

Seneca Fest brings fun for holiday weekend

Wrestling tonight, concert Saturday among highlights

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SENECA — A weekend of family fun kicked off Thursday night at Jazz on the Alley as the 12th annual Seneca Fest takes over the city for Memorial Day weekend.

Back for a second year, a Golden Corner Wrestling show tonight will feature Ricky Morton, Al Snow, The Barbarian and WWE Hall of Famer Jimmy "Boogie Woogie Man" Valiant. Seneca events coordinator Riley Johnson said the event was a hit last year and one the city was quick to bring back.



Johnson

"The wrestling was very popular last year, and it's all family-friendly," Johnson said. "You won't see anything you can't do in

church, they say, so it's appropriate for most any ages."

Tickets for the wrestling event are \$5, and Johnson expects they'll go quickly — especially since seating at Gignilliat Community Center is limited.

"The gates open at 6 p.m., and we're going to have somebody monitoring ticket sales since we can only seat so many," Johnson said.

Saturday's concerts will be outdoors if the weather permits, providing an opportunity for families to bring their chairs and blankets to hang out on the football field to enjoy live music and various food vendors.

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Terri Clark, Shelbie Z and Adam Carter will make appearances through the night. Gates open at 3 p.m., and the first show begins at around 4 p.m., Johnson said. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5, and children 6 and under will be admitted for free.

"I don't know where you can see a concert for \$5," Johnson said. "We invite everybody to grab their lawn chairs and come on out, because it should be a fun night."

Johnson said officials will be monitoring the weather and will decide on a rain plan if need be — but they won't let a little drizzle stop them.

"(County parks, recre-

ation and tourism director) Phil Shirley told me all the parks are full this weekend," Johnson said. "There's not a camping spot left in Oconee County, and a lot of those folks usually come in after a day on the lake. So get here early, grab dinner and come enjoy a good night."

Johnson said seating on the field is also limited, and tickets will be first-come, first-served. No outside food or drinks are allowed, and Seneca Fest is an alcohol-free event, he said.

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