

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Baking Contest, 2026

**\*\*Formal Proposal submitted by Mary Inden**

Volunteers will handle all aspects of the set up for the Baking Contest except the for the placement of the picnic tables. The eight tables will need to be in the Pavillion and/or larger tent than last year. The set up will begin at 3:30PM. The “Drop off of Bakery” will begin at 5:00. The judging will begin at 6:00 with the announcement of the winners and awarding of medals to follow. The bakery will then be auctioned off, hopefully with the help, and microphone, of the DJ. The money raised during the auction has been used in the past to offset the costs of the July 4<sup>th</sup> event.

The clean-up and dismantling of the event will be done by the volunteers.

We will be using the plates, napkins and tableware recommended by Deb Baesemann, a member of the Sustainability Committee. All the tablecloths, tableware and miscellaneous equipment for serving the food to the judges are being donated. The format will echo the pattern of activity used last year. We have “Adult” and “Kid” entries of cakes, brownies, cookies, bread and pies. There are gold, silver and bronze medal winners in each category. Last year there were 32 entries, 15 kids and 17 adults entered.

**\*\*List of potential dedicated volunteers:**

Deb Baesemann	Mary Inden	Ruth Ann Higgins
Holly Kuusinen	Ron Inden	Molly Inden
Gretta Pedriana	Mia Pedriana	John Allen
Vera Pedriana	Will Pedriana	Jeanne Allen
Lily Crouse	Mia Crouse	Max Inden
Jennifer Crouse	Ben Crouse	Tom Hayes
Mae Hales	Shepard Hayes	Tiffany Hayes

There are 3 – 4 kids around the age of 12 who want to volunteer to help. We have a couple of other adults who may be available depending on family matters.

**\*\*List of requested items:**

We will need, potentially 15 each, of gold, silver and bronze medals. If not available, we will order and pay for them. If there are any ‘tally sheets’ available, we will print more as needed.

**\*\*All other supplies needed will be donated. Plates, silverware, napkins, tablecloths, serving utensils, pens, pencils, paper towels, water bottles.**

## **July 4<sup>th</sup> 2026 Bike Decorating Contest**

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10:45 Set Up at the corner of the Village Hall near the Fire Department. Co-Chair people are Holly Kuusinen and Mary Inden.

11:00 Judges arrive. Village President, Police Officer, and one Volunteer.

11:15 Start lining up contestants by age groups:

2–3 years old, 4–5 years old, 6–7 years old,  
8–10 years 12 years and over

11:30 Introduce Judges

Start judging the youngest group first. Medals are awarded as announced. Sometimes there have been a tie, and both winners get a medal.

1<sup>st</sup> place = gold

2<sup>nd</sup> place= silver

3<sup>rd</sup> place= bronze

The Village Clerk, in the past, has ordered flags from congress, that have been flown over our nation's capital in Washington DC. They were given to the first-place winners. They are folded in a nice box with a certificate of authenticity. Also, for many years there have been Fun Run t-shirts leftover, and the winners could also take home a shirt.

12:15ish Finish last age group and have all families assemble at the flagpole.

The Village President (or designee) welcomes the crowd to the Village celebration and leads the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then encourages them to enjoy the pool, food and fireworks, etc...

Need: 8 Medals each of gold, silver and bronze. Flags from Congress if possible and Fun Run t-shirts if left over.