

Homecoming Events Planned for Cayuga's Sesquicentennial

Clayton Spears and Others Organizing Several Events

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For Cayuga residents who remember the Village's centennial in 1959 and/or the 1967 centennial celebrations of North Cayuga and South Cayuga, homecoming events played a major role. In the early years of CayugaFest similar things occurred, more by accident than planned, as word got around of a tent on the Village Green and special activities at the Haldimand County Museum and Archives, where former residents could gather with those still living in the community.

Building on those experiences and on recommendations coming especially from many of the Village's present seniors and others, working as a member of the Entertainment Committee under the direction of Sheila Moffat-Koczka, Clayton Spears is planning to host special events to make the homecoming memorable for all. In addition, Jean Lint and others are prepared to bring their extensive collection of Haldimand and Cayuga memorabilia to the Village Green for a display. It is hoped that some of the Powell photographs which played so important a role in the life of the Village will also be available.

The winners of the beard growing contest and of the floral beautification contest which will be announced mid-day on Sunday, July 12th, will be of special interest to residents and those coming home for the celebrations. There are plans to offer mid-day talent show opportunities on

the Village Green from Monday to Friday where local talent will be invited to be part of the festivities.

Clayt and Helen Spears, Jean Lint, and others familiar with the history of the Village and its people, are planning a Trivia Contest during the week. The lives of residents being featured in interviews in the Haldimand Press in connection with the 150th anniversary will play a role in this contest. One portion of this contest will deal with all of Haldimand County.

Organizers are negotiating to have lunch available at the Village Green, Sunday through Friday, and also booking other locations in case of inclement weather. Residents interested in participating in this dimension of the festivities are invited to e mail clayt@mountaincable.net or call the Spears at 905 772 3583 after April 15th.

The whole calendar of events for July 11th to 19th will soon appear on the anniversary website at www.cayuga150th.com. Persons who need overnight accommodations can access the twenty-five bed and breakfasts in Haldimand by calling 1-800-853-9607, Haldimand County's Tourism Department, or by emailing dhunter@haldimandcounty.on.ca for the County's Experience Guide which contains these listings and other valuable information.