

Harvest Festival—'Ride With the Best'

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In honor of the 150th anniversary of the Pony Express, this year's Harvest Festival revolves around a "Ride With the Best" theme.

The festival is Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 16-18 in Gothenburg.

Festivities begin Thursday at 5:30 p.m. with a pooch parade/dog show in Ehmen Park. A Farmer's Market is from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on 10th Street west of Lake Avenue.

On Friday, a kids' parade begins at 6 p.m. Children will gather in Ehmen Park for judging at 5:30 p.m. The parade begins at the intersection of 16th Street and Avenue F.

Hilltop Estates and Care Center is celebrating 15 years with a free hot dog feed in Ehmen Park from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

A pitch tournament is scheduled to begin at the Randazzle Cafe at 7 p.m.

Saturday's activities begin with a pancake breakfast at the Gothenburg Airport from 7-10 a.m. A fly-in is from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Throughout the day, vintage aircraft will be displayed as well as hot air balloons and power chutes.

The 8th annual dog & jog is set for 8 a.m. at the airport. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and proceeds go to the United Way.

Line-up for the festival parade, beginning at 20th Street and proceeding down Lake Avenue, begins at 9:30 a.m. The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. on Lake Avenue from 20th to Ninth Street.

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Long-time Pony Express re-rider Robert “Bob” Plank is the grand marshall of the parade which he will lead along with his wife Marge.

Many activities are set in Ehmen Park after the parade including food booths, arts, crafts, kids’ games, a dunking booth and jumping toys.

Lunch is available there or at the United Methodist Church from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

The Gothenburg Historical Museum, at 15th Street and Avenue F, will have collections on display from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A show and shine car show will be on 15th Street between Lake Avenue and Avenue F from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

For more information about the show, contact the Chamber office at 537-3505 or Amy Headley at 529-1710.

A new event offered will be a distracted driving course with golf carts that begins on the east side of Ehmen Park at 2 p.m.

At 2 p.m., a tractor pedal pull begins at Ehmen Park with races for both kids—aged 4 to 12—and adults.

Beginning at 3 p.m., a buried time capsule will be opened and items displayed outside of the Pony Express Station.

Judy Block and her band have a jam session scheduled in the park at 3 p.m.

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The Gothenburg Volunteer Fire Department will host a barbecue from 5 p.m. to midnight at the fire hall with burgers, brats, refreshments and music.

Youngsters in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades are invited to a junior teen dance at the American Lutheran Church from 8 to 11 p.m.