



# Future celebrations scheduled

by Sherri Keaton  
Staff Writer

Emily Phillips and her board plan the Freedom Festival every year.

And every year after the fireworks have sizzled and the cotton candy and popcorn has been gobbled up, they diligently work to see what could be done better.

Phillips, who is in charge of finances for the Freedom Festival, said there is typically around 6 members that put on the event every year.

"It is very stressful," she said. "Especially with the financing part of it."

"Because with increased costs and rising prices, donations being down, it does make it difficult to meet the needs for the festival for itself," she said.

The board is always looking for any additional donations or support and

even new ideas for the festival.

"And volunteers are always welcome," she said.

They typically start planning next year's Freedom Festival with a follow-up meeting 2 weeks after the event.

"We start our planning for the next year and we discuss the pros and cons of this year's events."

Phillips added the board discusses if the festival had any problem areas, or if there is room for improvement for next year's event.

"It does depend on the financials as well," she said. "If there is anything, if we have extra funding. If there are any events we can add for next year, or we look for ideas of fundraising so we can better the event."

For the last couple of years the economy increased costs and the festival had to keep most of the same features.

Yet, this year is different.

"Thanks to Blaine deBeaubien (with the barbeque competition) that is an added feature we don't typically have," she said.

"If it is successful, then we would like to carry on the tradition."

Their ultimate goal is to make the event bigger and better every year and try to keep people in the park throughout the day, she added.

"With the help of the Chamber of Commerce adding their kids' inflatable area, that has definitely helped the event, she said.

The annual event wouldn't take place without support of individuals, businesses and community organizations, Phillips added.

"We couldn't put this event on without their support. We're very thankful for all the support we do receive."

# Annual parade has more than 80 entries

by Sherri Keaton  
Staff Writer

Richard and Michael Little have yet to see the annual Freedom Festival Parade, and they have been involved in putting it together for as long as they can remember.

This year is no different.

Michael, Richard's nephew, said, once we launch the parade, "I don't get to see the reaction downtown."

"All we get is feedback from people later on, I don't know how the parade is. I would love to be down here and see the 'oohs' and 'ahhs.'"

This year's parade currently has about 85 entries. Last year there were 129 entries.

"It's all pretty good stuff," Michael said.

The duo starts requesting parade entries as early as January. They also head out to surrounding cities such as Frankenmuth, Sebawaing and Caseville to secure entries for this year's parade.

"We had to start out last year," Richard said. "We hand (businesses) out forms, we have to follow up with about 400 phone calls," he said.

Some of the entries in this year's parade are the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, VFW, the local queens and many others.

There are also a few commercial entries this year.

Richard said for some businesses,

it's been hard getting people this year. "They often talk about the cost of gas," he said.

Michael said this year they have Clydesdale horses and a different set of Bavarian horses. "That is everybody's favorite," he said.

The parade will start off on Brooker Street, the line up starts at 9 a.m.

The judging will be at 9:30 a.m. and the parade starts at 10:30 a.m., ending up at the park.

The 5 trophies that will be given to the best entries includes: President's Choice, Judge's Choice, Most Decorative, Most Patriotic and Most Creative.



BLAINE deBEAUBIEN holds one of the 4 first place trophies to be awarded during the Thumb Smokin' BBQ held at the park following the parade.

## Cass City's 33rd Annual FREEDOM FESTIVAL

### Schedule of Events June 30 - July 3, 2011

**Thursday, June 30**

- Rolling Hills Golf Tourney, (989) 872-3569 - 1 p.m.  
Cash prizes, 50/50, hot dogs at turn, steak dinner (sponsored by Thumb Cellular)

**Friday, July 1**

- Festival Starts - 12 p.m.
- Pool Open for FREE swim to the Public - 12:30 to 9 p.m. (sponsored by Reggie Ignash Insurance / Farm Bureau Insurance)
- Petting Zoo & Pony Rides - 4 to 9 p.m.
- Craft Show - 12 to 9 p.m.
- Methodist Church Ice Cream Social at South Pavilion - 4 to 8 p.m.
- Masons Lodge #317 Fish Fry & Hot Dogs at hall - 4:30 to 7 p.m.
- Minor League Boys at the North Ball Diamond - 5 p.m.
- Classic Car Show at McDonald's - 6 p.m.
- Little League Boys at the North Ball Diamond - 7 p.m.
- Patriotic Music in Rotary Park - 6:30 p.m.
- Classic Cars Cruise - 7:45 p.m.
- Mulligan's Moonlight Golf, (989) 872-8002 - 9:30 p.m.

**Saturday, July 2**

- Hills & Dales Rehabilitation & Fitness 5K & 8K Race - 8 a.m.
- Parade Entries meet at Brooker Street - 9:30 a.m.

**BEFORE THE PARADE**

- Baker College Snacks in front of the college & Goodwill donations (all proceeds go to Relay for Life)
- Kids parade lineup at Chemical Bank - 10 a.m.

**GREAT PARADE - 10:30 a.m.**

**AFTER THE PARADE**

- 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, Classic Cars & 2-Cylinder Tractor Display
- Lions Club Chicken BBQ - Lions Pavilion, Plus Food Vendors in the Park
- Excel Dancers, Thumb Smokin' BBQ & Thumb Smokin' Motorcycle Show (sponsored by Knights Insurance Agency)
- Thumb Music Jammers - 12 to 3 p.m.
- Cass City RC Club Demonstration at Softball Diamond - 12 to 5 p.m.
- Chamber of Commerce Kids' Area - 12 to 6 p.m. (\$5 wrist band for all day or \$1 per ride. Co-sponsored by the Cass City Chamber of Commerce & Thumb National Bank)
- Craft Show - 12 to 9 p.m.
- Petting Zoo & Pony Rides - 12 to 9 p.m.
- AAUW Kids' Paint-In, East of gazebo - 12:30 p.m.
- Pool Open for FREE swim to the Public - 1 to 7 p.m. (sponsored by Reggie Ignash Insurance / Farm Bureau Insurance)
- Motorcycle Show Judging (sponsored by Knights Insurance Agency) - 2 p.m.
- Tail Waggers by the gazebo - 2 p.m.
- Busy Bees' Childcare & Preschool Book Fair at the daycare - 2:30 p.m.
- Thumb Smokin' BBQ Judging - 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- M-T Pocket Pullers Tractor Pull - 3 to 9 p.m.
- All-Star Football Game - 7 p.m.

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# Enjoy fireworks in a safe manner

(MS) - One may be hard-pressed to find a person who doesn't enjoy a breathtaking fireworks display. These pyrotechnic delights are one of the hallmarks of the summer season. Parks, area beaches and many other recreational areas feature fireworks displays to light up the nighttime sky. Fireworks are also very popular for personal use, with peak use around big holidays, such as Independence Day or Canada Day.

Consumer fireworks, if used in accordance with their instructions, are very safe, says the National Council on Fireworks Safety. Injuries from consumer fireworks have dramatically decreased over the past twenty years, despite an increase in usage by consumers. Today, some form of consumer fireworks are allowed in 45 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. But some fireworks can be dangerous. It is recommended that you only buy consumer fireworks from a licensed store or stand. Never buy fireworks from an individual's house, or from someone on the street. Such fireworks are likely to be illegal explosives that can cause serious injury.

Consumer fireworks regulated by the Consumer Product Safety Commission are packaged in bright colors and have safety warnings on the packaging. The packaging sets forth the country of origin, normally China. Typical consumer fireworks include fountains, cones, sparklers, fire crackers, bottle rockets, and multiple tube products. Illegal explosives are often unpackaged and are wrapped with plain brown paper. They are unlikely to have any safety warnings, or place of manufacture. Many of them are handmade in

basements or illicit factories. They go by names such as M80, Quarter Stick or Cherry Bomb. If someone approaches you to sell one of these illegal explosives, politely decline and then call your local police department.

If you're planning on enjoying fireworks at your next party or event, follow these safety tips.

- Only use fireworks if they are legal in your area. Shooting fireworks illegally will likely result in fireworks confiscation by authorities (a waste of your money), fines or even jail time.
- Fireworks are for outdoor use only. Do not light them indoors and then carry them outside.
- Follow the instructions for fireworks usage on the packaging. Use them only as intended. Do not try to combine fireworks to get a bigger bang or light display.
- Keep water in a bucket and a hose nearby for safety reasons.
- Fireworks should be operated solely by an adult. This adult should wear safety glasses. Spectators should keep a safe distance. Always let common sense

prevail.

• Don't hold fireworks in your hand or have any part of your body over them while lighting.

• Don't try to re-light a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes or more and then extinguish the dud in a bucket of water.

• Sparklers can be beautiful but also dangerous. Do not let children under the age of 12 handle sparklers.

• Point fireworks away from homes, and keep away from brush, leaves and flammable substances. The National Fire Protection Association estimates that local fire departments respond to more 50,000 fires caused by fireworks each year.

• Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even in jest.

• Be respectful of others. Do not shoot fireworks off for a long duration into the wee hours of the night. Neighbors may be trying to get some sleep.

By being safe, you can ensure that this summer fireworks season will be enjoyable and a delight to behold.

## Did you know?

Though July 4 is the day America celebrates its independence, many Americans might be surprised to learn the Declaration of Independence was not actually signed on July 4, 1776. In fact, July 4 was simply the day a revised and much debated Declaration of Independence was finally approved by Congress. Many delegates did not actually sign the document until August 2, 1776, a day that currently bears no significance in the United States. Oddly enough, while many Americans might not be aware of what truly happened on July 4, 1776, historians have noted in the decades after the Declaration was signed many of the delegates themselves mistakenly believed they had signed it on July 4. Although July 4 may bear little actual significance as to the signing of the Declaration, the day does bear significance with respect to two of its most famed signees, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. In a strange coincidence, both Adams and Jefferson passed away on July 4, 1826, exactly 50 years after Congress approved the Declaration.

## A red, white and blue treat

Fourth of July celebrations usually include a mix of summer activities, from swimming at the beach to taking in the requisite fireworks. All these activities are of course accompanied by food. In the spirit of the holiday, serve up something red, white and blue ... or perhaps blueberry. Guests will savor this "Red, White and Blueberry Cheesecake Pie," courtesy of the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council.

### RED, WHITE AND BLUEBERRY CHEESECAKE PIE

Makes 8 to 10 portions

- 8 sheets (about 13 by 14 inches each) thawed frozen phyllo dough
  - 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
  - 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese
  - 1/2 cup sugar
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
  - 2 eggs
  - 2 cups fresh blueberries, divided
  - 1/2 cup strawberry jelly
  - 1 cup whipped heavy cream or nondairy whipped topping
- Preheat oven to 425 F.

**For crust:** Grease a 9-inch pie plate; set aside. On a flat surface, place one sheet phyllo (keep remaining phyllo covered to prevent drying out); brush with butter. Top with another phyllo sheet; brush with butter. Repeat with remaining phyllo and butter to make eight layers. Using kitchen scissors, cut layers into a 12- to 13-inch circle. Carefully press circle into prepared pie plate; gently fan edges. Bake until edges are just golden, six to eight minutes; cool slightly on a wire rack. Reduce heat to 350 F.

**For filling:** In a medium bowl with an electric mixer, beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until light and fluffy. Add eggs; beat until well combined. Fold in 1 cup of the blueberries. Pour into prepared crust. Bake until set, 40 to 50 minutes. To prevent over-browning of crust, gently cover with foil the last 25 minutes of baking; cool completely on rack.

**To serve:** In a small bowl, beat jelly until smooth. Spread over cheese filling. Arrange remaining blueberries on top in star shape. Garnish with whipped cream, if desired.



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# Car show scheduled at McDonald's July 1

by Sherri Keaton  
Staff Writer

Cars from eras stretching back to the 60s and beyond will be featured July 1 in the McDonald's parking lot in Cass City.

There will be spinning wheels and gleaming bumpers with cool colors, as well. Jim Perry, organizer of this year's event, said everything imaginable will be there.

"(We have) antique cars, street rods, there will be about 45-50 cars," Perry said. "It has been a big thing through the years, we have been doing this for about 20-some years."

Perry and his wife have been putting on the car show on the weekend

of July 4th because the Chamber of Commerce wanted to be part of it, he added.

On average, people come to the show from 40 or 50 miles away, ranging from Saginaw to the tip of the Thumb.

"We turn out pretty good. They bring their cars, that is what they come for," he said.

When the cars show up they are registered and whoever wins the top spot receives prizes given away by the village.

There is also a dash plaque featuring a car chosen by the local car club that covers this part of the Thumb, Perry said.

Cass City resident Marilyn Young's

1968 infernal red Mustang coup was featured this year on the plaque by the car club.

"She's never been on before," Perry said. "She has a nice Mustang..."

Young said she was very excited to be featured.

Young's sleek, sporty car was originally a gutted, white junker that cost \$4,500.

"My husband restored it," she said. "I had always wanted a little sporty car and this car came up for sale and he spent about 2 1/2 years restoring it. He had to redo the whole thing," she said.

Young chose the interior and the color of the car.

The car is worth \$15,000 after all of the updates.

The couple has been in the parade for about 9 years.



CASS CITY resident Marilyn Young sits in her 1968 infernal red Mustang coup recently. Young's car will be the Car Club's featured car during the Fourth of July parade. Young's car was originally a gutted, white junker that cost \$4,500. The car is now worth about \$15,000.

# Children's play area has new inflatable golf course

by Sherri Keaton  
Staff Writer

Pony rides, face painting, obstacle courses, oh, my!

On Saturday July 2, children can escape into a world of bounce houses and various attractions at the annual Fourth of July celebration.

Dee Mulligan, administrator for the Cass City Chamber of Commerce, said this year's attractions are pretty much the same as last year's.

"We are changing it up a bit this

year," she said. "We have a new event, a giant inflatable golf course, which I think will bring a lot of people," she said.

Last year they tried the mechanical bull and it wasn't a big draw, she said.

Some of the attractions this year will be 5 different options with the giant slide, baseball, pony rides, petting zoo, face painting, a bounce house and obstacle courses, among others.

"Most of the attractions are able to

take up to anyone (in size)," she said. "The only thing not compatible (with adults) is the bounce house."

"The slides are designed with high schoolers in mind, so if adults want to play they are more than welcome," she added.

The price is a dollar per ticket for the various attractions, or participants can pay \$5 for an arm band for the whole day.

The events run from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

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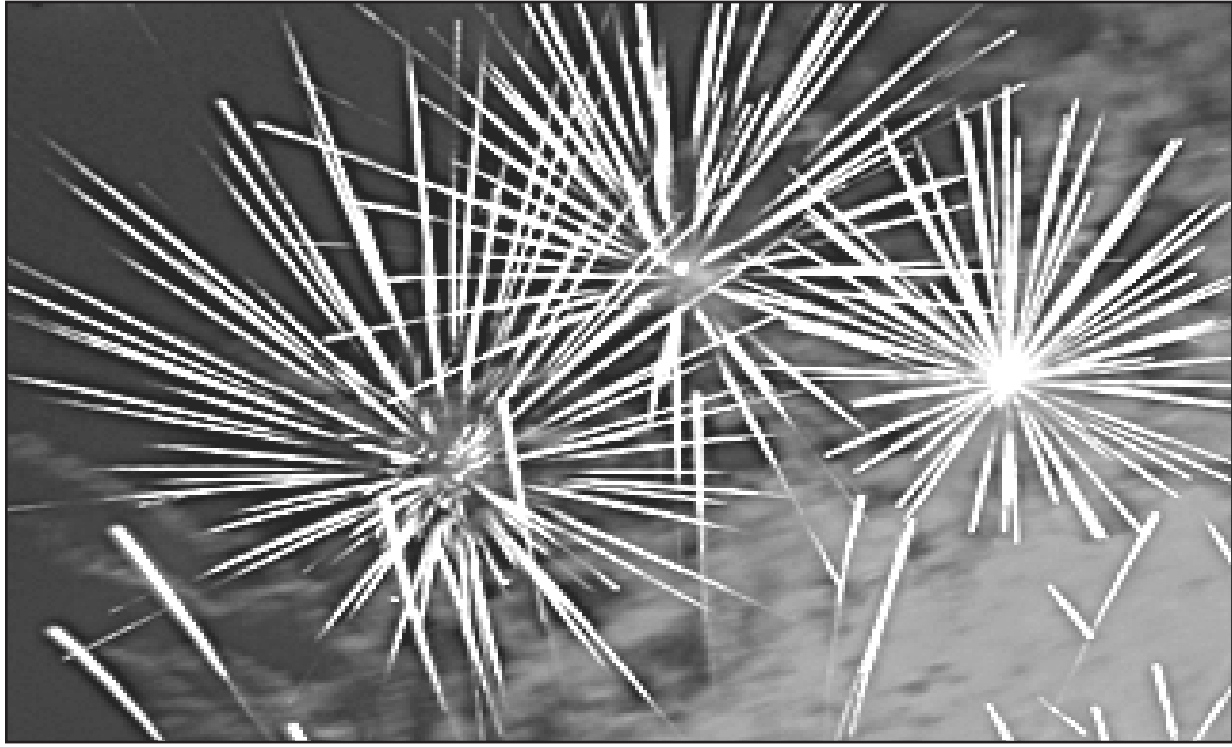
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**FIREWORKS WILL light up the sky above Cass City Recreation Park Saturday night, marking the end of another successful Freedom Festival**

## Art, science mix well for fireworks celebration

by Sherri Keaton  
Staff Writer

Art and science will meet in the night sky on July 2, for the Freedom Festival's annual firework display.

Mark Schramke, lead pyro-technician for the festival said the show is going to last about 25 minutes.

"There will be some new items this year that people recognize they have

never seen before," Schramke said. "One of them is going to be an arched bridge. It is called a 'Rainbow Bridge.'"

Schramke said the decision to incorporate the new firework into the show was because the product was new. It's going to be the colors of the rainbow.

"It was introduced this year and I

wanted to put it in the show up there," he said.

The fireworks will take place on the intersection, Schramke added, but the crowds may have to jockey around the new building that was constructed for the school. "It will be in the normal area for the fireworks," he said.

But the maneuvering is well worth

it because of the crowd's reaction every year.

Schramke said he thinks people of all ages are drawn to fireworks because of the magical colors.

"The magic of the things that the fireworks do in the sky. Fireworks is an art and science," he said. "I think that is one of the biggest draws to fireworks."

There will be about 1,000 shots, or rounds, that go off during the show. Schramke said that there is a good crowd every year.

The fireworks are amazing alone with the shells exploding into smiley faces or rainbows - but the explosions are not Schramke's favorite part.

"I enjoy the cheer of the crowd after the show," he said.

# Tractor pull draws people

by Sherri Keaton  
Staff Writer

As far back as Melissa Richardson can remember, her father has been involved with pulling tractors.

"I started pulling in 1992. I've been involved in pulling pretty much all of my life," she said.

This year's July 4th celebration is no different when it comes to Richardson doing what she loves - celebrating her country and pulling tractors.

On July 2 at 3 p.m. the M-T Pocket Pullers, Inc. will host their annual tractor pull at the sledding hill.

"There are a lot of people that come," she said of the pulling. "It is just the thrill of driving down the track to get people to come."

Richardson said the organization started pulling in 1999 and this year they will have a wide variety of different classes, from the Garden Tractors to the Ultra Light Tractors. The experience of tractor pulling is

one Richardson can only describe as an adrenaline rush.

"You start getting the butterflies in your stomach and the same feeling comes when (we are going) down the track (in comparison) to the first hill of a roller coaster ride," she said.

After the tractor pull competition, the top classes will be awarded money and the bottom half will receive ribbons.

Richardson said the money the organization receives is divided in half. The first half goes to the winners and the second half is used for fundraising and donations.

For anyone interested in tractor pulling, participants must be over 4 years old and have a tractor.

"Anybody that has a garden tractor or four wheeler can come out and pull with us," she said.

The cost is \$15 to register.

For more information, contact M-T Pocket Pullers at [www.mtpocketpullers.com](http://www.mtpocketpullers.com).



**ALYNN HUDSON of Decker has been pulling with M-T Pocket Pullers for 10 years with his tractor, 'Wild Farm Monkey.' He pulls in the 581-800cc Ultra Lite Class. Wild Farm Monkey is unique in its class because the tractor is powered by a snowmobile motor.**

## Never forgotten

by Sherri Keaton  
Staff Writer

Some histories can never be forgotten.

And with Cass City's annual Fourth of July Freedom Festival, that won't be happening any time soon if Gary Jones, Cass City resident, can help it.

Jones has chaired the parade for 25 years and he has been the co-chair for 5 or 6 years.

Even though Jones is no longer officially active in the festival duties, he still attends with his pride and festival memories tucked right in his front pocket.

"Some of the memorable events for me was when we were able to secure from the Michigan International

guard a flyover by a couple of jets," Jones said. "It happened for 10 years or so. That was pretty awesome, they would fly over at 10 a.m. and introduce the whole activities."

One of the large crowd gathering events was the Civil War re-enactment battle, he said.

"Civil war re-enactment was one of the best," he said. "That was really pretty elaborate and awesome."

Jones added that the actors would set up a campground, based on the real event, by the Cass City pavilion. "They literally set up camp, cooked outdoors, did all the things people did in that time frame. It drew a lot of people, it was unique and different."

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**RICH POTTS** of Cass City (left), owner of Potts' Pitt, along with assistant, **Cal Sochocki** of Caro, prepared pulled pork for previous Freedom Festival crowds that followed the parade.

## Host a patriotic summer bash

Happy Fourth of July! It's time for fireworks, parades and, of course, a barbecue. Want to throw your own fiesta on the fourth? Here's how:

- **The event:** Host the bash in your backyard, a local campground or park. Hold it early in the afternoon. In the morning, you can take in a local parade, and after eating, you can attend a fireworks show or symphony performance. (If you do plan to set off your own fireworks, make sure they are legal in your area and

that you know how to use them properly.)

- **Invitations:** Send out invites in the shape of a flag. Ask guests to wear red, white and blue. For a twist, you can host a costume party where guests dress up like their favorite Revolutionary War character, such as George or Martha Washington.
- **Decorations:** The theme? Patriotism, of course! Purchase tablecloths, plates, cups and napkins in red, white and blue. (If your table-

cloth is patterned, use solid-colored napkins and plates. You don't want to go overboard on stars and stripes). Sprinkle star-shaped confetti, which you can purchase at a craft or party-supply store, over the table. Place red, white and blue balloon bouquets around the eating area. Add a floral scent to the air with red, white and blue flowers such as red roses or blue flax.

- **Music:** There are plenty of patriotic songs to serve as a musical back-

## Food varieties add spice to festival

by Sherri Keaton  
Staff Writer

Imagine the tastiest carnival food that you have ever had. On July 4, it won't be an imagination, but a reality for those who come to the Fourth of July Freedom Festival in Cass City.

Chris Allen, food vendor chair for 3 years, said, "All your favorite festival foods will be there. This year, I am expecting the food court will be full."

For the festival's food portion, every year has been a little bit different with the varieties and selections.

On the Friday before the 4th, residents can finish off their dinner at the strawberry social from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Cass City United Methodist Church.

"It is really good," Allen said of the food made from fresh biscuits and served with fresh strawberries and ice cream.

This year in addition to the sweets, customers have choices from popcorn to pulled pork sandwiches and

everything in between.

"I think it has been a little bit different each year," she said. "This year, I am expecting the food court will be full."

Among the vendors that are featured is Bechler's Fun Foods, hailing from Bad Axe, who will be making ice cream specialties and apple dumplings.

Hoppy's Concessions will be featuring pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, nachos and other familiar foods to fuel one's taste buds.

Also, Justin Saber has 3 separate wagons carrying snow cones and fresh squeezed lemonade, among other sweets.

Paul Paron is returning as a vendor after a few years of not participating. "We're welcoming him back," Allen said.

He has popcorn, soda pop and cotton candy.

S 'n' S is a vendor with kettle corn and blooming onions.

"You will enjoy it, it is a really nice time," Allen said of all the food.

## New ways to help improve freedom

When Independence Day arrives, many people overlook the true meaning of the holiday and are concerned with hosting a big barbecue, lighting fireworks and attending parades. However, this July 4th may be a good time to focus on what it means to have independence in a different way — by assisting those whose independence has been infringed upon by a disability.

People who suffer from blindness or lack of mobility have learned to live life with limited independence, but you can help improve their freedom.

working. You might distract the dog and encourage improper behavior.

- If an impaired individual needs assistance crossing the street, offer your arm; do not push him or her in front of you. Rather, let him or her follow slightly behind you so that your movements can be anticipated.

**VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

It's easy to take for granted just how much you rely upon your eyesight for everyday tasks. That's why living life without the gift of sight is difficult. While the blind can lead very independent lives, there are times when they may need assistance. Here are some ways you can help the visually impaired, courtesy of Lighthouse International, a resource to help people overcome vision impairments.


**MOBILE IMPAIRMENT**

Someone who is restricted to a wheelchair, has trouble walking or has another mobility difficulty may need assistance at times. Although advancements have been made to provide facilities that are accessible to individuals who have these impairments, no situation is fool-proof.

Enhance a mobile impaired person's independence by doing the following:

- Befriend them. Don't pity or treat them any differently from your other friends.
- Try to make objects around the house more accessible to them. Can tables be lowered or obstacles removed to make wheelchair access easier? Can you build a ramp or move items that are placed too high to a more accessible location?
- Offer to take them on a trip. Sometimes a road trip or a change of scenery can be helpful.
- Talk to this individual to see if he or she has any special requests that can improve his or her independence.
- Don't do everything for this person. Sometimes the best independence is allowing the person to manage himself and being available when assistance is needed.

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drop to your meal. Play "Yankee Doodle Dandy" or "America the Beautiful." You can even have an old-fashioned singalong.

- **Food and drinks:** Food should be American, no doubt. Serve hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon and corn on the cob. (Don't forget veggie burgers or tofu doggies for your vegetarian guests.) Top it all off with a tried-and-true American dessert — apple pie! For beverages, stock a cooler with sodas and water. Guests will also welcome a pitcher of fresh-squeezed lemonade or iced tea on a hot July day.
- **Games:** Play games like volleyball or baseball. Give 4th-themed prizes, such as a mini American flag.
- **Comfort:** Keep a supply of sunscreen on hand by day and bug repellent by night. Otherwise, you'll have some red and itchy guests!




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# Basketball tournament draws big crowds annually

by Sherri Keaton  
Staff Writer

A very popular event is back again this year — the 23rd annual Fire in the Sky Basketball game. Ben Varney, who is heading up this event, said the Cass City Boosters put this event on and there is support from all over, including the high

school basketball team working as monitors for the games. The game will be held on the Fourth of July weekend, July 2, at around 12 p.m., right after the parade. Varney said the teams will be grouped in divisions with other teams of similar average age. “(It’s a) 3 on 3 tournament,” he said. The cost is \$70 per team.

“Anyone can sign up. Our ages go from 8, up,” he added. “We are a huge event at the Fourth of July,” he said. “We have lots of fans. It is one of the highlights of the festival,” he added. What usually draws a bigger crowd is the men’s open division, it is the largest division that they have, he said.

Even though it is one of the larger teams, Varney and the Boosters are looking for younger teams. “We would really like for younger teams to participate. We think it is a good experience for them,” he said. “It teaches them to be tougher in their basketball.” There are usually 20 to 30 teams and the sponsors are a huge part of

fundraising. The money raised is used for Cass City Youth Sports. “We divide the money equally between the boys’ basketball team and the girls’ basketball team and the weight room,” he said. “We have used it for other things that come up during the year for youth-related sports.”

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## Carriage and milk cart celebrate past traditions

by Sherri Keaton  
Staff Writer

"This is the way it was."  
With century-old traditions being cherished and honored through the Cass City Historical Society and the Octagon Barn, there is no better way to celebrate the Fourth of July by remembering the past.  
Katie Jackson, president of the Cass City Historical Society, said that with the help of countless others, there will be a milk wagon and a carriage participating in the parade on July 2.  
The milk wagon belongs to the Octagon Barn and Jackson said the carriage belonged to a Striffler in Cass City at the turn of the century.  
"It was a phaeton carriage," Jackson said. "(That is) considered (to be) the Cadillac of carriages in its day."  
Jackson added that because of the Pinney Foundation, "the carriage was refurbished several years ago."  
The wagon was restored by Jim Ware, who is a member of the

Historical Society and is involved with the Octagon Barn.  
Jackson said for the parade they will gather old milk bottles and put them in the wagon and 2 horses will pull them throughout the event.  
"Jim Ware will get the horses from Elkton and they are all decorated," Jackson said. "The morning prior to the parade, Jim will braid their tails and polish their nails, I had no idea it was such an elaborate thing. That takes about an hour to get the horses ready."  
"It doesn't take us too long to get ready," she said of their own set up.  
During the time of milk wagons, Jackson said that a lot of horses knew the routes to drop off the milk.  
"The milkman would get off of his carriage, put the milk on the porch of a house and the horse knew where the next stop was and he would go on," she said.  
Of the parade, Jackson hopes that people see their displays and feel a sense of history and pride.  
"It's kind of our motto, 'This is the way it was,'" she said.

# Bangles, baubles and flowers

Arts and crafts set in the park this weekend

by Sherri Keaton  
Staff Writer

Come one, come all. Come big, come small... to the wonderful world of arts and crafts.  
And don't forget to bring your imagination, too, on the weekend of July 1-2, where there will be crafters perfecting baubles and bangles and flower ladies making pictures out of petals.  
From noon until closing on both days, there will be stations hawking hand carved toys and airbrushed t-shirts, with everything in between.  
Chris Allen, who is helping oversee the event, said there are not only visual treats, but edible ones, too.  
"We have some (stations) that are munchy kinds of things (such as) kettle corn and cinnamon almonds," she said.  
This year, there will be 30 stations selling their wares in the DPW barn and on the road in the back of the barn in the park.

The new stations this year include unique infants and children's dresses and airbrushing stations, Allen said.  
Some of the oldie-but-goodie stations will be at the festival as well, including jewelry stands, antique photos and hand-carved pens and pencils that are very unique, she said.  
"I think that they can have a lot of fun at the park," Allen said. "(There are) so many things going on and they can do neat shopping for Christmas," she added.  
A few more of the products available are fashioned purses, soft sculptures and quilts and Rada cutlery, knives and kitchen utensils that are specially made that stay sharp a long time, Allen said.  
There will also be a station that is selling "scentsy" candles.  
"They are very special, I have not seen them yet, I am sure I will," Allen said.  
When asked what favorites Allen has, she said she is a bit partial when it comes to purses.  
"I own a number of fashion purses," she said with a chuckle.  
Allen also mentioned one gentle-

man's stand with wood products, pencils and pens and oils, spigots and wine stoppers.  
"His stuff is made from wood and antlers, different kinds of wood than you would normally see. I think his stuff is really great," she said.  
This year there will also be a couple raffles going on for different charities.  
The Kingston Lions will be having a raffle, as well as the American Legion of Sebawaing. This year, whoever wins at the raffle can take home an all-terrain vehicle, Allen said.  
Also Cass City Public School's Backpack program, which provides extra nutrition for kids, will be host-

ing a straw draw.  
"You can buy so many straws and depending on the straw, you can either win or lose," Allen said. "And some of the prizes are really, really cool," she added. "The prizes will be a surprise for me, too."  
Last year there were prizes such as gift baskets and there was a special section for kids.  
For more information on becoming a vendor, or what items are available, contact Chris Allen at: 989-670-6137 or 872-3353.  
It costs \$25 for vendors on both days.  
"We've kept our cost down because of the economy being so bad," she said.

## ExcelDance showcases dances during parade

by Sherri Keaton  
Staff Writer

The dancers will glide, dip and spin. Most importantly, they will move. Not only move their bodies to the melodic tunes that fill up the streets, but also these dancers will move the audience, like they do every year.  
Jeralyn Herp, owner of Excel Dance Studio, will showcase various dances during the parade and public performance noon on Saturday, July 2 in the Baker College parking lot.  
"We are a good visual component to the parade," Herp said.  
The public performance follows the parade with a mixture of dances performed at the recitals earlier this year. The participating dancers are between the ages of 3 and 60.

"We have everything," Herp said of the performance.  
Herp also said the benefit the dancers receive is another chance for them to perform.  
"This parade is the beginning of my 10 years owning the dance studio," she said. "I'm planning on a pretty big recital this year, so this whole next year we are working up to next year's recital."  
When it comes to dancing, Herp has proud moments not once or twice, but all the time.  
"As far as a proud moment, I have proud moments weekly here," she said. "There are constantly challenges I give the kids that they sometimes don't think they can do and when they can do them it is awesome."



DANCERS FROM EXCELDANCE performed their routine after the parade last year in the Baker College parking lot.



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# GTC East All-Conference Baseball

## FIRST TEAM

	School	Grade
<b>Pitchers</b>		
Andrew Knox	Brown City	11
Jason Hanson	Harbor Beach	11
<b>Catcher</b>		
Brad Schaub	Marlette	9
<b>First Base</b>		
Sean Sorenson	Harbor Beach	12
<b>Infielders</b>		
Anthony Kappen	Marlette	10
Ryan Jurgess	Brown City	10
Ken Arntz	Harbor Beach	12
<b>Outfielders</b>		
Nate Primeau	Brown City	11
Evan Howard	Marlette	11
Scott Grekowitz	Harbor Beach	12
<b>At Large</b>		
Aaron Mercer	Mayville	12
Charles Baird	Brown City	11

## SECOND TEAM

<b>Pitchers</b>		
Justin Carello	Marlette	11
Xavier Peplinski	Sandusky	12
<b>Catcher</b>		
Jason Kaufman	Ubyly	11
<b>First Base</b>		
Corey Kursinsky	Sandusky	12
<b>Infielders</b>		
Andrew Dumka	Mayville	11
Bryan White	Ubyly	11
Jeremy Hanson	Harbor Beach	10
<b>Outfielders</b>		
Matt Orchard	Sandusky	12
Theron Wiley	Mayville	10
Jake Roberts	Marlette	12
Brady Volmering	Harbor Beach	9
<b>At Large</b>		
Nick Sweeney	Ubyly	10

## HONORABLE MENTION

<b>Pitcher</b>		
Tyler Dunham	Mayville	10
<b>Catcher</b>		
Wade Stevenson	Mayville	10
<b>First Base</b>		
Quintin Pavel	Brown City	12
Lenny Nowicki	Ubyly	12
<b>Infielders</b>		
Gabe Messing	Ubyly	10
Chris Murawski	Mayville	10
Casey Johnson	Marlette	10
Brent Speer	Marlette	12
Pat Chappus	Sandusky	12
Bryce Peplinski	Sandusky	10
Tyler Banks	Brown City	11
<b>Outfielders</b>		
Jimmy Ward	Mayville	10
<b>At Large</b>		
Kevin Arntz	Harbor Beach	9

## FINAL STANDINGS

Harbor Beach	10-0
Brown City	6-3
Marlette	4-5
Sandusky	2-5
Mayville	2-6
Ubyly	1-8

# GTC East All-Conference Softball

## FIRST TEAM

	School	Grade
<b>Pitchers</b>		
Angela King	Marlette	11
Allysa Ambu	Brown City	12
<b>Catcher</b>		
Vicki VanHorn	Brown City	12
<b>First Base</b>		
Kristy Moss	Mayville	12
<b>Infielders</b>		
Jennifer McClelland	Brown City	12
Alena Sanson	Brown City	12
Erin Freiburger	Sandusky	11
<b>Outfielders</b>		
Nicole Bonds	Mayville	12
Jenna Hirsch	Marlette	10
Ashleigh Blovsky	Brown City	12
<b>At Large</b>		
Marissa Perez	Marlette	11

## SECOND TEAM

<b>Pitchers</b>		
Kristen Krahnke	Sandusky	11
Liz Richardson	Mayville	10
<b>Catcher</b>		
Annie Richardson	Mayville	12
<b>First Base</b>		
Jolene Maurer	Harbor Beach	12
<b>Infielders</b>		
Sam Gierman	Brown City	11
Jasmine Loss	Ubyly	N/A
Jessica Cook	Mayville	11
<b>Outfielders</b>		
Kelsey Schenk	Mayville	12
Morgan Paehling	Sandusky	10
<b>At Large</b>		
Ashley Braun	Harbor Beach	10

## HONORABLE MENTION

<b>Pitchers</b>		
Jordan Dunham	Mayville	9
Amber Fischer	Marlette	11
<b>Catchers</b>		
Kayla Bischer	Harbor Beach	12
Alyssa Briolat	Ubyly	10
Charli DeKam	Sandusky	11
Kelsey Roggenbuck	Marlette	11
<b>First Base</b>		
Karley Sauder	Marlette	11
Kellie Ruggles	Sandusky	12
<b>Infielders</b>		
Steffaney Vigari	Harbor Beach	9
Chelsie Pysklo	Harbor Beach	12
Jaymee Martell	Mayville	12
Kelcey Stauffer	Sandusky	11
Brianne Vanbuskirk	Brown City	11
<b>At Large</b>		
Hayley Phelps	Mayville	11
Kellie Diem	Sandusky	12

## FINAL STANDINGS

Brown City	9-1
Marlette	6-2
Mayville	5-3
Sandusky	5-5
Ubyly	3-7
Harbor Beach	0-10

# Chip Shots



## Monday Night Golf League as of June 20

Division 1	
Dieter Roth	105
Scott Richards	105
Daryl Iwankovitsch	92
Jim Smithson	84
Dan Caister	81
Don Warner	83
Craig Helwig	78
Craig Ouvry	76
Jon Zdrojewski	74
Dan Curtis	70
Mike Lowe	64
Jim Peyerck	60
Ray Fox	53
Virgil Peters	46

Low Gross: Dieter Roth 37  
 Low Net: Dan Curtis 31  
 High Points: Jim Smithson 19  
 Most Bogeys: Ray Fox 6, Dan Caister 6  
 Most Pars: Don Ouvry 6, Jon Zdrojewski 6, Dan Curtis 6  
 Most Birdies: Craig Helwig 1, Dieter Roth 1, Jim Smithson 1

Division 2	
Dan Mosher	100
Noel Maurer	93
Larry Robinson	86
Tony Nika	85
Steve Osentoski	84
Paul Regnerus	83
David Allen	79
Harold MacAlpine	77
Dick Wallace	77
Doug Jones	74
Bruce LeValley	68
Thad Phelps	60
Jim Hobbs	57
Austin Brinkman	55

Low Gross: Steve Osentoski 41  
 Low Net: Steve Osentoski 29  
 High Points: David Allen 16, Noel Maurer 16  
 Most Bogeys: Noel Maurer 7  
 Most Pars: Jim Hobbs 2, Doug Jones 2, Steve Osentoski 2, Bruce LeValley 2,  
 Larry Robinson 2, Harold MacAlpine 2, Paul Regnerus 2, Austin Brinkman 2  
 Most Birdies: Steve Osentoski 1

## Wednesday Night 2-Man Golf League as of June 22

Division 1 - Early	
D. Jones/Peters	114
Smithson/Kurtansky	112
Hendrick/Veggian	100
Biefer/Hoard	98
Iwankovitsch/Stickle	97
Davis/Tate	92
Burns/Caister	91
Wallace/Warner	88
Alexander/Spencer	85
Mastie/Robinson	84
Henn/Herron	84
Craig/Knight	82
Jones/Marshall	82
Hobbs/Meck	70
Dillon/Irrer	66
Berwick/Greenlee	63

Individual medallist:	
Smithson	43
Team medallists:	
Hendricks/Veggian	89

Division 2 - Late	
Green/Zdrojewski	117
deBeaubien/Lowe	105
Bitzer/Curtis	103
Ulfig/Corey & Paul	101
Langley/Tamlyn	100
Osentoski/D. Wallace	97
Biddinger/Smith	92
Bliss/Krol	87
Dadacki/Otremba	84
Lowman/Roemer	83
LeValley/Morgan	83
Hillaker/Murphy	82
Langenburg/Brad & Joe	81
Martin/Stern	79
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Spencer/Sommerville	69
Hartel/Brown	68
Prieskorn/Repshinska	67
Sattelberg/Weaver	60
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Individual medallist:	
Bitzer	36
Team medallists:	
Bitzer/Curtis	79

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