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News Release

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Huge Firework Display and 60-Unit Parade Mark Height of the Festivities for County Bicentennial

The year-long bicentennial celebration for Portage County comes together for the largest event of the year Monday, June 9, on the lawn of the County Court House in Ravenna, beginning with the after-work party and DJ starting at 5:00 p.m. and ending with a huge fireworks display.

The large parade featuring floats and units from around the county will start at 6:30 pm.

Awards for floats and winning units will be presented at 8:00 pm, followed by remarks from local officials, the Portage 100 song and other musical tributes by local choirs. The colorful living timeline of Portage County will be presented by county residents.

A unique fireworks show choreographed to music and shot simultaneously from three sites including the roof of the court house will highlight and close the event at 9:15 p.m.. Route 59 in front of the Portage County Court House will be closed for the evening.

The Birthday Bash will feature a variety of food vendors, community groups, the 200th birthday cake cutting and children's games, as well as local musicians.

Everyone is invited to attend this birthday celebration. Ample free parking is available throughout the city, including Ravenna High School and county owned lots.

"We are thrilled to see three years of work finally coming together for this great event," said Bicentennial Committee Chairman Mark Cheplowitz, "this is definitely the birthday party of the year, we hope to see everyone there."

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