

NNHS NEWS LETTER

Northville Northampton Historical Society

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INDEPENDENCE DAY THE 4TH OF JULY



Independence Day, which is commonly known as the Fourth of July to commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th 1776 from Great Britain. We also associate it with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, and family reunions. . It is a National Holiday of the United States.

THE DOIN'S

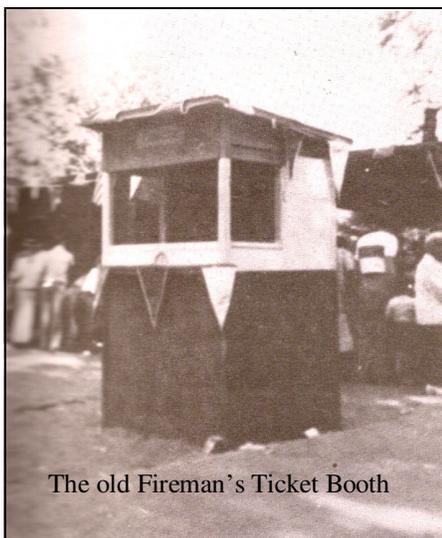
Northville has celebrated "the 4th" for many years. For years Northville folks have called it the DOIN'S. There was always a parade, which always included the Northville High School Band, floats, horses, fire engines, bikes, and out of town bands. In the 1940's the Northville Fireman's Association sponsored the "Doin's. In 1950 the Firemen announced that they were dropping the sponsorship because it was getting to be more than they could handle. At this time the Northville Civic Association was formed and they took over the sponsorship. They are still involved, but for the last 3 yrs they delegated the organization of the parade to Teresa Greenhill and her committee. Teresa just announced that this will be her last year to do so.

MUSEUM NEWS

The museum had been open for several weeks now. We need more volunteers, even if just once this summer or for a couple of hours. Let Gail know if you can help out.



Two of our museum guides, Gloria Jensen Fulmer and Skip Thompson with visitor Sarah Yaddaw.



The old Fireman's Ticket Booth



Kenzie Odell
Cramer's Granddaughter

In the 1940's and early '50's the Doin's were held in the vacant lot where our fire station is now located. As the event became larger, the Doin's were moved to the property of the American Legion on North Main Street. (The post office is located there now) During this era, there was much local involvement from the churches, scouts, and other local organizations. Remember the ring toss to win a cane or wooden majorette baton? I still have one of those batons, it's now in our museum. The Doin's also took place at the school grounds and once in the Catholic Church parking lot. After the new post office was built on the American Legion property, it has been held in the Village Waterfront Park behind the Main Street businesses.

This poster was sent to me a number of years ago from a historian in Albany, NY. It may be the oldest record of the Fourth of July celebration that took place in Northville. (1859) Notice they also enjoyed fire works. They were shot off on the hill behind the Presbyterian Church.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Northville Firemens' Association, Inc.

Annual Celebration

JULY



1, 2 & 4

1949

NORTHVILLE, NEW YORK

NORTHVILLE FIREMENS' ASSOCIATION, Inc.

Officers and Members

Nelson Weaver	- - -	President
Roy Gardner	- - -	Vice-Pres.
C. W. Simons	- - -	Secretary
Howard Dunham	- - -	Treasurer
Frank Langr	- - -	Asst. Treas.

Burdett Brownell	Gustave Bergens
Glenn E. Duncan, Chief	Frank Catanzaro
Elmer Cole	Richard Cunningham
Leland Davis	George Fryer
Edward Groff	A. U. Hopkins
Edward Mills	Gerald Mills
Orville Murphy	Joe Martuscello
Arthur Sands	Walter Travis
John A. Willard	Kenneth Warner
Fred Waver	Loren Weaver

FOURTH OF JULY.

Eighty Third Anniversary OF OUR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE.

Will be celebrated at Northville, in accordance with that spirit which should actuate every lover of his country, and the Committee of Arrangements give a cordial invitation to all to join them in celebrating this ever to be remembered "Independence Day."

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Gun at Midnight,
Ringing of Bells and 13 Guns at Sunrise,
National Salute at Sunset.

The Procession will form at half past 10 o'clock A. M., under the directions of the Marshal of the Day and his Aids, in front of R. E. Ash's Hotel, in the following order:

Artillery,
Band,
President of the Day, and Revolutionary Societies,
Committee of Arrangements,
ORATOR AND READER,
Clergy and Physicians,
Soldiers of the War of 1812,
Soldiers of the War with Mexico,
Town and County Officers,
Citizens in general,
Youths.

Thirty-three juvenile ladies will represent the States, and form in procession with the adult ladies, to whom a suitable place in the Procession will be assigned.

The Procession will then march to the Pine Grove, where an Orator will be delivered.

Address to the Throne of Grace, by Rev. James Quinlin.
Reading Declaration of Independence, by Henry R. Ross,
Discharge of Cannon.
Music.

ORATION—By Hon. Geo. S. Batcheller, of Saratoga co.
Discharge of Cannon.
Music.
Vocal Music.

Benediction, by Rev. Orren Gregg.

The Procession will then march as before, and march to H. E. Ash's Hotel, where dinner will be in readiness.

Toasts will be delivered.

GRAND AND SPLENDID DISPLAY OF

FIREWORKS.

Will be exhibited at half past 8,

IN THE EVENING, NORTH OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

NORTHVILLE, JUNE 27, 1859.

G. LEFEVRE, MARSHAL.

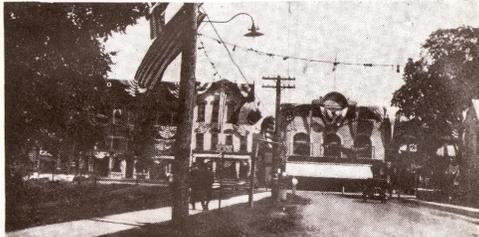
S. Hozon, Printer, Northville.

THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

For many years the Civic Association has given out programs to the public. They contained the daily events, sometimes some local history and many advertisements of local businesses. Here are a few samples. There are many more in the historical archives if anyone would like to look at them.

15th ANNUAL

JULY 4th CARNIVAL



THE FIRST JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION

JULY 3rd thru JULY 7th, 1973

SPONSORED BY
Northville Civic Association
NORTHVILLE, NEW YORK

17th ANNUAL

JULY 4th CARNIVAL



July 2nd thru July 5th, 1975

SPONSORED BY
Northville Civic Association
NORTHVILLE, NEW YORK

Gloversville and Johnstown, N. Y., Saturday, July 6, 1957

Northville

Fire Chief Duncan's Condition Good In Dorp Hospital; Arm Fractured By Faulty Fireworks Display Shell

Program of Events

TUESDAY, JULY 3:	Midway of Rides, Games and Refreshments	7:00 to 11:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 4:	Midway	11:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.
	Block Dancing, with music by Edie and the Boys, with Jim Colson	8:00 to 11:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, JULY 5:	Midway	7:00 to 11:00 P.M.
	Block Dancing with music by Al Graham and the Homesteaders	8:00 to 11:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, JULY 6:	Midway	12 Noon to 12:00 P.M.
	Block Dancing with music by Jim Winchell and the Country Rhythm Boys	8:00 to 11:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, JULY 7:	Midway	11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
	Parade, to move over Main, Reed and Third Streets	1:30 P.M.
	Drum Corps exhibits in front of midway grounds	2:30 P.M.
	Block Dancing, with music for dancing by Jim Colson and Edie and the Boys	8:00 to 11:00 P.M.
	Fireworks Display over Lake Northville	10:30 P.M.

Sponsored by
NORTHVILLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Chairman and Treasurer.....A.U. Hopkins
Co-Chairman and Secretary.....Carleton V. Nellis

The association wishes to thank everyone who helped make the carnival and the program book successful:

Northville Civic Association

Members:

- American Legion
- American Legion Auxilliary
- Northampton Democrat Club
- Fulton County Auxilliary Police
- Anna Denton Club
- Northville Police Association

COMING EVENTS:

- Edinburgh Fireman's Field Days: July 13, 14, 15
- Wells Olde Home Days: August 3 and 4
- Centennial of Village of Northville: August 11 through 18

Program of Events

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2:	Midway of Rides, Games and Refreshments	6:00 to 11:00 P.M.
	Block Dancing, with music by Al Graham and the Homesteaders	8:00 to 11:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, JULY 3:	Midway of Rides, Games and Refreshments	6:00 to 11:00 P.M.
	Block Dancing, with music by Gil Goodspeed's Countrymen	8:00 to 11:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, JULY 4:	Midway of Rides, Games and Refreshments	12:00 M to 12:00 P.M.
	Block Dancing with music by The Spectrum 7	8:00 to 11:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, JULY 5:	Midway of Rides, Games and Refreshments	12:00 M to 12:00 P.M.
	Parade, to move over Main, Reed and Third Streets	1:00 P.M.
	Drum corps exhibits at midway grounds	2:30 P.M.
	Chicken Barbecue at Midway	1:00 P.M. to dusk
	Block Dancing, with music by Edie and the Boys	8:00 to 11:00 P.M.
	Fireworks display over Lake Northville	10:00 P.M.

SPONSORED BY NORTHVILLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Chairman.....Carleton Veeder Nellis
Co-Chairman.....James B. Colson, Jr.
Secretary.....Grace Lord
Treasurer.....A. U. Hopkins

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- Anna Denton Democrat Club
- St. Francis Parish Council
- Boy Scout Troop No. 55
- United Methodist Youth Fellowship

COMING EVENTS:

- Wells Olde Home Days: August 1, 2, and 3
- Walking Tours of Historical Beecher Hollow, Edinburg, July 12 & 20
- United States Marine Band: October 14, Afternoon and Evening Concerts Northville School

Doctors Considering Grafting Muscle On Injured Limb

Northville Fire Chief Glen Duncan was reported to be in good condition in Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, today after suffering torn muscles and a compound fracture of his right arm while setting off the municipal fireworks display Wednesday night.

Duncan was the second casualty of the Northville Independence Day celebration. A drum majorette, Miss Lee McDonald, 19, fainted while leading the Van Rhodes Volunteer Fire Department down Main Street during the morning parade.

Taken To Hospital

Miss McDonald was treated by Dr. Clem Gritsavage and taken to the Glens Falls Hospital by ambulance where she is reported to be improving today. She is the daughter of Mrs. George Mooso of Luzerne.

Chief Duncan was injured when a shell used in the fireworks display went off prematurely as it was being shot off at the top of Prospect Hill.

In the hospital Duncan explained the 14-inch shell is usually fired from behind a barrier. The procedure used is this:

One man brings a shell from the ammunition dump while another stands guard over the shells. The shell is handed to Duncan inside the barrier. He lights it, drops it in a receptacle filled with water, then retreats behind the barrier as it goes off.

Received Shell

Wednesday night Duncan had fired several shells when he received the faulty shell. He revealed, according to Mrs. Duncan, he lit the fuse which was described as a long one, then just before he dropped it in the water realized something was wrong with it. Duncan fell on his face as the shell exploded.

The 46-year-old fire chief has set off the displays annually for several years without a mishap.

Doctors say it may be possible to graft new muscle on the arm if no complications set in.

Today the fireworks are shot off by professionals which prevents injury to our firemen.

21st ANNUAL

JULY 4th CARNIVAL



June 30th thru July 4th, 1979

SPONSORED BY
Northville Civic Association
NORTHVILLE, NEW YORK

Program of Events

Where Great Sacandaga Lake Meets the Adirondacks.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30: Midway of Rides, Games and Refreshments Block Dancing, Music by Carrier Band	12:00 to 11:00 P.M. 8:00 to 11:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, JULY 1: Midway of Rides, Games and Refreshments Woodman's Show, put on by New York State Professional Luberjacks Assoc. Sponsored by Northville Volunteer Firemen's Association Concert on Baptist Church parking lot	1:00 to 11:00 P.M. 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.
MONDAY, JULY 2: Children's Day, reduced prices for children Hillbilly concert by Horton Miller and his band Midway of Rides, Games and Refreshments Square Dance exhibit by Sacandaga Swingers Block Dancing, Music by Cy Flewelling Band with Jim Winchell	1:00 to 5:00 P.M. 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. 6:00 to 11:00 P.M. 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. 8:00 to 11:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, JULY 3: Midway of Rides, Games and Refreshments Block Dancing, Music by Ernie Kane and Valley Ramblers	6:00 to 11:00 P.M. 8:00 to 11:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 4: Midway of Rides, Games and Refreshments Parade over Main, Reed and Third Streets Exhibitions by Drum Corps, Twirlette Groups Aquatic Show by the Aqua Sports plus at the Beachcomber Beach Square Dance Exhibition by Sacandaga Swingers Block Dancing, Music by The Red Eye String Band of Northville Fireworks Display	11:00 to 12:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M. 2:30 P.M. 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. 8:00 to 11:00 P.M. 10:00 P.M.

SPONSORED BY NORTHVILLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Chairman - Carleton Veeder Nellis Vice-Chairman and Parade Chairman - Noel Cipriano
Secretary-Treasurer - Marlene Junquera

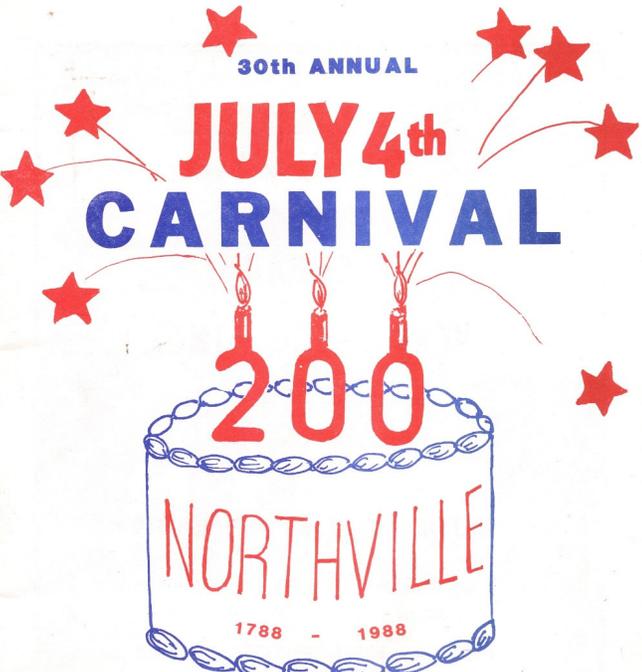
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MEMBERS: American Legion American Legion Auxiliary Northampton Democrat Club	Fulton County Auxiliary Police St. Francis Parish Council Northville Firemen's Association Northville Firemen Ladies Auxiliary	United Methodist Youth Fellowship Cub Pack No. 55 Boy Scout Troop No. 55
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COMING EVENTS:
North Country Arts and Crafts Show - Red Barn Airport July 21 & 22
Wells Olde Home Days August 2, 3, 4
First United Methodist Church Bazaar - starting at 10:00 A.M. August 11
Chicken Barbecue at 4:00 P.M.

30th ANNUAL

JULY 4th CARNIVAL



JUNE 30th thru JULY 4th, 1988

SPONSORED BY
Northville Civic Association
NORTHVILLE, NEW YORK

Program of Events

Where Great Sacandaga Lake Meets the Adirondacks.

30th ANNUAL JULY 4th CARNIVAL

Thursday, June 30: Midway of rides, games, food, flea and craft market Exhibit - American Legion Home An on going exhibit of wildlife in the Legion rooms. Sponsored by the Northville Fish and Game Club. Family Day - A special discount on rides for the whole family. Stuffed Animal Contest - Preschool thru 6th Grade Registration at Legion by 4 P.M., Judges decision Demonstration - Zen-Do Kai Martial Arts Studio Demonstration - by Trapper, the venison sniffing dog with his Handler Larry Johnson Block Dancing music by "Feelin' Country"	Noon - 11 P.M. 2 P.M. - 11 P.M. 1 P.M. - 5 P.M. 5:30 P.M. 6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M. 7 - 11 P.M.
Friday, July 1st Midway of rides, games, food, flea and craft market Exhibit Hall - American Legion Home <u>Open</u> North Country Cloggers Block Dancing music by "Shilo"	Noon - 11 P.M. 2 P.M. - 11 P.M. 7 P.M. 8 P.M. - 11 P.M.
Saturday, July 2nd Midway of rides, games, food, flea and craft market Exhibit Hall open Parade - moving over Main, Reed and Third Streets Sacandaga Swingers - Square Dance Demonstration Block Dancing music by "Vern, Dave and Co." Fireworks	Noon - 11 P.M. Noon - 11 P.M. 1 P.M. 7 P.M. 8 P.M. - 11 P.M. 10 P.M.
Sunday, July 3rd Midway of rides, games, food, flea and craft market Wood carving demonstration by Roger Montgomery at Legion with several pieces on display Exhibit Hall open Allan Cross - "18th century living history Revolutionary Era, encampment set up in the Bank area, stories, songs and exhibit of craft and artifacts." Post #701 Band under the direction of J. Culick Stage - Main Street Patriotic Concert - Northville Community Chorus and Band - directed by V. Osterhout, H. Russell and J. Hounsell	1 - 6:30 P.M. 1 P.M. - 5 P.M. 1 P.M. - 6 P.M. 1 P.M. - 6 P.M. 3 P.M. - 5 P.M. 7:30 P.M.
Monday, July 4th Midway of rides, games, food, flea and craft market Exhibit Hall open Rotary Club Auction - Bank Parking Lot Strawberry Festival - by Legion sponsored by Northville's Girl Scout - Juniors Troop 523 Allan Cross - Living History Adirondack Fiddlers Association music to listen to and for dancing on Main Street - sponsored by the Northville Civic Assoc. Art Project	Noon - Closing 1 P.M. 1 P.M. 1 P.M. - ? Noon - Closing 3 P.M. - 5 P.M.

For many years Linda and Rusty Mosher organized the 4th of July Parade

**“2012 DOIN’S”
NORTHVILLE, NY.
JULY 5TH - 7TH**

FIREWORKS

**Saturday: 9:30pm in the Village
Sunday: Sport Island Pub at Dusk**

**Crafters, Vendors, Rides & Games
in the Park**

**Thursday: Wristband Night 5-10pm
Friday: 5pm - 11pm
Saturday: 12 Noon - 11pm**

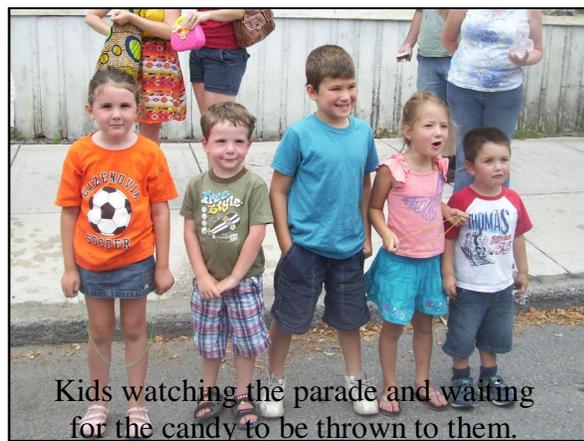
**Farmer’s Market
Friday: 2pm - 5pm
The Red Barn**

★ ★ ★ **VILLAGE PARADE** ★ ★ ★

Saturday: 1pm

ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTLY

**Thurs.: 7 - 10pm “Steve West” - DJ
Fri.: 6:30pm Karaoke Contest
Sat.: 7-11pm “Crossfire”**



Kids watching the parade and waiting for the candy to be thrown to them.



When did the tradition of throwing candy from vehicles and floats begin? So many memories from these parades and Doin’s. Remember Frances Rhodes always dressed up and Oscar Horton had a float in the parade every year, and Eva Stewart marched every year in some sort of costume.



What memories do you have? Send them to me and I’ll include them in next months newsletter