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Founder's Day an Orangeville find

Annual festival features dances sidewalk sales and a lot more

Every year, Orangeville and area residents honor town founder Orange Lawrence with Founder's Day celebrations and downtown sidewalk sales.

This year is no exception, as downtown business improvement area board members have planned a wide range of activities to compliment weekend sidewalk sales on the town's main street.

Held July 11-13, events start with Thursday evening sidewalk sales, and continue through Saturday afternoon. Some events are still being finalized.

STREET DANCE

On the night of July 12, the Orangeville Challengers — formerly the Jaycees — will once again host a street dance on a section of Second St. off Broadway.

Dale Page will bring his "rolling caliope" to town Saturday to provide musical accompaniment.

"We've booked him to go up

and town Broadway for about four hours, from about 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.," said BIA board secretary Ingrid Poole, who's arranging most of the weekend's entertainment.

Also on the street will be stilt-walking clown Daddy Long Legs, who'll make his way from end to end of Broadway.

Although the town's main street is under construction, Ms. Poole said every effort is being made to keep events running smoothly.

BIA board members are attending construction site meetings held every two weeks, and Triton Engineering's Howard Wray says Founder's Day will probably be discussed further at future meetings.

"We're aware of the date, and we've made the contractor aware

of the date," Mr. Wray said.

Although he can't predict what stage construction will be at then, he expects that most stores will be able to hold sidewalk sales undisturbed.

Activities also continue July 13 in Alexandra Park behind the old town hall on Broadway, Ms. Poole said.

Children's entertainer Ken Blinkhorn will give two one-hour shows in the park.

Children can also visit Cuddles the Clown and ride a pony in the park.

Orangeville's farmers' market will take its usual place that Saturday morning, bringing about 30 vendors to the park and the parking lot behind the old town hall.

A BIA-run hot dog booth will be helping downtown merchants raise money for the Santa Claus parade. A display by the Dufferin Association for Community Living and a child play area are also expected to be included in park activities.

Those with historical leanings can discover Orangeville's heritage with a walking tour of the town planned by LACAC member Steve Brown and Dufferin Museum curator Wayne Townsend.

PREVIEW

EVENT: Founder's Day celebrations.
WHEN: July 11 to 13.
WHERE: Orangeville.
WHAT: Street dance, sidewalk sale, community garage sale and other events.



Don't look now!

You never know who you're going to run into at Founder's Day celebrations. The popular Orangeville event is the festival of the summer season, featuring street dance, garage sale, sidewalk sales and more. A Lions club Lobsterfest is held the same weekend, at the Tony Rose Memorial Sports Centre. There's fun for everyone of Founder's Day weekend.



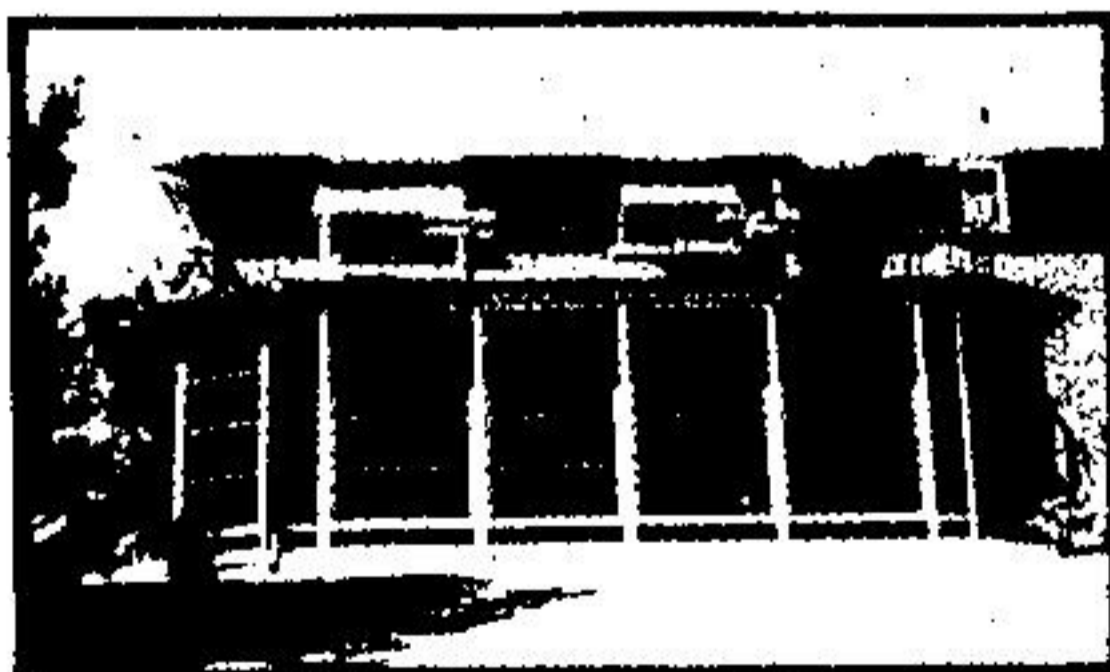
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