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## Hometown Celebration

*Crowds brave the heat for annual Oatka Festival*

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This past weekend marked the 50th anniversary of the Oatka Festival in Le Roy.

Held on the Saturday closest to the anniversary of the founder of the nonprofit, Jim Wright, who died in 1975 from coming out on the parade, check out the photo gallery from the 1975 issue of The Le Roy Gazette.

The weekend's events included a parade, a pancake breakfast on Friday night. Participants were welcomed to the festival by a ribbon cutting.

The parade processed through the Le Roy Junior Senior High School playground, and participants had to navigate around the sea of inflatable bouncy Vegas Dealers.

Jim Wright's son, Jeff, said he would come the next day, as the annual Oatka Festival Golf Outing, a fundraiser, and festival performances from a number of local musicians and the Nightly St. Jean Band.

MARK SUTTMEIER/THE LE ROY NEWS
The Le Roy Outdoor Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast Parade on Main Street in the Village of Le Roy

Jim's daughter, Jill Wright, said the festival was "a time for the entire community to come together."

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