

2005 Celebration

The celebration is to be held on August 6th, 2005 with various events throughout the day.

A Beard Growing Contest will be held! Registration took place February 20th at the Wayside Fire Departments Winterfest. Seventeen men entered the contest, and the area beauticians will be judging. Beards are to be judged on: best groomed and most creative.

Other events throughout the day include: a horseshoe tournament, a time capsule to be buried, and a Parade that will feature the 1820's - 1840's Wagon train and many more entries. Entertainment throughout the day will be the Dorf Kapelle Band, the Wayside Morrison Concert Band, and a D.J. in the evening. Booyah, along with hamburgers and brats will be served to top off the day.

The Town of Morrison Queen, Kayla Guns will be crowned. The following is an excerpt from Kayla's winning essay:

"Living in a small community has given me several opportunities that many of my friends that live in town don't get to experience. Some of these opportunities were simply a lot of fun, such as riding 4-wheelers or snowmobiles in the open fields, walking out the back door and into the woods, or sitting by a campfire in the backyard. Other opportunities were hard work, that taught me responsibility such as picking stones, or milking cows. One other opportunity I had was to attend a small school in Wayside, which has given me many friends and fond memories. I think this is a great opportunity to represent Morrison, to everyone who will be attending the Sesquicentennial, in a way that will show them the kind people that live here."

We would like to give a big thanks to the three people who have worked so hard to put this celebration together: Jenny Wasmuth, Julie Ossmann and Bruce Krahn. A special thanks to other members of our township who have helped: Kevin Burke, Bob Fritsch, Dan Uecker, Bill Lasee, Rick and Betty Rosenbaum, Art and Marlene Schultz, Colleen Magley, Jay Stradel, Alvin Beyer, Dennis "Spiker" Eichorst, Tom "Tucker" Kocian, and any others we may have forgotten.

This celebration booklet will also be for sale to commemorate the 2005 celebration. It was written and researched by Rebecca Propson and Kim Gillett.

The new Town of Morrison Flag will be unveiled in its true form at the festival. Ron and Bev Kiekhaefer designed the flag. Here is the meaning behind the design:

The colors red, green and white are colors from the flag of Ireland, and represent the early Irish settlers of our township. The colors black, red and gold are from the flag of Germany and represent the early Germany settlers. The colors were chosen to honor those hardy pioneers.

The open crown on the shield is the traditional heraldic emblem for a municipal government. It is colored gold to symbolize the wealth of the land well adapted to agriculture, watered by many creeks and in early years covered by hardwood, pine and cedar.

The cross dividing the areas of the shield symbolizes the churches of our township and their important roll in our history.

The pine trees represent the logging industry that was a major source of employment for early settlers. Sawmills were established and lumbermen joined hands with the farmers in clearing the land.

The cow on the flag represents the dairy industry, which is still important in the township today. The early pioneers' main source of income was from dairy farming. It also represents the cheese factories in the township. At one time there were eight cheese factories in the town that encouraged the farmers to turn their attention to the production of milk.

The plow honors pioneer agriculture. It represents early farming and the clearing of the land in the township. The sale of lumber and firewood was an important source of income. The raising of feed crops was of prime importance being raised for sale and also for feed for their animals. Some land was devoted to canning crops such as peas, beans, cucumbers and sweet corn.

In the top right quarter of the shield is a picnic table representing the beautiful landscape of our township and the area of Way-Morr Park, which is a gathering place for residents of the township and for all of Brown County.

There is also a fireman's helmet and axe, which represents all of the service clubs in the township since its establishment. It also recognizes the pioneers and the significant role they have played to mold our community.