

CORN DAZE IS LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY!

The Olympia Kiwanis Club of Illinois and the Village of Minier are excited to host the 2021 MINIER CORN DAZE on Sunday, August 1. We can't wait to welcome back everyone and enjoy some sweet corn! It's time to celebrate Summer!

The unofficial kickoff to the town festival begins on Saturday, July 31, at 1:00 p.m. on School Street in front of Olympia West Elementary School with a water fight, hosted by the Minier Fire Department. For information to have your volunteer fire fighters compete, please contact Assistant Chief Dustin Mugler at 309-231-2814. Just watching it is a great way to cool down on a hot Saturday afternoon. Come out and support our local heroes!

The tractor Pull will be on Sunday, August 1, starting at 11:00 AM at the Minier West Side Park. Concessions by K's Café will be available. Contact Jeff Lough for tractor pull information and entries at 309-242-6073.

There will be a couple of drawings this year: a 50-50 drawing will be called at 4:00 PM. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Kiwanis tent at the School Park. Cornie from the Normal Cornbelters will be dropping by and we will have some tickets for the August 6 Corn Bash as part of the drawing! All funds raised from the ticket sales help offset costs for Corn Daze and support other community service projects sponsored by the Olympia Kiwanis Club.

Sunday Events include:

Community Church Service at 10:30 am. Rev. Bob Sherman, of the Minier United Church of Christ will give the message. The Assembly of God is coordinating the worship service and Minier Christian Church is coordinating the goodwill offering and closing. Funds raised through the offering will benefit church food banks.

The tram will take you to the tractor pull and Cruise-in which runs from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Be sure to see this great display of antique and unique cars. Contact Don Freitag at 309-392-2020 for more information or to enter a car.

Eleven a.m. is the magic hour for enjoying sweet corn and other homemade goodies. Visit the pavilion for corn dripping in butter – all you can eat – for just a donation. Then move around the pavilion to chow down on your favorite fair foods – lemon shake ups, funnel cakes, corn fritters, hot dogs, burgers and pork chops. Carl's Ice Cream truck will also be on hand for your cold, sweet treats!

The Corn Bread Bake-Off is back this year. Drop your entry by 12:00 p.m. at the Kiwanis Information Tent near the Pavilion. Be sure to include the recipe! Feel free to "dress up" the corn bread in a display if you so choose. Blind judging will take place at 1:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the top three recipes: \$30 for 1st, \$25 for 2nd, and \$20 for 3rd. Everyone is welcome to enter.

The Softball Tournament is Saturday July 31 at Olympia West field. Contact Rusty Richards at rustyr.mcc@gmail.com to enter your team or want to join a team.

You will be able to start your Christmas shopping early as we will have over 50 vendors at our annual vendor fair on the grass, under the trees in the School Park. If you are interested in a booth, please contact Sasha Horner at the Minier Village Office at 309-392-2442.

Kids events include Inflatable Bouncy Houses sponsored by Minier Christian Church. Pedal Tractor Pull is also back. Youth must be at least 4 years old to participate. Sign up begins at 12:00 p.m. and the event begins at 1:00 p.m. Cornie, of the Normal Cornbeltters will be around part of the afternoon for pictures!

Entertainment on the stage begins at 12:00 p.m.

Volunteers are always needed to make the day happen. We are grateful to those who help throughout the year to make this happen. If you can lend a helping hand by giving an hour or two on August 1, please call Carolyn Hansen at 309-261-1705 or email her at carolynsh7480@gmail.com.

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