

It's a struggle!

United effort keeps Festival afloat

When this year's July 4 sparkling parade comes marching down Main Street, everyone enjoys the moment and no one gives a thought to how it all came about. Nor should they. But before and after the music stops

someone has to figure out how to pay the piper for the parade and other events that the festival annually sponsors. The parade is one of the costly items on the agenda. It costs about \$2,000 annu-

ally. That money goes to pay expenses for special marchers, trophies and prizes awarded.

Jane Hittler, financial secretary, says that it takes the cooperation of service clubs, United Way and industry to keep the festival going.

Expenses grow slightly each year. In 1999 it cost \$7,043.71 to operate. Last year the cost was \$7,489.88 and the projection is that this year the cost will be greater. Staging the fireworks show will cost \$100 more than it did last year and the \$5,100 cost for the fireworks always eats up the largest share of the festival costs.

Costs for staging the event always exceed the few sources of income that the festival has. There is never a charge for admittance or parking. Last year festival income fell nearly \$300 short of expenditures.

Special promotions and events help pay the cost. One of the best is the annual benefit golf tournament that is held at Rolling Hills Golf Course. Last year it netted \$1,350. Other sources of income are the arts and crafts rentals, about \$1,000, the Lions Club that has upped its donation from \$1,000 to \$1,100 this year and the

United Way that contributed \$1,300 last year. This year's contribution has not yet been announced.

What enables the festival to continue to operate is the contributions by industry, business and the service clubs.

With that help, the festival had \$1,893.31 in a contingency fund starting the year.



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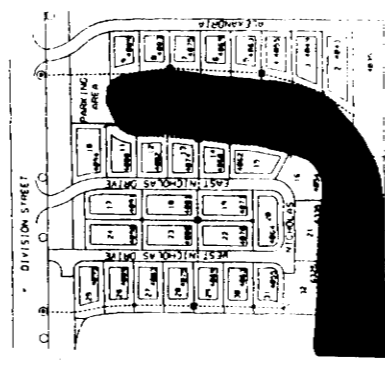


THE AROMA OF a variety of tasty treats will fill the air at Cass City Recreation Park Saturday. Above, service club members Dick Wallace and Anton Peters grill brats.

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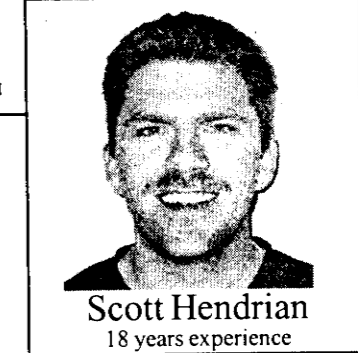
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