



Railroad Days Chug-A-Lugs once again to St. James

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Railroad Depot.

Finally, at 4:15 p.m., the button winner will be announced at the Entertainment Building.

As a bonus, for those who just can't wait to get a piece of the Railroad Days action, T-Shirts featuring the first passenger train to enter St. James on November 22, 1870, will be sold on June 16, at VFW's steak fry, as well as during the Taste of St. James on Tuesday, June 19.

The photo taken from the St. James Historical Society and was redrawn by Lynn Rolshoven, to show up on T-Shirts.

Otherwise, they can be purchased at the concession and souvenir stands, during the 2012 Railroad Days weekend bash.

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St. James, Minn. — Railroad Days, one of St. James' biggest event, is nearly here, celebrating its 34th year of fun for the community.

On Friday, June 22, modified and stock lawn mower drag races (there are two different divisions) while, at the same time, blind golf cart races will be held at the Grand Stand. Both will be beginning at 7 p.m.

No, you need not read the above paragraph twice. You read it correctly the first go-round: blind golf cart races.

"The driver is blindfolded and his partner has to tell him where to turn," explained Jim Neid, the Director of Railroad Days. "Well, we're pretty high [up], so we don't have to worry about running into the crowd, at least; and they don't go very fast."

Admission to the Grand Stand is free if you are sporting a Railroad Days button, which are \$3. Also, on Friday night, the band Attitude will be playing for free at the Entertainment Building (or "Beer Garden," as it is playfully referred to, during this festive time).

Still to go, Friday night, is the City Championship where, for \$10, businesses compete in a bean bag throwing match. The winning business takes all.

There will also be an open championship where anyone can compete, in a separate tournament, for the same price.

All of this will take place in the Beer Garden, beginning at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, June 23, Doctors Roger Parsons and Keith Moulton will act as the Grand Marshals (keep your eyes peeled for a feature story on the dynamic duo, next issue) of the annual parade which, according to Neid, will have 100 units this year.

In addition, after a year-long absence, the trolley will be coming back for the community to take rides on, now that Gerry Buse will be back in town for the event.

New to the Railroad Days schedule will be a fun-filled event for the children.

From noon until 4 p.m., a petting zoo, sporting a miniature cow, among several other "tame" animals will be part of the festivities.

Speaking of animals, for those who like to live life in, well, the slow lane, there will be a turtle race held at First National Bank at 12:15 p.m. Guests must bring their own turtles.

Before and after the parade, ice cream will be served.

Starting at 7 p.m., the Beer Garden and food stand will open.

For the music-loving crowd, the night will feature the light rock band Side FX at the Entertainment Building, from 8:30-12:30 a.m.

On Sunday, an all-day Roundhouse Softball Tournament will be held at the Fairgrounds and Memorial Park.

At 10 a.m., a tractor and truck pull will be held at the Fairgrounds.

From 11 a.m.-2 p.m., the Firefighter's Chicken Dinner will be held at the American Legion.

At the same time, the ADA ice cream social will be held.

From 1 p.m.-5 p.m., those interested in trains may visit the Depot Museum and Model

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