



ORANGETOWN CELEBRATES AMERICA 250 WITH PARADE AND FAIR

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There are stories that can be written to convey the event being reported on. Then there are stories that require seeing the people involved give their take on the events being reported. This is one of the latter.

The United States of America is the greatest country that God put on this Earth. We have achieved power to the point of being a called a super power. We are the only country who has achieved this level of power and used it for the good of humanity. We give billions of dollars to help other countries who are less fortunate than us. When disasters hit. American people and government send aid to help rescue, take care of the sick and wounded and eventually to rebuild when necessary.

Yes, we have to also look at the not so good things in our history. Slavery, mistreatment of the native population as we expanded across the continent and mistreatment of minorities throughout our history.

In spite of all of our failings, we have done more good in the world than bad. We helped to liberate Europe and Asia from tyranny of Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and Imperial Japan in WWII.

Our republic is the oldest one in the history of the planet. We have lasted 250 years since declaring independence from Great Britain. We have been governed under the US Constitution for 239 years under the original document. There have been amendments to it, but the original governmental structure has stayed the same.

The Orangetown festivities began with a parade which marched into the German Masonic Grounds on Western Highway in Tappan.

<https://youtu.be/JuP0DY83tXs>

Some elected officials and governmental hopefuls were in attendance. Congressman Mike Lawler, State Senator Bill Weber, Democratic Nominee for the 17th Congressional District Cait Conley and Democratic Nominee for the 38th State Senate District Joe Rand. Of course, Orangetown Supervisor Teresa Kenny was there as Grand Marshall of the parade and event.

Former State Assemblyman John McGowan emceed the event.

<https://youtu.be/4AoMPHrPp6o>

After McGowan's introduction, the National Anthem was sung, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an invocation was given. A lady read the Declaration of Independence as part of the commemoration of the day.

<https://youtu.be/OhZqQnq3jZ0>

Teresa Kenny Orangetown Supervisor was the Grand Marshall of the event

<https://youtu.be/dG0w5Nj9IaI>

There were bands there entertaining the crowd with a variety of music from the 60's through today.

<https://youtu.be/lHtbVZksDpI>

There was also a costume contest.

<https://youtu.be/oC8l42q7s7Q>

There were people there dressed in outfits that were period appropriate for the day like Mike Chang one of the winners of the costume contest.

<https://youtu.be/DZGtbjOOImI>

All in all, even with the scorching unbearable heat, people stuck it out and had a good time. Kids were running around playing tag and other games. There were ice cream trucks, a man making popcorn and food being served for nominal fees for people to enjoy. One thing I can say is that there was PLENTY of water consumed that day. Practically every person who passed by our booth had a bottle of water or a jug with water in it.

The Orangetown America 250 Committee deserves plenty of kudos for their effort and the successful parade and fair they put together.

