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### Festival unites Beaverdale area

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The Beaverdale Fall Festival, featuring what sponsors call "the world's best parade," runs Friday through Sunday.

The festival also features fireworks, music, dancing, food, carnival rides, a classic car show, a petting zoo and pony rides.

What began as a Beaverdale merchants promotion and the Holy Trinity Church festival has evolved into a community celebration that draws thousands of participants and visitors.

One of the most popular events is the parade, which this year has about 150 entries including eight marching bands. For the first time, the marching band from West Des Moines' Valley High School will combine with band members from the Southwoods freshman school and the Stilwell and Indian Hills middle schools of West Des Moines. The 400-member West Des Moines contingent will join marching bands from North, East, Hoover and Roosevelt high schools, as well as bands from Brody Middle School, Des Moines Christian School and Holy Trinity School.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday and takes a two-mile route beginning at 48th Street and Franklin Avenue and ending on Beaver Avenue just south of Douglas Avenue.

Dozens of booths, activities and craft shows will run along Beaver Avenue from Hickman Road -where the First Church of the Open Bible will hold a large craft show from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday -to south of Douglas Avenue -where an Arts Fest just will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Two free trolleys will shuttle people up and down Beaver Avenue.

There will be presentations of Peer Gynt -a multi-art form play that combines music, actors, dancers and puppets in the same performance -at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave., at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"This is it for us. This is our main event," said Michael Baier, the owner of Michael's **Restaurant**.

When he became involved in the event 11 years ago, Baier said, it was a neighborhood celebration.

Throughout the years, it seems many Beaverdale residents have become involved in the parade and festival that entertain thousands of visitors, he said.

"People come from all over the city, all over the area now," Baier said.

It is not uncommon for Beaverdale residents to schedule family gatherings during the festival weekend. But the festival has kept its community flavor, according to Kathy Deremiah, the Fall Festival chairwoman.

"We have eight churches participating in the parade. How many other parades have churches participating in them?" Deremiah said. "We think it is wonderful and shows just what a community event this is."

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#### FRIDAY

5-9 p.m. - Information tent, lost and found, west lawn of Brenton Bank, 2805 Beaver Ave.

5-11 p.m. - Street rods, custom rods, drag racers, Dale's Tires `N More, 2804 Beaver Ave.

5-11 p.m. - Carnival rides, **Christopher's**, 2816 Beaver Ave.

6:30-11 p.m. - Street dance with BC Productions Mobile DJ, **Christopher's**, 2816 Beaver Ave.

7-9 p.m. - Tony Valdez Group, live jazz music, Reed's B&B Cafe, 2712 Beaver Ave.

8:30-9:30 p.m. - Fireworks, Rice School, 3001 Beaver Ave.

#### SATURDAY

7-10:30 a.m. - Pancake breakfast, Acanthus Masonic Lodge, 4133 Urbandale Ave.

8-10 a.m. - Free coffee and doughnuts, Mercy Franklin Center, 48th Street and Franklin Avenue.

8-10 a.m. - Continental breakfast, Holy Trinity Church, 2926 Beaver Ave.

8-10 a.m. - Beaverdale Beaverdash, Beaver and Urbandale avenues.

8 a.m.-5 p.m. - Craft fair and children's activities, First Church of the Open Bible, Beaver Avenue and Hickman Road.

8 a.m.-5 p.m. - Hy-Vee grill and food stand, west lawn of Brenton Bank, 2805 Beaver Ave.

8 a.m.-6 p.m. - Free trolley rides, various Beaver Avenue stops.

8 a.m.-6 p.m. - Free parking, refreshments, Osco Drug, Beaver and Douglas avenues.

8 a.m.-11 p.m. - Street rods, custom rods, drag racers, Dale's Tires `N More, 2804 Beaver Ave.

9 a.m.-3 p.m. - Custom Classic Car Show, Beaverdale Auto Service, 1820 Beaver Ave.

9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Information tent, lost and found, west lawn of Brenton Bank, 2805 Beaver Ave.

9 a.m.-5 p.m. - First aid/blood pressure checks, west lawn of Brenton Bank, 2805 Beaver Ave.

10 a.m.-noon - World's best parade, from 48th Street and Franklin Avenue to just south of Beaver and Douglas avenues.

10 a.m.-4 p.m. - Volleyball tournament, Holy Trinity Church, 2926 Beaver Ave.

10 a.m.-4 p.m. - Beaverdale Arts Fest, Boesen the Florist, 3422 Beaver Ave.

10 a.m.-5 p.m. - Sidewalk vendor stands, area of Beaver and Urbandale avenues.

10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. - Pie and bake sale, foot tent, Holy Trinity Church, 2926 Beaver Ave.

10:30 a.m.-11 p.m. - Carnival rides, **Christopher's**, 2816 Beaver Ave.

11 a.m.-2 p.m. - 25th anniversary barbecue, Day Care for Exceptional Children, 2217 Beaver Ave.

11 a.m.-4 p.m. - Bingo, treasure chest/meat wheel, beer tent, Holy Trinity Church, 2926 Beaver Ave.

Noon-2 p.m. - Beaverdale Open Golf Classic and Kid's Putt Putt, Rice School, 3001 Beaver Ave.

Noon-4 p.m. - Children's creative activities and face painting, Boesen the Florist, 3422 Beaver Ave.

12:15-12:30 p.m. - Pie-eating contest, Brenton Bank parking lot, 2805 Beaver Ave.

12:30-4 p.m. - ShowMotion community stage shows, Brenton Bank parking lot, 2805 Beaver Ave.

12:30-4 p.m. - Blank fire safe house for kids, Acanthus Lodge, 4133 Urbandale Ave.

1 and 2 p.m. - Fashion show by Bonnie's Designer Resales, First Church of the Open Bible, Beaver Avenue and Hickman Road.

1-3 p.m. - Street painting, Beaver Avenue and Fagen Drive.

2-4 p.m. - Barnyard bingo, Holy Trinity Church, 2926 Beaver Ave.

3:30-5 p.m. - Little Mojo live music, **Christopher's**, 2816 Beaver Ave.

7-9 p.m. - Tony Valdez Group live jazz, Reed's B&B Cafe, 2712 Beaver Ave.

7-11 p.m. - Street dance west with The Blue Band, **Christopher's**, 2816 Beaver Ave.

7:30-11:30 p.m. - Street dance east with Flying Marsupials, Michael's, 4041 Urbandale Ave.

8 p.m. - "Peer Gynt," Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave.

#### SUNDAY

Noon-5 p.m. - Carnival rides, **Christopher's**, 2816 Beaver Ave.

1:30 p.m. - Dedication of Interurban Trail bridge, just east of the intersection of Urbandale Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway.

8 p.m. - "Peer Gynt," Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave.

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