

BRADFORD DAYS THANK YOU

Another year of our town celebration has come and gone. So many hours were put into the planning and execution of this event. Now that it's over, those of us who were involved in hosting the event are going to be sleeping for the next week or so to recover.

There are SO many people who were instrumental in pulling this event off and we could not have done it without you all. Please know that there is no significant ordering to this list. Those who come last are just as important as those who came first. And if I have forgotten anybody, please know it is not intentional and stems only from pure exhaustion after working so many hours and taking so many steps in the last couple of days.

To my Co-Chair, Jess Webb: Thank you so much for all your help again this year. Your ideas and input, not to mention your craft skills, are so incredibly appreciated. Between driving to pick up supplies, stuffing envelopes, organizing and even creating brand new games for kids to play, I am just amazed at all you have done for this event. For being the games manager of the outside activities on Saturday while I sold tickets and managed the craft fair. For doing the heavy lifting of keeping me going when I was ready to collapse, not to mention the actual heavy lifting of stuff since I could not this year due to my pregnancy. I could literally not have done this without you. You are a rock star.

To our sponsors: I cannot say enough how much we appreciate every single person and business who donated funds to this event. Whether you donated \$1 or \$2,000 it made a difference and we absolutely could not have pulled this off in such a short time without you. Parker Lumber Company (Fireworks); Morgan's Carpentry & Handyman Services, State Farm Agent Kelly Jost, Errol Hanson, Perkins Saw Mill, Busy Bees Nursery, Cedar Swamp Rejuvenations (Pig scramble); Tim's Autobody, Ryan's Automotive & Truck LLC, Mike's Big Rig, State Farm Agent Kelly Jost, Van Syckle Kia, Varney Buick GMC, (Auto Show); Cribs To Crayons Childcare (Nerf Event); Dave's World Heating and Cooling (Bounce Houses); Hanson & Son Earth Works (Anah Temple Shriners); 95'er Diner, Bakery, and Market, Howland Carwash & Laundry (Pony Rides).

To the volunteers who worked the event: Bless you. You gave up your time to sit out in the hot sun all day long for the enjoyment of others and the kids. You could have been enjoying the event yourselves and instead, you chose to work to make it better for others. That is pure awesomeness. Tara & her family members, Kendra & Rodney Page, Louie Marks, and our very own town manager Tori. I know some of you were running 2 or more games just so there were games to offer this year. All of you are amazing and deserve more than these simple words can express. If I have missed anybody that stepped up to help during the day and I wasn't aware of it you deserve a Thank You as well.

To the Bradford Heritage Museum and Historical Society who sponsored the event Friday night and helped us to raise over \$1,000 this year. That is a 119% increase over what was raised in 2021. Thank you so much for taking much of the burden of the event off my shoulders and helping to reset the hall after to get ready for the craft fair in the morning. That alone saved me time and allowed an extra hour of sleep in the morning. Of course, we must also thank the players themselves for coming out to play. It was your increased playing this year that will allow us to invest even more heavily into next year's event.

To the Bradford Volunteer Fire Department: Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you did for me this year. Managing parade traffic, dealing with fireworks safety, getting the big canopy tents set up so that we were able to have shade for the games and food areas. I think my biggest appreciation for you this year however must be pulling the water slide out of storage and dragging it into place for us so that we could get it cleaned up the day prior to the event. That saved I can't even imagine how many hours as we would have struggled getting the straps on and towing it with the cars into place.

To all the crafters, direct sale vendors, and food trucks: Thank you for coming out to our event. The booth fees from your patronage were enough to sponsor this year's live music from The Tyler Healy Band. Thank you for giving us something to dance to Saturday night.

And last but certainly not least.... Thank you to every person who attended Bradford Days 2022! All the planning and all the hard work that goes into this event means nothing if you don't come out to enjoy it. Whether you live in town or travel from other towns to come to enjoy a day of fun we appreciate you.

Thank you,

Courtney Arrants, Co-Chair of Bradford Days Committee