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## Tractor pull is and better, says

One of the most popular events at the Fourth of July Festival last year was the Grand Ole Tractor Pull, so chairman Enoch (Red) Osentoski decided to use the same formula this year.

The only difference is that it will cost adults \$1 to watch the heavy duty mechanical workhorses show their power. With the popularity of the event secure, Osentoski feels attendance at this year's competition will be as good or better than the first one.

Although he does not know how many tractors will be competing until the weigh-in, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., he did say owners from as far away as Ohio and Lake Orion have said they are coming.

The display of mechanical might will get underway at 1:30 p.m. in the northwest end of the recreation park. Spectators will not be able to park near the site, however.

There will be five classes for various-sized tractors to compete in.

-Garden tractors from

4-10 horsepower up to 900 pounds, 11-16 horsepower up to 1100 pounds and open garden tractors up to 1,000 pounds.

-Mini-hobbies up to 1,750 pounds or 5,500 pounds if modified.

-The farm classes are divided into four categories: 2,500, 6,000, 9,000 and 13,000 pounds.

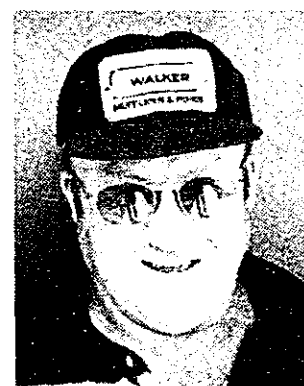
-An antique class for tractors no later than 1939 up to 7,000 pounds.

-The final class will be a pickup class that includes four-wheel drives, stock pickups, dual exhaust (headers are not allowed) and a 6,000 pound class.

A group of judges, comprised of Osentoski and members of the Thumb Tractor Association will have the final authority on all decisions and disqualifications, he said.

Owners will have to pay \$7 to enter small garden tractors and \$10 to enter the other classes, Osentoski said.

Prize money has not been decided.



**RED OSENTOSKI** will be in charge, as well as head judge of the tractor pull which last year drew thousands.

## well prepared for of festival fans

the beer tent while the rest will be on various shifts at the park, Wilson said.

The fact that the beer tent is separated from the majority of festival activities

should alleviate some major problems, he added.

"This way you won't be able to have people wandering back and forth. If they want to drink they'll be out at the tent and if they want to be in the park or at the dances they'll be at the other end of town."

Wilson said the idea of separating the two elements is unique but should work out very well.

In addition to five full-time officers and two part-time officers, Wilson said he hopes to get a couple of members from the Tuscola County Sheriff's Posse to help patrol the park following the parade.

With their horses they should be quite effective in crowd control, he said.

The staff is increased slightly from last year but not because more trouble is expected, Wilson pointed out.

Rather, he wants to take some of the pressure off his men, many of whom worked 12-16 hour shifts last year.

Though he says there is no need to worry, Chief of Police Gene Wilson is preparing just the same to allow Cass City residents and visitors to have a safe and sane Fourth of July. Police will keep an eye on park activities as well as traffic.

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