

Event Details:

The 2010 Orrville Independence Celebration presented by the Orrville Firefighters Association will provide Orrville and Wayne County with a full schedule of exciting events to celebrate Independence and Freedom in America. The 2010 Celebration of Independence will begin on Wednesday, June 30th and runs through Sunday, July 4th. The Orrville Firefighters Association has worked extremely hard during the past twelve months to put together an Independence Day Celebration that will provide fun and excitement for the citizens of Orrville and visitors from the surrounding area.

Wednesday, June 30th, 2010

Carnival - The Carnival Midway will open at 6:00 p.m. The Midway will fill the southeast section of Orr Park and features Carnival Games, Great Carnival Food, and of course amusement rides from Bates Amusements, Inc. We are very fortunate to be connected with so many excellent vendors that fill our Midway each year. Most all of these vendors are local people who have supported our event since the very beginning. Bates Amusement's of Wintersville, Ohio is known as one of the best amusement ride companies around. The Bates Family has been a part of our event for many, many years and brings safe, fun rides to Orrville each year.

Parade - The Annual Orrville Independence Parade will step off at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30th. The 200+ parade participants in the Independence Parade will include the Marching Units, Floats, Church Groups, Baton Twirlers, Commercial Units, Equestrian Units, Antique Autos, Hot Rods, and of course Fire Trucks. The 2010 Parade Grand Marshall is the "2010 Orrville Firefighter of the Year" Ryan May and his Family. The parade will form on North Ella Street beginning at West High Street and running north to the Orrville High School Parking lot starting at 5:00 p.m. Parade applications can be obtained by one of the following methods:

1. Call 330-684-5051 and leave your name and address and entry form will be mailed out to you;
2. Access the Orrville Firefighters web page at www.orrvillefirefighters.org and under the "Events" link download or print out the entry form and mail it to the address listed;
3. Access the City of Orrville's web page at www.orrville.com and follow the link to the parade entry form and download or print out the entry form and mail it to the address listed.

The parade route will be as follows: east on High Street to Main Street; south on Main Street to Market Street; west on Market Street to Maple Street; north on Maple Street to High Street; east on High Street to Elm Street; north on Elm Street and ending at the upper area of Orr Park.

A "**Quiet Zone**" has been established for those who do not wish to be exposed to the loud noises from some parade units. The "Quiet Zone" begins at the Intersection of West High Street and North Vine Street and runs to the Intersection of West Market Street and Liberty Street. Within this area parade participants are instructed to "Keep the Noise Down"!

A special area has been dedicated for additional "Handicap" parking spaces for this event. The entire row of parking spaces along West Market Street in the City Parking Lot located on the south side of Market Street between Liberty and Depot Streets will be reserved for Handicapped parking. Special signs will be posted to reserve both areas for Handicap Parking Only.

In the event inclement weather is present on the date of the parade, the parade will be postponed to the next clear night with the parade line up starting at 5:00 p.m. and the Parade stepping off at 7:00 p.m. The decision to postpone the parade will be made at or before 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30th based on the weather at that time. Please check local radio station WQKT 104.5 - WOOSTER for a cancellation notice.

Thursday, July 1st, 2010

Carnival - The Carnival Midway will open at 6:00 p.m. and close at 11:00 p.m. The Midway will fill the southeast section of Orr Park and features Great Carnival Food, like a fresh off the grill "Sausage Sandwich, Fair French Fry's, and ice cold fresh Lemon Aid" from our very own Orrville residents Karla and Mark Dalessandro's MKD Concessions, Carnival Games, and of course exciting Amusement Rides from Bates Amusements, Inc.

KC's Annual Car & Bike Show - The special attraction for the evening is KC's Annual Car & Bike Show on West High Street. The Car Show will run from 5:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. with Classic, Custom, and Muscle Cars lined up on West High Street and Motorcycles of all types in the parking lot of KC's The Root Beer Stand. During the Show there will be drawings for door prizes, a 50/50 raffle, and a Special Raffle for a "MOTORCYCLE". The "Olde Tymer" DJ will be providing music for this event featuring Oldies Rock 'n' Roll. Trophies in numerous categories for both Cars & Bikes sponsored by Maibach Ford will be given out.

Friday, July 2nd, 2010

Carnival - The Carnival Midway will open at 6:00 p.m. and will close at 11:00 p.m.

7th Annual "Fire in the SKY" Girls 14u Fast Pitch Softball Tournament - The Orrville Firefighters Association 7th Annual "Fire in the SKY" Girls 14u Fast Pitch Softball Tournament at Orr Park begins play at 10:00 a.m. The Fire in the Sky softball tournament sponsored by Century Link for 2010, is a ASA Eastern National qualifier and brings in teams from all over Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. This year 32 teams will be divided up into 8 pools of 4 with pool play games being played throughout the day Friday and Saturday starting at 10 a.m. each day. Pool play will seed the teams for the single elimination tournament which will begin Saturday night and continue all day Sunday. The championship game will be played Sunday night at approximately 8:10 p.m. on "Century Link Field" (the main diamond). In 2009 final four included a team from each state represented: Pittsburgh Lady Road Runners (PA), Rochester Revenge (NY), Mountain Thunder (WV), and the Ohio Hurricanes. The Pittsburgh Lady Road Runners were crowned the 2009 champions and are returning this year to defend their title.

Throughout Pool Play games will run simultaneously on five different softball diamonds in the Orr Park complex. The feature diamond is beautiful "Mizer Field" (the main softball diamond) which is re-named for this event as "CENTURY LINK FIELD" with other games being played on the back softball diamond, Diamonds #1 & #2 adjacent to Ella Street, and the softball diamond located at the Orrville Christian Church located on North Elm Street across from Orr Park. For 2010, this tournament has been designated as a "National Qualifier" Tournament.

Corn Hole Tournament - **NEW** for 2010 is the Orrville Firefighters Association's Corn Hole Tournament will be held at the Carnival Midway in outfield of the baseball field at Orr Park (behind the red and white OFFA tent).

32 teams consisting of two people (age 18 and older) will be "tossing the bags" at 7:00 in a double elimination bracket style tournament with the winners taking home \$120.00 and the title Orrville Corn Hole Champions! Teams can register by downloading the form on www.orvillefirefighters.org web site or at the Orrville Firefighter Association's tent any time prior to the start of the tournament.

PRIZES

1ST place \$120.00

2nd place \$100.00

3rd place \$80.00

Friday Night Concert at the Carnival featuring Kevin Blake Weldon - Kevin Blake Weldon will take stage in the Carnival Midway at 8:00 p.m. and will play through 10:00 p.m. Kevin has the ability to write and perform songs that touch your heart, and a smooth vocal style influenced by many of the greats in Country Music. In 2000 Kevin Blake Weldon from Lufkin, TX recorded his first solo album "Hold ON" which produced two TOP 20 Hits! Then while working on some new material in Nashville he went hunting with a few friends and up with a comedy hunting song called "That's What You Get for Shooting My Buck". Kevin is currently experiencing tremendous success with his BADBOB & JIMMY comedy/parody project "Redneck Hunter" and "Posted Places". He has a national television show "POSTED PLACES TV" and a new CD "If It's Brown It's Down", scheduled for release in July. For more information about Kevin and to hear clips of his comedy and his serious music log onto www.kevinblakeweldon.com or www.badbobandjimmy.com.

Saturday, July 3rd, 2010

The 12th Annual Orrville Rotary Firecracker 5K Run (3.1 miles) & 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk – begins and ends in the parking lot at Orrville high School. Race-day registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the race will start at 8:30 a.m. **Orrville Young Professionals PUMP-N-RUN** – Weigh-in is 7:15 – 8:15, Run starts promptly at 8:30. For more information or to register for these events on-line log onto <http://FireCracker5k.eventbright.com/>.

7th Annual "Fire in the SKY" Girls 14u Fast Pitch Softball Tournament - Play in the "Fire in the SKY" ASA Girls 14 & Under softball tournament will begin at 8:00 a.m. and continue throughout the day on five fields of play.

1st Annual "All Fired Up" Orrville 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at Orr Park on the basketball courts with games starting at 8:00 a.m. In the event of inclement weather the tournament will be moved to the Multi-purpose Building at Orrville High School.

Carnival - The Carnival Midway will open at 12:00 noon and will close at 11:00 p.m.

Saturday Night Concert at the Carnival featuring – Goodnight Jersey. Goodnight Jersey is a Cleveland, OH based band comprised of Wayne County talent including: Dan Lohrenz – Vocals; Josh Kornet – Bass/Vox; Cody Doyle – Guitar; Joe Harter – Guitar; Jeff Clark – Drums. Goodnight Jersey will take stage in the Carnival Midway at 8:00 and will play through 10:00. The guys from Goodnight Jersey will have the Carnival Midway rockin'!

Free Bicycle Give-Away - At "Approximately" 9:00 p.m. on Friday, the Orrville Firefighters Association will conduct the drawing for the Annual "Free Bicycle Give-Away". Five lucky girls and five lucky boys will win free Mountain Bikes and helmets. Members of the Orrville Police Department will be on hand to register each bicycle in the Orrville Police Department Bicycle Registration Program.

FREE tickets will be available for all children “12 YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER” at the Firefighters Tent each night of the Carnival. You must be present at the drawing to win.

SUNDAY, July 4th, 2010

7th Annual “Fire in the SKY” Girls 14u Fast Pitch Softball Tournament - Play in the “Fire in the SKY” ASA Girls 14 & Under softball tournament will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the Championship Game starting at approximately 8:00 p.m. on Century Link Field (Orr Park’s main softball diamond).

1st Annual “All Fired Up” Orrville 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at Orr Park on the basketball courts with games starting at 8:00 a.m. In the event of inclement weather the tournament will be moved the Multi-purpose Building at Orrville High School.

Carnival - The Midway will open at 12:00 Noon and will close at 11:00 p.m.

Baton Twirling Exhibition – Starting at 6:30 p.m. on the basketball courts at Orr Park.

Sunday Night Concert at the Carnival featuring – the variety dance band “Jes’Cause”. Jes’Cause consists for members from both Wayne and Stark Counties. Jessica Marks as featured vocalist, Steve Balas on bass guitar, Justin Snyder and Deric Craig share lead guitar and keyboard duties, and Bob Mann on drums. Opening the show for the evening will be acoustic guitar/vocalist Paul Malanga. Paul now lives in Wayne County having recently relocated from New Jersey. Paul will be accompanied by Deric Craig. Saturday night’s concert will start at 8:00 p.m. and will end just prior to the start of the fireworks show.

Orrville 2010 “Fire in the Sky” Fireworks Display. At approximately 10:15 p.m., all attention will be focused on the skies above Orrville, as they erupt into a fury of thunderous noise, beautiful color, and more thunderous noise in the form of the Orrville 2010 “Fire in the Sky” fireworks display. This fireworks display, has the reputation of being the biggest and best show in the area, and 2010 will be no exception.

The Orrville Firefighters Association and Zambelli Internationale, has formulated a fireworks show that will leave no one disappointed. The 2010 edition of the Orrville Firefighter’s Fire in the Sky Fireworks Display marks the 27th year the OFFA has presented this event, and we plan on making it very special!

In the event inclement weather is present on the date of the fireworks, the fireworks will be postponed to the next clear night at 10:15 p.m. The decision to postpone the fireworks will be made as early as possible on Saturday, July 7th based on the weather forecast for the 10:00 time frame. Please tune to local radio station WQKT 104.5 - WOOSTER for a cancellation notice.