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Welcome to SOFD

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

As our nation reflects over the last 250 years I am filled with a sense of thankfulness.

I am thankful for the courageous men and women who have stood ready to defend our freedom and for those who gave their lives for ours.

I am thankful for a government that is by the people and for the people.

I am thankful for the American spirit that proclaims that dreams can come true if you work for it. The same spirit proclaims the importance of God, family and community.

As an organization, Stanton Old Fashioned Days endeavors each year to bring our community together to celebrate who we are and where we have been.

Stanton has always been closely tied to the land of our great nation. It has always found ways to use the natural resources like lumber and farmland to prosper. It's communities like ours that quietly support this nation.

I hope you can appreciate our quiet, hardworking community as much as I do!

This weekend is a special time to get out and talk with your friends and neighbors. I hope you will come and enjoy the tractors, vendors, cars, and the Ferris wheel! It should be a memorable time!

I also want to take time to thank the people who have generously donated their time and/or money to support the festival, especially Jane Basom who has gone above and beyond!

Thank you!
Enjoy the weekend!

Sincerely,
Meredith Geselman
Chairperson, SOFD



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Festival Guidelines

The Stanton Old Fashioned Days Committee and the City of Stanton want the festival to be fun and safe for everyone, so we ask that you please follow the guidelines below. For assistance, visit the Information Booth next to The Commons building or speak to any of our SOFD Volunteers wearing teal shirts.

- **Monitor your children at all times.** Do not let them run into the street to pick up candy during parades.
- **Respect road closed signs/barriers** and follow detour routes. This is for the safety of all who attend and participate in festival events. Moving or circumventing a barricade is a civil infraction under Michigan law.
- **No riding bicycles or skate boards** on sidewalks, closed streets, or other pedestrian areas. In these areas, you may walk your bike, park it in one of the many bike racks available, or carry your board.
- **Local businesses will be open;** use Pine or Walnut St, and side streets.
- **All pets must be on a leash** and kept under their owner's control.
- **No Drugs or Alcohol** will be permitted at official events hosted by Stanton Old Fashioned Days.



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2026 Grand Marshal

RONALD BLUM

Stanton Old Fashioned Days is pleased to honor Ronald Blum as this year's Grand Marshal. Anyone who knows Ron would say he is a kind-hearted man, committed to serving his community and country, and always wears a smile on his face.

Ron has been a part of the Stanton community for over 76 years. He spent his entire childhood here playing in town. He attended Central Montcalm High School and met some of his very best, life-long friends as well as his wife, Judy VanWagner. After graduation in 1968, Ron and Judy got married, planted roots here in town, raised their three children Jennifer, James, and Joylynn, and lived their entire marriage here in the town they knew and loved.

Ron's passion for serving his community started as a Stanton Boy Scout. Surrounded by World War II veterans and the local Stanton men, he was deeply influenced to continue serving. Ron became an Eagle Scout, served overseas in Vietnam, was trained by the 75th Ranger Battalion at Fort Benning, joined the Army Reserves and Michigan National Guard, became an assistant Boy Scout leader, completed Medical First Responder training, and joined the Specialized Emergency Rescue Team.

Throughout his life, Ron's jobs were also a testament to his service. He was a Stanton Department of Public Works employee, a part-time Stanton police officer, a Building Trades Instructor for the Department of Corrections, and he ran his own construction company. Ron's knowledge of construction allowed him to help so many: he and his students partnered with Habitat for Humanity to build and donate cabinets to local families, he traveled with the youth group from the First Congregational Church to both New York and Tennessee to help repair homes for families, he worked with the city for planning and zoning, drew up

plans for a new fire station, built new curbs for Stanton, remodeled and built many homes in town, assisted in hiring Stanton's first City Manager and he's been seen driving his dump truck during city-wide clean-ups.

When Ron finally retired from 20 years of service in the military and 25 years with the Department of Corrections, he found time to reflect. His wife, Judy, had saved nearly every letter, photo, and audio recording he had sent her from Vietnam. Ron re-read the letters and put his heart into writing his story, "Shattered Mirror," in hopes that sharing his experience could help other veterans who may have shared similar experiences. Upon the release of his book, Ron has been moved to honor local veterans with Quilts of Honor.

Ron is honored to be named Stanton Old Fashioned Days Grand Marshal. He cherishes his memories of the classic cars, pancake breakfasts, soapbox derby contests, talent shows, marching in the parades, running 10 K's, pine wood derby races... Ron looks forward to seeing the community come together to fill the streets, hear the hum of friendly conversations, laughter, and seeing all the events that will become treasured traditions for others as they have for him.



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1985	Gina (Keeney) Wittkopp	2006	Nicole (Wright) Lind
1986	Kimberly (Blaisdell) Brundage	2007	Sarah (Parr) Bogue
1987	Shelley (Mazzola) Misner	2008	Chelsea (Smith) Borowiak
1988	Dee Ann (Cooper) Ruter	2009	Alexa LaLonde
1989	Theresa (Koschmider) Rowland	2010	Chelsea Kreiner
1990	Dawn (Eldridge) Beaudoin	2011	Isabelle (Williams) Sullenger
1991	Mary (Seiter) Cook	2012	Brandy (Foster) Sooy
1992	Molly (Bach) Robinson	2013	LaShae Wright
1993	Erica (Shick) Christensen	2014	Hailey Hollenbeck
1994	Sarah (Weaver) Wetherington	2015	Kaitlin Papendick
1995	Sarah (Howell) McDonald	2016	Regan Western
1996	Lora (Linton) Carleton	2017	Alissa (Harrison) Dines
1997	No Pageant Held	2018	Kryn (Humphrey) King
1998	Cynthia (Udell) Sutton	2019	N/A
1999	Angie (Jeffrey) Sattler	2020	No Festival
2000	Breann (Gibson) Bonga	2021	Alayna (Kooistra) Kuczynski
2001	Tiffany (Herron) Hall	2022	Erika Thomas
2002	Michele (Yaquinto) Figuereo	2023	Khilen Scott
2003	Amanda Shattuck	2024	Anna Minnick
2004	Laura (Herald) Bensinger	2025	Kloi Harmon

Miss Stanton Scholarship Pageant

MISS STANTON & JR. MISS STANTON

The Miss Stanton Scholarship Pageant is a long standing tradition that provides an opportunity for young ladies who live in the Central Montcalm School District to compete for the titles of Miss Stanton (ages 15-19) and Jr. Miss Stanton (ages 11-14). The pageant takes place in two phases: Private Interview and On-Stage Competition, at which the public is invited to join us for on **FRIDAY AT 6:00 P.M.** at the **STAGE** on Main Street. That evening, our Miss and Jr Miss Stanton candidates will compete in several categories to present themselves in a variety of ways and showcase their unique interests and talents.

Miss and Jr. Miss Stanton will receive scholarships to Montcalm Community College, as well as scholarships from Stanton Old Fashioned Days. They will be present at many events throughout SOFD weekend and will help lead the Grand Parade on Saturday. These lucky young ladies will also fulfill their duties by representing Stanton throughout the year, attending several parades and festivals, and volunteering at many community events.

KIDS COURT: DUKE & DUCHESS; PRINCE & PRINCESS

The Prince and Princess competition is open to children ages 3-6 years old, who reside in the Central Montcalm School District.

The Duke and Duchess competition is open to children ages 7-10 years old, who reside in the Central Montcalm School District

All candidates take part in Private Interview phase. They also take to the stage on Friday night for a walk through along with an age appropriate question from the emcee. Each title winner is welcome and encouraged to take part in all of the activities throughout the year with Miss Stanton and Jr. Miss Stanton.



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Grand Parade

Organized & Hosted by the Stanton Rotary Club

Our SOFD Grand Parade is a can't miss attraction during the festival since it brings the whole community together, so be sure to find a good spot along **MAIN STREET** between N State and Mill St on **SATURDAY AT 11:00 A.M. - note the NEW TIME SLOT!**

In an effort to continue the summer of patriotism for 2026, we encourage our parade entries get creative with their interpretation of our "Old-Fashioned Pride, All-American Ride: Celebrating 250 Years of the U.S.A." theme. There will be a contest to see which parade entries can best use their imagination and showcase their display of American pride. Cash prizes of \$100, \$75, and \$50 will go to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place entries, thanks to Sheridan Community Hospital for sponsoring and judging this contest.

Our 2026 Grand Marshal, Ron Blum will be featured in the lineup, so be sure to give him a wave to show appreciation for all of his years of service in our community.

A big thank you goes to the Stanton Rotary Club for organizing the parade in the Save-A-Lot parking lot, on W. Day St. just west of M-66 (follow the parade registration signs). Line up starts at 9:00 A.M.

Pre-registration is requested at stantonofd.com/grand-parade, however, entries will still be accepted in person.

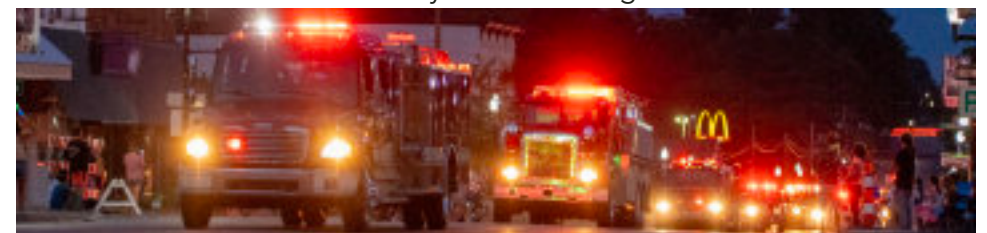
Please note our parade rules:
No items may be thrown. Candy and other items must be handed out by walkers alongside the curb.
No animal waste. All horse or other animal entries must have a cleanup crew right behind them.



Firefighter's Parade

The Firefighter's Parade will take place at twilight on **FRIDAY AROUND 9:00 P.M.**, following the pageant and soap box derby. This is our opportunity to honor the men and women that serve through local fire, EMS, and police departments, who strive to keep us safe every day and prevent tragedies.

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This year, we will continue to have **TWO AGE BRACKETS** for this event: Age Group 1 for kids ages 6-14 and Age Group 2 for teens and adults ages 15 and up! Report to **DOWNTOWN STANTON** on **FRIDAY BY 7:00 P.M.** (Racers should plan to arrive a half hour early.)

Get started today on your soapbox creation to be ready in time for SOFD. There is no cost to register. Race over to stantonofd.com/soap-box-derby for rules, registration & permission forms or make a pitstop at Rolston Hardware or Stanton Hardware for building tips, materials, or supplies.



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KIDDIE PARADE

Hey Kids!!! Bring your family to walk, ride, or skate in the Kiddie Parade. Wear a fun costume or decorate your bike, wagon, or other foot-powered vehicle!

Each child aged 13 & under will receive a free ice cream coupon for Anderson & Girls, with 3 lucky entries each winning \$15 prizes for being the *Most Patriotic*, *Most Creative*, and *Most Funny*.

Line-up is on **SATURDAY AT NOON**, at the **SUNOCO GAS STATION ON MAIN ST.** The parade starts at 12:30 P.M., goes east on Main Street, and ends at the Stage area.



Schedule of Events

DATE & TIME	EVENT	LOCATION/PAGE
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Friday, August 14

All Day	Yard Sales	Residential
9:00am - 5:30pm	A Walk through Stanton History Exhibit*	WPD/27
11:00am - 2:00pm	Montcalm Care Network Carnival*	611 N State St/10
11:00am - 9:00pm	Select Food Vendors	Downtown/13
11:00am - 8:00pm	American Legion Open to the Public (Official closing time TBD)*	American Legion/31
2:00pm - 9:00pm	Art, Craft, & Product Vendors	N Camburn St/13
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Rib-Eye Steak Dinner & More*	American Legion/31
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Community Dog Show* (Registration at 4:30pm)	Courthouse Lawn/13
5:00pm - 8:30pm	Free Bounce House Fun	Main & Mill St/23
6:00pm	Opening Ceremonies	Stage
6:00pm	Miss Stanton Scholarship Pageant with Jr. Miss & Kids Court Portion	Stage/9
7:00pm	Soap Box Derby (Participants should arrive early)	Main Street/19
9:00pm	Firefighter's Parade	Main Street/15

Saturday, August 15

All Day	Yard Sales	Residential
	Food Vendors	Downtown/13
	Art, Craft, & Product Vendors	N Camburn St/13
7:00am - 7:45am	Tractor Show Setup (Unload at Co. Rd Comm., Photos & Registration Downtown)	Main Street/25
7:30am - 10:00am	SOFD Pancake Breakfast	Main & Mill St/17
8:00am - 10:45pm	Tractor Show	Main Street/25
8:00am - 7:00pm	Silent Auction Fundraiser for MSSP	Stage Area/11
9:00am - 10:45am	Grand Parade Lineup	Save-A-Lot/15
9:00am - 11:00am	Historic Home Tour	106 W Pine St/27
9:30am	Rolston's Kids Pedal Tractor Pulls	Main Street/19
10:00am	5K hosted by Central Montcalm* (Registration at 9:00am)	Main Street/35
10:00am - 12:00pm	A Walk through Stanton History Exhibit*	WPD/27
10:45am	Tractor Parade Lineup	Main Street/25
11:00am	Grand Parade	Main Street/15
11:00am - 2:00pm	Free Hot Dog Tent hosted by FBC*	Leppink's Lot/17
11:00am - 8:00pm	American Legion Open to the Public (Official closing time TBD)*	American Legion/31

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Saturday, August 15 continued

12:00pm - 12:30pm	Kiddie Parade Lineup	Sunoco Station/19
12:00pm - 12:45pm	Motorcycle Show Registration (Enter Courthouse Lot from S Court St)*	Courthouse Lot/31
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Car Show Registration	M66 & Bradford/29
12:00pm - 7:00pm	Ferris Wheel Rides	Main & Mill St/23
12:00pm - 7:00pm	Bleat Besties Baby Goat Snuggling	Main & Mill St/23
12:00pm - TBD	Stanton Fire Dept Dunk Tank	N Mill Street/23
12:30pm - 1:00pm	Kiddie Parade	Main Street/19
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Free Ice Cream Social*	Trinity Church/17
1:00pm - 5:00pm	Brother's Keepers Motorcycle Show* (Registration in Courthouse Lot, 12pm)	Main Street/31
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Live Music - Randy Bennett	Stage/33
2:00pm - 5:00pm	Taco Bar*	American Legion/31
2:00pm - 6:00pm	Free Snow Cones & Watermelon hosted by First Baptist Church*	Main & Mill St/17
2:00pm - 6:00pm	Pony Rides	Main & Mill St/23
2:00pm - 6:00pm	Carnival Games & Activities	Main & Mill St/23
2:00pm - 6:00pm	Car Show (Registration @M66 & Bradford, 12pm)	Main Street/29
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Line Dancing	Stage Area/33
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Burnout Competition* (Register prior to Car Show)	D Hale Brake Park/29
5:00pm	Holly's Pedal Drag Car Races	Main Street/19
5:00pm - 7:00pm	"American Idol: Stanton Edition" Karaoke Contest & Open Karaoke	Stage/33
6:30pm	Car Show Winners Announced	Main Street/29
7:00pm	Silent Auction Winners Announced	Stage/11
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Variety Show	Stage/33

Sunday, August 16

8:00am - 11:00am	Legion Pancake Breakfast*	American Legion/31
8:00am - TBD	Select Food Vendors	Downtown/13
10:00am	Community Church Service	Stage/37
10:00am	Mud Volleyball Tournament (Registration from 9-9:45am)	D Hale Brake Pk/35
12:00pm	Community Picnic Lunch at FCC*	305 N Camburn/37

*Denotes an independent, unsanctioned event not affiliated with Stanton Old Fashioned Days. SOFD is a drug and alcohol-free, family-friendly festival.

Festival Map



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| 1 Stage & Info Booth | 10 Grand Parade Lineup |
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| 6 Kiddie Parade Lineup | 18 First Baptist Church |
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| 9 Car Show Late Entry | Montcalm Co. Road Comm. |

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These tractors are treasured by their owners for their work capabilities, timeless design, and the memories they keep alive from times gone by. Many of the tractors on display are second and third generation owned. Come and experience some old fashioned farm history!

If bringing a tractor, no pre-registration is needed and there is no cost, but we ask that you please follow the procedures below:

TRACTOR SHOW PROCEDURES

1. Unload at the Montcalm Co. Road Commission starting at 7:00 A.M.
2. Proceed into town, stopping to fill out your photo card for the photographer and pose for your photo in front of the Courthouse.
3. Continue on Main Street to park for the show by 8:00 A.M.
4. Head to the booth in front of Baker Insurance to complete your registration process.
5. At 10:45 A.M., **all tractors must exit Main Street.** Those wishing to be in the parade will go back toward the Road Commission to turn around and return to the corner of M66 & Main Street heading east for parade lineup.

EXTENDED STAY OPTION:

For anyone wishing to keep their tractor on display in town after the show, there will be limited space available on S Court St (between Main Street and the rear drive into the Courthouse). Please do not move any barricades without assistance from law enforcement or SOFD event staff.




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Historic Home Tour

Stanton Old Fashioned Days is proud to continue the cherished festival tradition of the Historic Home Tour — a special way to honor our community's roots and recognize the homeowners who have worked to preserve a piece of Stanton's history.

This year's featured home sits at the northwest corner of Camburn and Pine Street (106 W Pine Street) and its story reaches back to the very founding of our town. The home was built by Henry Harrison Hinds, considered one of Stanton's original founders and a man whose life story reads like something from a history book. A Civil War veteran who served in the 57th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Hinds was wounded at Fredericksburg, taken prisoner at Gettysburg, and held at Libby Prison before making his way to Stanton after the war. Here he built a life in merchandising, lumbering, real estate, and farming; while simultaneously shaping the community around him as Township Supervisor, Village Guard, state-appointed school overseer, and elected State Senator for the 27th district.

The home itself reflected the character of the man who built it — substantial and thoughtfully appointed. It originally featured five bedrooms, a parlor, kitchen, dining room, living room, and a bath complete with a copper tub and marble bowl. The full basement included a plastered room where Mr. Hinds once stored milk from his farm.

The home has passed through many hands over the decades. Today, its new owner is in the process of lovingly renovating this piece of Stanton history and has welcomed a young family to make new memories within its walls. We are grateful for the opportunity to share it with you.

Tours will be available from **9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.** on **Saturday** at **106 West Pine Street**.

If you have a historic home you'd like to see featured in a future festival, please contact Meredith at 989-387-1859.



A Walk Through Stanton History

Hosted by White Pine District Library

If you're looking to learn about the *real* old fashioned days of Stanton, our local library is the place to stop. There is a whole room dedicated to genealogy, with many volumes of historical records and artifacts.

Our White Pine District Library has made special plans to showcase our local history this summer. All are welcome to visit & enjoy the following events:

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You won't want to miss our Historic Downtown come to life on **SATURDAY FROM 2:00 TO 6:00 P.M.** Even before Old Fashioned Days came to be, the annual Car Show has been a long-standing Stanton tradition, attracting hundreds of cars and trucks to our city each summer.

REGISTRATION INFO

Registration and staging is from **NOON TO 1:30 P.M.** at the corner of North M-66 and W Bradford St. (Please refer to the map below, and follow the signs for Car Show Registration.) For late entries, pull up to the barricade at N Court St from the north and wait to be directed to a spot. After parking, report to the relocated registration booth in front of *The Commons* building on Main Street.

Cost of entry is \$15. For details or to pre-register, visit stantonofd.com/car-show. Questions? Call Brandon at 989-287-0871.

SHOW PROCEDURES

When led onto Main Street by show coordinators, you may park starting at the Sunoco Station and onward to the east. Space between Millard's and the Courthouse is reserved for the Motorcycle Show. Judging will then take place for the awards ceremony, which is planned for 5:30 P.M.

When moving a vehicle at any time, car show participants are asked to please remember that safety is our #1 priority. Burnouts and tire chirping or squealing, outside of the events where they are allowed, are prohibited and will be monitored by law enforcement.

BURNOUT CONTEST

Returning this year, is our Burnout Contest, which is set to take place down at **D HALE BRAKE PARK** from **4:00 TO 5:00 P.M.** Registration is required for this event **before** the car show, in the staging area from 12 TO 1:30 P.M. so contestants can be grouped with other burnout entries in order to facilitate travel when leaving Main Street for this event and re-entering the show.

Entry into the Burnout Contest is included with the Car Show registration fee that all participants must pay.

Go to stantonofd.com/burnout or call Dino at 616-302-1904 with questions.



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Registration is from 12-12:45 P.M. in the upper parking lot at the Old Courthouse (use the rear access drive off of South Court Street). The show will then take place from **1 P.M. TO 5 P.M.** on the stretch of Main Street between Millard's Furniture & Appliance and the Courthouse.

Entry fee is just \$15. Dash plaques will be given to the first

20 entries. Awards will be presented for the "Top 10" entries and "Best in Show." All classes are welcome to participate! Not interested in competing, but want to bring your bike and just enjoy the fun? "Park & Show" your bike for a \$5 donation.



American Legion Events

The public is welcome to visit the Stanton American Legion Post #452, located at **337 W. DAY STREET**, which will be open on **FRIDAY AND SATURDAY** during SOFD from **11 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.** (official closing time may vary and is to be determined).

On **FRIDAY**, a **RIB-EYE STEAK DINNER** will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. for \$17, along with Chicken Tender and Shrimp dinners for \$12 each.

On **SATURDAY**, a self-serve **TACO BAR** will be available from 2:00-5:00 P.M. Cost is 3 tacos for \$5, or \$2 each

On **SUNDAY**, an all you can eat **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be served from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. for \$10.

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Chicken Tender & Shrimp Dinners are also available for \$12, except the 4th Friday of the month.

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*American Legion festivities are independent, unsanctioned events taking place during the weekend. SOFD is a drug and alcohol-free, family-friendly festival.




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**4:00 PM
★ TO ★
5:00 PM**

LINE DANCING ★

A local group of line dancers has planned a boot scootin' good time for all to enjoy. Shuffle, shimmy, or shake on over to the stage area and get in line ready to learn some new moves and have some fun!



**5:00 PM
★ TO ★
7:00 PM**

**AMERICAN IDOL:
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Calling all singers! Join us for our all-star karaoke event. Contestants will be judged to determine who gets to take home some cash. Not competing? No problem! Open karaoke slots will be available for anyone who wants to take the stage and sing!

To learn more about this event and sign up, visit stantonofd.com.

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**7:00 PM
★ TO ★
9:00 PM**

★ VARIETY SHOW ★

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Athletics

5K RUN/WALK

The race is back in town! Join the CM Cross Country team for their 5K Run/Walk **DOWNTOWN** on **SATURDAY** morning. Registration begins at **9:00 A.M.**, with the race to follow at 10:00 A.M.

The accessible 5K route will begin and end at Lincoln & Main, taking you on a loop around town, then down the Heartland Trail and back for an exciting Main Street finish as spectators line the streets to cheer you on!

Entry fee for all participants is \$30. All runners and walkers must be able to finish the 3.1 mile course within 45 minutes. Those registered by July 31 will receive a tee shirt. Awards will be presented after the event.

For more details or to register online, visit stantonofd.com/5K.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Central Montcalm Cross Country Program.

MUD VOLLEYBALL

Round up your friends and hit the pit for our annual Mud Volleyball tournament on **SUNDAY** morning at **D. HALE BRAKE PARK**. Registration is at **9 A.M.**, with tournament starting at 10 A.M.

There is a \$90 registration fee per 6-person co-ed team with at least 2 female players and up to 2 alternate players who must rotate into play. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams.

Each tournament is run on a double elimination basis. Start time for each team will be randomly chosen and all team members are responsible to be there on time.

Pre-registration is not necessary, but is encouraged. Sign up on the SOFD website at: stantonofd.com/mud-volleyball.

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A time of fellowship is planned prior to the start of the service with coffee, donuts, and other refreshments. Please plan for the service to last about an hour.

As our festival winds down for the weekend, we always look forward to this opportunity to come together as a community for a time of worship.

If you or your church would like to be involved with or contribute to this event, please contact Pastor Randy at 989-831-5240.



Community Picnic

All are invited to enjoy a time of fellowship with friends and neighbors at the First Congregational Church of Stanton at their annual Community Picnic Lunch on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 16**.

This event is planned for **Noon** at **305 N. CAMBURN STREET**. For more information, call or visit: 989-831-5240 | fccstanton.org



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THANK YOU to **Banker's Brew/MMI, Stanton Hardware, Countryside Pharmacy, and Montcalm County Courthouse** for allowing the use of their parking lots and/or facilities.

THANK YOU to the **MCC Centurion Athletes and Local Churches** for stepping up with volunteers to help with setup and teardown, and other various events.

THANK YOU to **Betsy Klingensmith, Eric Christensen, Mike Adams, and Jane Basom** for photographing the festival, sharing your captured moments, and allowing SOFD to use those images for promotion.

THANK YOU to all of those who come out as **participants or spectators** for festival events. You make all our efforts worthwhile!

THANK YOU to all of our **festival sponsors and dedicated volunteers** for their contributions to Stanton Old Fashioned Days and their work in the Stanton community. You make this Festival a success!

THANK YOU to the **dedicated SOFD Committee members** who have worked for another full year to keep the beloved tradition of Stanton Old Fashioned Days Festival alive and well, for all to enjoy.

We Want YOU!

The SOFD Committee is a group of dedicated volunteers who are passionate about providing a festival each year in an effort to honor history and preserve traditions for future generations.

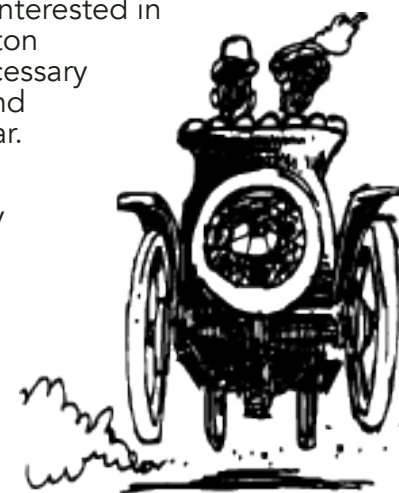
New members and volunteers who are interested in making a positive difference in the Stanton community are always welcome and necessary to help with the planning, organizing, and operation of the SOFD Festival each year.

Regular meetings are at 7 PM on the 4th Monday of every month from January through October, in the Community Room at Stanton City Hall.

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