

BROCKWAY OLD FASHIONED FOURTH OF JULY JULY 4, 2020

Planning this year's celebration had been somewhat of a challenge with restrictions put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Because of it, our celebration was greatly altered for our 54th Celebration. The post event *Thank You* letter; therefore, will be different as we speak on behalf of the Committee and then on behalf of the Chairman and Treasurer.

On behalf of the Fourth of July Committee a big thank you to all the individual Patrons and Business Sponsors who, even after they knew most of the celebration could not take place, continued to send in contributions so we could have fireworks.

To the Paul and Kathy Fremer Family who gave us permission to use the land next to Fremer Moulding, Inc. as our staging area for the fireworks. This spot gave a spectacular view of the show to the town and surrounding countryside. Andy Fremer was especially helpful in making this happen as our contact person for the family. Thank you for your help in a wonderful show.

To the Brockway Volunteer Hose Company in helping us as in years past and once again being there for us this year. You provided the Firehall for our center piece of the celebration, The Patriotic Program and for fire protection during the fireworks in the evening. Your added touch of a makeshift parade throughout town delighted a lot of kids and helped in the celebration atmosphere.

And to the mayor for your continued support of this very important Brockway tradition.

Without such people and organizations, this year's celebration, as small as it was, could not have taken place.

On behalf of the Chairman and Treasurer, we would like to thank the Fourth of July Committee for their hard and dedicated work. This celebration takes an entire 12 months if not more to prepare with 90% of the celebration scheduled by the end of April. The Committee continued to plan to see how we could meet the strict rules put in place to prevent the spread of COVID and still celebrate. In the end only a few events such as the Patriotic Program and Fireworks could be held. All other events had just too many moving parts to safely hold. So, we would like to thank all the members who worked so diligently this past year to assist where they could with the Website updates and the Best Decorated House Event. These small contributions helped people get in the festive mood to celebrate America's Independence. For all the planning on the soon to be cancelled events, thank you for your continued dedication to your events. We look forward to working with you for the 55th Celebration next year.

It is important to understand that this celebration is yours, the town's. We come together to celebrate our Independence, we come together as a team and family to make the celebration happen and we come together to have fun. Thank you for your continued support and for allowing us, the Committee, to bring this celebration to you.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey. C. Gankosky
General Chairman

Lisa Zocco
Treasurer