 p.m.: Backwoods Cloggers

The fun continues into Saturday night, with the band Archives playing under the tent behind the town hall from 8 p.m. to midnight, and a fireworks display at 10 p.m.

A trap shoot competition will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Spectators are welcome, but shooters must preregister.

At 11 a.m., visitors can enjoy church in the park followed by a potluck meal and a historical display at the town park building.

Festivities will conclude at 3 p.m. with the dedication of Columbarium at the Freedom Cemetery.

The first settlers arrived in Freedom in 1811; the town was founded in 1820.

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Rally roaring into Olean



Olean Times Herald file photo

The annual Rally in the Valley motorcycle dice run begins today and runs through Sunday in Olean. The festivities include games, music, food and more.

The Rally in the Valley roars back into Olean with a four-day extravaganza today through Sunday.

Rally warm-up events start from 5 to 7 p.m. today with the CUTCO Ka-Bar Visitors Center.

Participants can enjoy door prizes, chicken dinner for \$8 and music by Ade Adu. Visitors can also check out the 2011 Harley Davidson motorcycle being raffled away this weekend.

Community Bank's Banking on a Good Time Street Dance will take place from 7 to 10 p.m. at the intersection of Laurens and North Union streets.

It's a family affair with games, music, dancing and more. The Street Classics Car Club will have its rides on display on-site. Entertainment will include the band Wildfire and the Enchanted Mountain Roller Derby team.

The rest of the weekend is also full of activities. For more information on Rally in the Valley, call the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce at 372-4433, visit www.oleanny.com or email tourism@oleanny.com.

Event lineup

FRIDAY

- ▶ **Kick Off Parade and Concert** — Bradner Stadium 551 E. State St., Olean
- ▶ **5:30 — 8 p.m.:** Registration for Saturday and Sunday
- ▶ **6 p.m.:** — Parade from the Olean Middle School to Bradner Stadium
- ▶ **6 — 9 p.m.:** — Free caricatures done by Eric Jones
- ▶ **7 — 10 p.m.:** Music by Steel Reign
- ▶ **8:10 p.m.:** Fourth Annual Big Wheel Adult Race

SATURDAY

- ▶ **Certo Brothers** — Bradner Stadium 551 E. State St., Olean
- ▶ **11 a.m. — 3 p.m.:** DJ Music, Event Registration
- ▶ **3 p.m.:** Bike Games begin
- ▶ **4:30 — 7:30 p.m.:** Music by The Strangers
- ▶ **7:30 — 8 p.m.:** Bike Show Winners Announced
- ▶ **8 — 11 p.m.:** Music by The Strangers

SUNDAY

- ▶ **Dice Run** — Bradner Stadium 551 E. State St., Olean
- ▶ **9:15 a.m.:** Registration inside Bradner Stadium
- ▶ **11 a.m.:** Dice Run Leaves Bradner Stadium.
- ▶ **11:15:** Wheels4Meals Scavenger Hunt Check-in
- ▶ **3 — 6 p.m.:** Music by the band, The Oliverio Band
- ▶ **4:30 p.m.:** Participants of Dice Run Need to be back at Bradner Stadium
- ▶ **5:30 p.m.:** Prizes for Dice Run announced, Harley Raffle announced

Bradford's Crook Farm hosting weekend of traditional music and dance

BRADFORD, Pa. — The 32nd annual Crook Farm Country Fair & Old Time Country Music Festival will be held Friday through Sunday at 476 Seaward Ave.

The celebration will run from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults and free for musicians and children 12 and under.

Crook Farm features

traditional bluegrass, folk and American traditional music and dance. Several area entertainers are scheduled to perform throughout the weekend.

As always, organizers are encouraging all local, traditional musicians to participate in and around the fairgrounds, sign up for a slot on the main stage, and join in at the Jam

Tent. There will be square and contra dancing Friday and Saturday evenings as well as a dance under the tent Sunday.

Other features of the festival include:

- ▶ Sixty-plus craft vendors, food vendors and historical exhibits
- ▶ Bring used instruments to sell, or buy a new treasure to take home
- ▶ Main-stage concerts from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
- ▶ Workshops including flatfoot dancing with Charlie

Burton and Ed Hansen, instrument repair and more

▶ Old-time round and square dancing Sunday on the main stage plus Friday and Saturday evenings

▶ Jam Tent on Friday evening and all day Saturday and Sunday

▶ Sunday morning gospel sing-around with Sunday Morning Harmony and Larry Combs

▶ Free rough camping Friday and Saturday nights in the field next to the farm

Another addition to the event is a tree-weaving dem-

onstration by the Enchanted Mountain Weavers' Guild from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday behind the farmhouse. The public is invited to help weave rag

rugs, with the rugs being sold to benefit the Crook Farm historical site.

Visit www.bradfordlandmark.org for more information on the festival.



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DAILY SPECIALS!	
TUESDAY:	PRIME RIB - All You Can Eat!
WEDNESDAY:	PASTA - All You Can Eat!
FRIDAY:	Fish
SATURDAY:	BBQ Ribs
SUNDAY:	Prime Rib Bowls
Noon to Close: All You Can Eat Hot Food Bar & Salad Bar	
THURS-SUN:	Complimentary Salad Bar with Dinner Entree

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