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HIRAM FOURTH OF JULY 2013





HIRAM OLD-FASHIONED FOURTH OF JULY

Wednesday, July 3

7:30 PM Pre-Fireworks Concert and Family Fun

Hiram College Football Field

Before the fireworks, listen to great folk music from a local group. Once again you will be able to see a helicopter land/take off at 7:30 and tour it.

Swifty the clown's and hopefully his friend Joe will be there to make lots of balloon animals for the kids !

~9:30 PM FIREWORKS!

Hiram College Football Field. Come and enjoy Hiram's version of this Independence Day tradition. Donations will be requested to pay for fireworks. *Funds for the fireworks provided by local business and the Hiram Community Trust.*

There will NOT be a rain date for fireworks

Thursday, July 4

9:00 AM Softball Games

Bicentennial Field Park Everyone 16 and older invited to play softball.

10 AM - 1 PM Historical Society Open House

Bicentennial Park by the fire station. Look for their float in the Parade!

The Historical Society is organizing a "virtual museum" as part of the Civil War Commemoration. If you have any objects related to the War or to the 1860s, bring them to the Century House to be photographed between 10 and 1 on the Fourth. Or call David Anderson at 330-569-7455 to arrange a convenient time. A program and display of the photos is planned for the fall.

12 – 1:30 PM Family Activities and Bike Decorating (Hot Dogs/Beverages for sale in the Hiram Christian Church Parking Lot).

Meet at the Hiram Christian Church in front of the Hiram Village municipal building. Face painting, sidewalk chalk drawing, and bike decorating for the parade.

11:30 –2:00 PM Display of Classic cards and Hiram and Visiting Fire Department Vehicles

Classic vehicle, please parkt at the east parking lot at the church. Visit with firefighters and see the trucks up close before they lead the parade.

1:30 PM THE GRAND PARADE

Classic vehicle please park at the Hiram Vilage parking lot off 82/700.

Walkers and bicyclers will line up at the Hiram Christian Church on the north,, exiting to the west on Route 82. Everyone is welcome to participate! Ride your bike, make a float, drive an antique car, or just show up and cheer on everyone in the parade. Once again the route goes north on Hayden and Dean Streets, left on Hinsdale Street, south on to Peckham, and then down State Route 82 then back to the church.

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2-3 PM Bicycle Rodeo

Meet at the Hiram Christian Church parking lot

Come learn the ins and outs of bicycle safety after the parade. Sponsored by Hiram Police Department. Lots of prizes donated via local businesses will be awarded !

2:00 - 3:00pm Basketball Knock-out

Gather on the Hiram village park basketball courts at 2pm for an individual basketball shooting contest. Boys and girls all ages are welcome although children and youth under 18 have priority. Prizes for the top four will be awarded.

2:00-3:00 PM Kids Games

Village green near the new Hiram Play Park! Potato sack races, water balloon toss, parachute fun, other fun games -- and the annual boys vs. girls tug of war. All participants get a prize!

2:30 PM The Hiram Historical Society tour of historic Hiram

Meet at the Century House, next to the Jagow playground in Bicentennial Park near Hiram Village Hall.

The tour will be led by Hiram resident Richard Masters.

3:30 PM Old-Fashioned Contests

Village green near the new Play Park! Contests for kids and adults of all ages, including bubble gum blowing contest, pickle eating contest, donut eating contest, and more.

4:00-5:00 PM Hiram Community Band – 37th ANNIVERSARY!

Dean Street by Frohring Music Building

A Hiram tradition since 1976. You can participate or come and listen to your friends and neighbors play fabulous patriotic music!. The rehearsals dates are at Frohring Music Building of Hiram's campus. For more information contact Paul Dreisbach @ 330-569-7539.

5:30 - 6:30 PM Pie Contest - Gerstacker Science Hall

Whip up your best pie and enter it into our Seventh (?) Annual Pie Contest. Independent judges will determine a winner and award a fabulous prize during the Big Band Dance and Ice Cream Social Wednesday evening. Drop off your pie at Gerstacker Science Hall (under the arch) on Dean Street between 5:30 and 6:30 pm. All pies will be sold by the slice at the Strawberry Social. Winners will receive cookbooks! For more info contact Brenda Smith @ 330-569-7664 or Willard Greenwood 330-569-5331

8:00 - 10:00 PM ICE CREAM STRAWBERRY SOCIAL AND BIG BAND DANCE

Martin Commons (near Gerstacker, Hiram college's science building) Enjoy big band entertainment and dancing in an outdoor setting! Live music once again provided by the Garretttones. Ice cream sold by the Hiram Christian Church. Enjoy starry skies and candlelit tables.

Rain location for family activities, the Community Band concert, and the big band dance is Frohring Music Building on the college campus. The parade is rain or shine!

Call Willard Greenwood 330-569-5331 if you have questions.