

LaPorte Jaycees Twister

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Our Prez Says:

By Dawn Zigler

Below are some of the comments I received after the 4th of July.

Jaycees members family and friends...THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you for the flyover. IT WAS AWESOME!

Name: Jen Morris **Comments:** Just wanted to say that the flyover was amazing and the best I've seen in years! The parade was also the best we have had in years! I've lived here in LP all of my 36 years and have only missed one parade so I think I'm an expert! Haha! Great job and hope next year is just as amazing!

Name: Leann Stowers **Comments:** I had to tell you that the fly over was the best part of the parade, the pilot did a great job putting on a show for the people. I also heard other people say that it's the best one they have ever had in the Laporte parade. Thank you for having it and keep up the good work to all the people that worked on it. You have to have him fly over again next year. When he went up and disappeared, the average person has no idea what they are capable of. I can't say enough about it, it was the best part. Thanks again, a parade goer.

Name: Debbie **Comments:** The parade, fly-over and fireworks were great this year. Thank you for all of your work. One big area that could use attention next year is the emptying of all of the parking areas at the fireworks. We were not in the main lot, but a side lot that had no one

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A few words from your editor...

By Angie Moser

I want to thank all the vendors that participated in this year's Arts and Craft Show. Despite the early morning rain, it was a beautiful day. Thanks to those of you who came out to help with the set up, those who worked our booth, the professional grill masters and those who stayed for clean up.

The Parade, The Parade, THE PARADE... I cannot tell you how overwhelming the entire experience of being involved with this year's parade was. No other words can describe it, it was AWESOME! It is amazing how much behind the scenes work and time is involved with the planning of the parade, I really had no idea. I want to thank our President Dawn Zigler for her dedication and commit to not only the 4th of July events but to all of our Jaycee events. Dawn is an outstanding role model and has a wealth of experience that I admire tremendously. Dawn takes action and involvement with each and every event and helps make them all a success. I cannot even imagine the LaPorte Jaycees without Dawn. It will take several of us to step up to the plate, sponge some of her knowledge, and walk behind her the next couple of years, and we still probably couldn't fill her shoes, even as a team. Thanks Dawn, I am sure others, just as I, realize you are a vital key to the LaPorte Jaycees Chapter!! Others that should not go unrecognized are Joy Zigler, Kayde Darnell, & Beth West, again you three have the dedication and knowledge needed to get things done and I love learning and working with you all.

Kaydee where is your mega phone...THE LAPORTE JAYCEES ROCK!

Alex is turning 10 on July 30th. You and your families are invited Saturday night, August 2nd for a bonfire, fireworks, fun, food and drinks. (see attached flyer)

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directing traffic. The VIP entrances had no one directing at all. We saw a fender bender and some very heated discussions by those who were stuck in these lots trying to get out. The lot we were in was the one that the early people were routed to before the large lot was used. Thank you again for the wonderful holiday festivities!!!

Name: FJ SONNEBORN **Comments:** I am from So. Bend and love air planes. I attended your 4th of July Parade and WOW that 1st fly over was one of the best that I didn't see but sure heard. LaPorte always has the best flyovers. How do you do it? So Bend could never get a good fly over. Just wanted to give you a little praise about the parade.

Beth West found these on WNDU's web site: (The first posting was just a couple hours after the parade ended!!)

Posted by: Farmer Frank Location: Rural Marshall County on Jul 6, 2008 This is Great!!!!!!!!!!!! Good clean fun, with hometown values!!!! I'm telling you its all right there for the taking, all you have to do is focus michiana..... Congrats Laporte, hope your success continues.

Posted by: Bill Location: LaPorte on Jul 5, 2008 This Fourth of July will be remembered by many to be the best ever in LaPorte. The LaPorte Jaycees put an enormous amount of planning and work into all the activities surrounding the July 4th celebration (Parade, Flyover, Beer Barns, Fireworks, and others). The flyover this year was unbelievable and will rank as the best ever. I was fortunate to meet the pilot of the F18 at the fireworks show later that night. He was a great person and would like to come back next year to put on another fantastic show. Sean Astin was the Parade Marshall and was very personable with all who wanted a picture or autograph to remember the day. If you've never been to LaPorte for the Fourth of July I highly recommend you mark your calendar for next year and make the trip. Again, thanks to the LaPorte Jaycees who organize and carryout all the activities on the July 4th holiday and also with the other wonderful events they perform throughout the entire year in and around LaPorte County.

Posted by: Anonymous on Jul 5, 2008 The best flyover ever (well, at least since that Lehner boy flew over town). And the LaPorte band is once again strutting its state-bound talent.

Posted by: Jennie Location: LaPorte on Jul 4, 2008 at 11:41 PM Not only was the weather PERFECT, the LP parade was awesome as usual! I never would miss the flyover, I got there in the nick of time to see what I thought was going to be a few minutes, that tuned into at least 20 min. It gave me chills and goosebumps! Just when you thought it was over, the loud jet soared above us again and again!!! The best that I and LaPorte has EVER SEEN! This will bring more and more people from all over to witness the Air Force next year! Great parade, flyover, and fireworks at the LP county fairgrounds!

Posted by: Nay Nay Location: La Porte on Jul 4, 2008 Wonderful job to the Jaycee's on the parade. Thank you for all the hard work that went in to planning this year's parade. This year's flyover was the best ever. I think people will be talking about it for a while. As jenn stated it was our

personal airshow. If you have never attended the La Porte parade, you must do it next year. Thank you again Jaycee's for all your hard work and dedication.

Posted by: Joe Location: LP on Jul 4, 2008 excellent flyover, the best in years.

Posted by: jenn Location: laporte on Jul 4, 2008 LaPorte has the best parade!!! The flyover, or should I say "personal airshow" this year was absolutely amazing!!! We were definitely spoiled this year with that it was the best flyover I've ever seen...Keep it going LP...fabulous, just fabulous!!!

Cathy Homan ran into Lilly Ake today (her husband Jeff is a past member) and she was very complimentary of the parade and fireworks - really the whole day! She wanted me to pass on her thanks "for a great day". She is also a member of the Rotary and she also wanted me to relay that the Rotarians are very proud of the efforts and hard work of our chapter. They really enjoyed being in the parade. She also had a chance to be in the VIP Tent for the first time and really enjoyed it. Her kids loved meeting Sean Astin!

Some other comments that I have received include: "fabulous flyover", "terrific parade", "great fireworks", "best flyover in a long time", "perfect day", "thanks for all your hard work", "we really enjoyed the whole day", "keep up the good work". I just wanted to share these messages and congratulate everyone (current members, exhausted and alumni members, friends, family members, etc.) who had a hand in this very successful 4th.

I hope you enjoyed reading these and appreciated this positive feedback as much as I did. I hope these comments inspire all of you about this great organization that you are a part of. Please invite a guest (or TWO) to our next General Membership Meeting, August 13th at 6M at the La Porte City Police Station. See you all there!

A Note from our Treasurer

Check below for your Jaycee Membership Renewal due date. Please contact Joy Zigler at zigler426@verizon.net before your due date if you would like for her to invoice your employer.

JULY – Jessica Arnold

AUGUST – Anthony Morris, Bethani Morris, Tonya Combs Thompson

SEPTEMBER – Becky Darnell, Jeff Weston

OCTOBER - Angie McElroy

KID CARE ID

The Kid Care ID booth was held at the La Porte County Fair on Wednesday and Thursday July 23rd and 24th. We had a total of 52 kids. Thanks to all the Jaycees volunteers that gave their time to help with this event!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AUGUST 13TH

6:00 PM

LA PORTE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

SAUER'S CAR SHOW

AUGUST 2ND

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

SAUER'S LA PORTE

4th of July Treasurer

I would just like to thank EVERYONE for their hard work during all of the 4th of July activities. As treasurer, I have a few people to thank. To Melissa Barker, Sarah Bowerson, Suzi Miley, and Theresa Parson – Thanks for all your help in the booth during beer barns! To Sarah Bowerson and Beth West – Thanks for helping count all that gate money during the fireworks! It went so much faster than last year!! I know we had many expenses this year, but I think they were well worth it! I hope to have better an idea of our profit at the August 13th meeting. Do not forget to bring a prospective member!

Angie McElroy
4th of July Treasurer
Management VP

Parade Winners

Marching Units:

1st Niles Haunted House
2nd South Central Rockettes
3rd Mid American Cowgirls Rodeo Drill Team

Floats:

1st LaPorte Service League
2nd LP City Street Dept. "The American Frontier"
3rd St. Joe Club of Michigan City

High School Bands:

1st John Glen High School "Falcon Pride"
2nd New Prairie High School Cougars
3rd LaPorte High School Marching Band

4th of July GIVEAWAY

I just want to thank everyone for all of there hard work selling tickets this year. The effort of all who sold tickets helped to make it a success this year. At the beginning of next year, I will begin the process of getting our gaming license so that we can give away a car. Thanks Again!!!

Winners:

The Grill: Mark Mannering

Gift Certificate: Jim Macher

50/50: Josh & Laura Cummings (\$2,350)

Ashley

Parade Dignitaries and VIP Tent

I truly believe that we chose great dignitaries for the parade. I think we had a little bit for everyone with the Big Brother/Sister program, LaPorte Slicer Softball Team, New Prairie Spell Bowl Team and Sean Astin, of course. I am not sure if anyone had the opportunity to meet the girls from the Big Brother/Sister. They were so nice and excited about being chosen. It made me feel good to be around them. I personally wanted to thank Craig for handling all the details with Sean Astin and his family. It was really an exciting day. The VIP Tent at the fireworks was so much fun. I wasn't really 100% at the time and I wanted to thank everyone for helping out. We have 12 paid tables (up 4 from last year). Thanks to Angie Moser, Kayde Darnell and everyone who helped push the VIP tent. The food was great (Thanks Orlando!) And I think everyone had a wonderful time.

Thanks again for everyone's help, I truly appreciate it.

Tonya Combs Thompson

Birthdays & Important Dates:

July – Courtney Cerajewski, Jeff Galey, Beth West

August – Ashley Knoll, Tony Morris

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Please review the lists of upcoming events below that still need chairpersons or volunteers. If you think you may want to be involved with any of these projects please contact the chairperson listed or your president for more information.

BACK PACK DRIVE – CONTACT HEATHER MENNE OR BETHANI MORRIS

YMCA/JC HAUNTED HOUSE -

ROOF SIT – CONTACT DAWN ZIGLER

DESERVING'S CHILDREN SHOPPING TOUR -

FLYOVER:

I just wanted to relay a little message from Sean and Cathy to all of you. I received an email from him and this is a little of what he had to say: "I enjoyed my visit to La Porte very much and hope to be back there next year. Cathy and I especially enjoyed meeting you and your family, a wonderful group of people. All the best and hope to see you again next year. Sean

He had also mentioned to my dad that they both really enjoyed the fireworks and spending time in the VIP tent. He was very taken back by the attention he got from the crowd and had a great time!! Let us all keep our fingers crossed that he will make it back next year!!!!

Ashley

Backpack Drive

The backpack drive is in full force. There are drop off boxes at all 3 LP First Source Bank locations, Grand Heritage Federal Credit Union, First Trust Federal Credit Union, General Insurance Services (LP Office), Bortz Realty & Countryside Nursing Home. We will accept donations through August 12, 2008. The Heritage Federal Credit Union is organizing a 2-day event at their office by Whirlpool, August 11 and 12. Students from LPHS will be on hand to collect items from patrons that drive up. This will be advertised in the Herald Argus and on the LP radio station. Contact Heather Menne or Bethani Morris for more details.

Chances to WIN PRIZES!!!

We will be having a membership push at the August 13th meeting. Now is the time to ask your friends, neighbors, co-workers, or even strangers to join. For anyone that saw or heard about the parade/fireworks they are jazzed up! Who wouldn't want to be a part of our fun crew?? Remember, if you do not know exactly what to say, have them visit the website, www.laportejaycees.org. It has all of our information on membership. For whoever brings a guest that signs up that night....prizes!! A GRAND PRIZE FOR THE PERSON THAT BRINGS THE MOST PEOPLE THAT SIGN UP THAT NIGHT!!! Oh, I bet you can only imagine what that will be....or can you??

See you on the 13th!!!

Kaydee Darnell

Sauer's Car Show

We will have a table set up to display information about our group and show off what we do this Saturday August 2nd, 2008 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. This is a great opportunity to promote membership within the community. Feel free to invite family, friends, co-workers, and anyone you know that would be interested in joining. There will be a "prize" for the first few people that sign up to join! If you have not already signed up to help at this event please contact Sarah Poe. See you Saturday in your blue Jaycees shirt!

Sarah Poe

Hailmann Playground Fundraiser

Krogers Brat Stand – August 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, & 10 10am – 2pm

WLOI/WCOE Radio-a-Thon – August 16 9 am – Noon

All proceeds raised during these events will go towards the purchase of Phase 2 Playground Equipment.

Log onto www.laportejaycees.org for your latest updated La Porte Jaycees information

Visit these other online sites for more Jaycee information.

www.jci.cc www.usjaycees.org www.injaycees.org