

## OLD HOME DAYS 1991 REPORT

The Old Home Days Weekend was held on August 2nd., 3rd., and 4th. and was a huge success. The parade theme was "Nursery Rhymes." There were many more entries and a longer parade than in previous years. We would like to thank everyone who participated and gave generously of their time and support to make this Old Home Days Weekend an enjoyable community event.

Friday, August 2nd. The weekend events began with the Lobster Barbecue and Chicken Dinner sponsored by the Canaan Police Department on the Town Common. Canaan USA Speedway Races and Thrill Show were held at the Fair Grounds. At the Old Meeting House on Canaan Street, the Valley Chords (Barbershop Chorus) gave a fine performance.

Saturday, August 3rd. The Annual Crafts Fair and Lioness Food Concession were held on the Common from 9:00am until 4:00 in the afternoon. The Dollars For Scholars Food Concession was set up at William's Field from 9:00am until 11:30pm. Following the morning parade, entertainment at William's Field included: The Upper Valley Community Band Concert, Armchair Brigade, The Foggy Mountain Cloggers, a demonstration put on by the Mt. Cardigan Squares, Cardigan Mountain Riders 4H Club horse and pony rides, games, and the Dunk Tank sponsored by the Mt. Cardigan Snowmobile Club. "Carrot," the pig was in attendance as well! There was a rug hooking exhibit at the Old Meeting House, a photo contest exhibit on the Green, and a Horseshoe Tournament at William's Field, doubles and singles competition.

At noon the Assembly Of God Church presented a fine chicken barbeque. From 1:00 until 4:00pm the Historic District was open, including The North Church and the Museum Building. A Soap Box Derby was held at the High Street Speedway at 1:00pm, and at 1:30 the Barney Family Childrens' Sing-a-long was a special treat. At 2:00pm The Little Red Wagon Childrens' Puppet Show was held at William's Field, and at 3:00pm Dan Allen, the Chain Saw Artist delighted everyone with his special talents. His carving of the day was later raffled. At 3:30pm the Dream Team Sky Diving Show performed at William's Field. Fire truck rides at 5:00 o'clock at the Fire Station, followed by the Firemen's Ham and Bean Supper until sold out!

In the evening, from 7:00 until 8:00 the Foggy Mountain Cloggers put on a demonstration at William's Field, and from 8:00 until 11:30 there was dancing to live music, "After Dark."

Sunday, August 4th. The day began with morning church services, followed by a wonderful Pancake Breakfast at the Senior Center. At 8:00am the Softball Tournament began at William's Field, as well as road race registrations at the park

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opposite Canaan Street Beach. The Dollars For Scholars Food Concession at William's Field also opened at 8:00 o'clock. At 9:00am the road race around Canaan Street lake commenced. The Crafts Fair on the Town Common reopened at 9:00, staying open until 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. At 2:00pm the Annual Cow Flop Drop Contest took place at William's Field; random drawing for spaces began at noon. The annual service at Old North Church was held at 4:00pm, a very nice close to the Old Home Days Weekend!

Funds for Old Home Days Weekend are raised through donations, the sale of T-shirts and sweatshirts, ads and sponsors for the program, hats, pins, sale of spaces for the "Cow Flop Drop" event, Town funding, and the sale of coffee mugs. We also sponsor the Crafts Fair in November. We raised approximately \$5820.00, and expenses were \$6,112.12 - profit/loss \$292.12.

The Old Home Days Committee meets from February through December on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. The dates for the 1992 Old Home Days are July 31st. and August 1st. and 2nd. The parade theme this year will be "Holidays." We are always open to new ideas and suggestions for events. Please contact any one of the committee members if you would like to work with us. Many of the regular events will be repeated, as well as the addition of new events each year. We look forward to seeing everyone for this year's Old Home Days Weekend!

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