

■ **Thursday, July 29**

Midway Opens.....6:00 p.m.
 Fireworks.....10:00 p.m.

■ **Friday, July 30**

Chicken BBQ at the Casco Village Church.....5:00 p.m.
 The Jerks of Grass (Bluegrass Band).....5:30-6:30 p.m.
 Midway Opens.....6:00 p.m.
 Children's Parade**7:00 p.m.
 German Band Concert.....7:30 p.m.
 Grand Prize Drawing.....11:00 p.m.

**Please see our website for all Road Closures on 7/29, 7/30, and 7/31

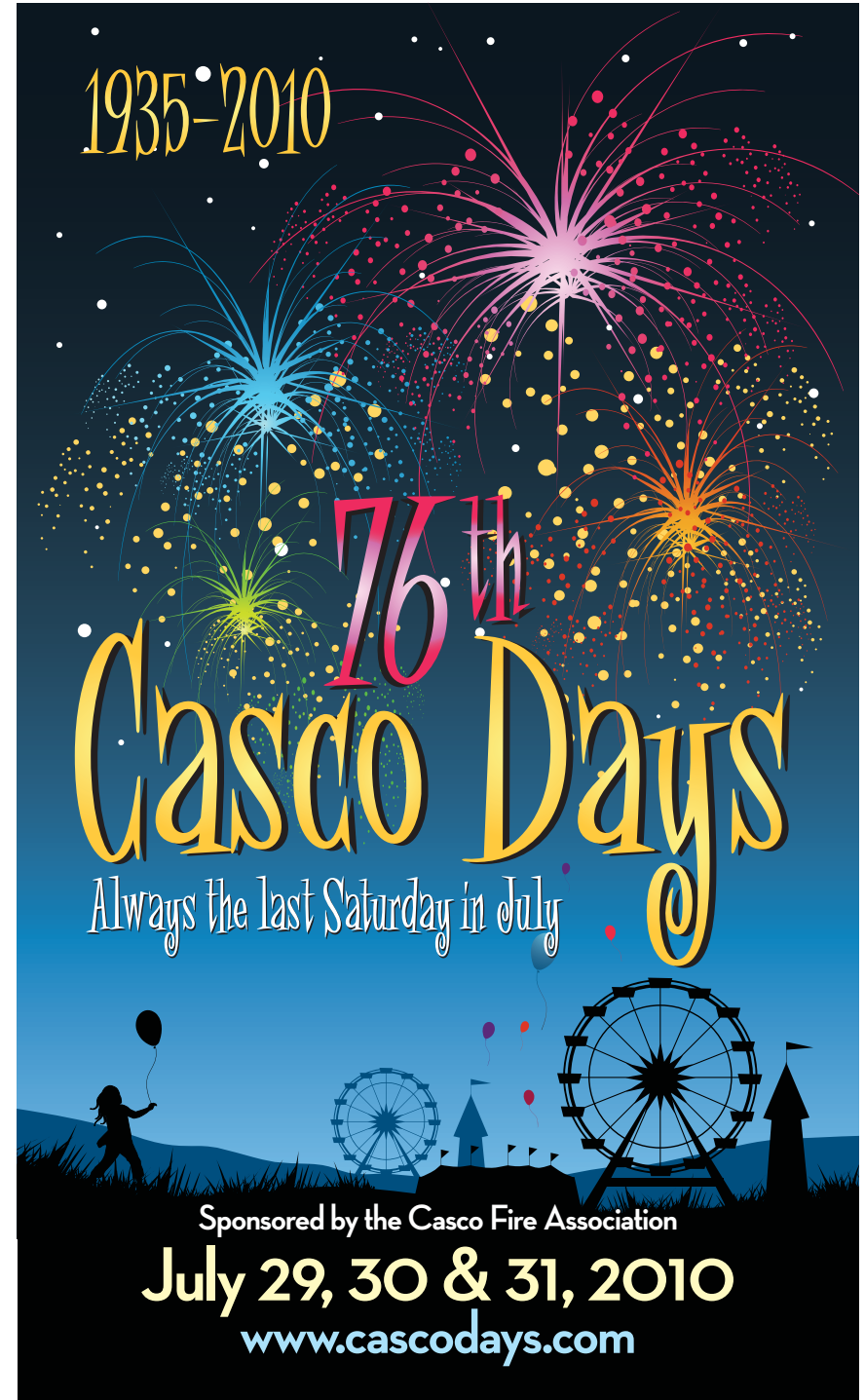
■ **Saturday, July 31**

Benefit Breakfast for Project Graduation 2011 at the Casco Village Church.....8:00-10:00 a.m.
 31st Annual Road Race**9:30 a.m.
 Midway Opens.....10:00 a.m.
 Grand Parade**1:00 p.m.
 Midway Volunteer Supper Break (midway closed)....4:00-5:00 p.m.
 Church Supper at the Casco Village Church.....5:00 p.m.
 Rick Charette & the Bubble Gum Band.....7:00 p.m.
 Grand Prize Drawings.....10:00 p.m.

Concessions ★ Beano ★ Rides ★ Games ★ Entertainment
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Casco Days - 76 Years of Tradition

It was the year of 1935 and the Casco High School Alumni Association decided to hold the first annual Casco Days. The grand total earned that first year was \$374.04. The earnings were divided between the Alumni, the Grange Hall, the Casco Village Church, the Fire Department, and the South Portland American Band for coming all the way to Casco to play.

Many changes have taken place since 1935 when there were horse pulls on Leach Hill Road, water sports on the shores of Pleasant Lake, and baseball games played between town teams. The Grange Hall served meals, plays like "The Old Peabody Pew" were performed in the church, and the penny pitch proved to be the biggest attraction on the midway. Today, the Casco Fire Association owns their Ferris Wheel and Merry-Go-Round, the Road Race challenges runners of every age and ability, and in 2009 we took in over \$100,000 despite the heavy rain falls!

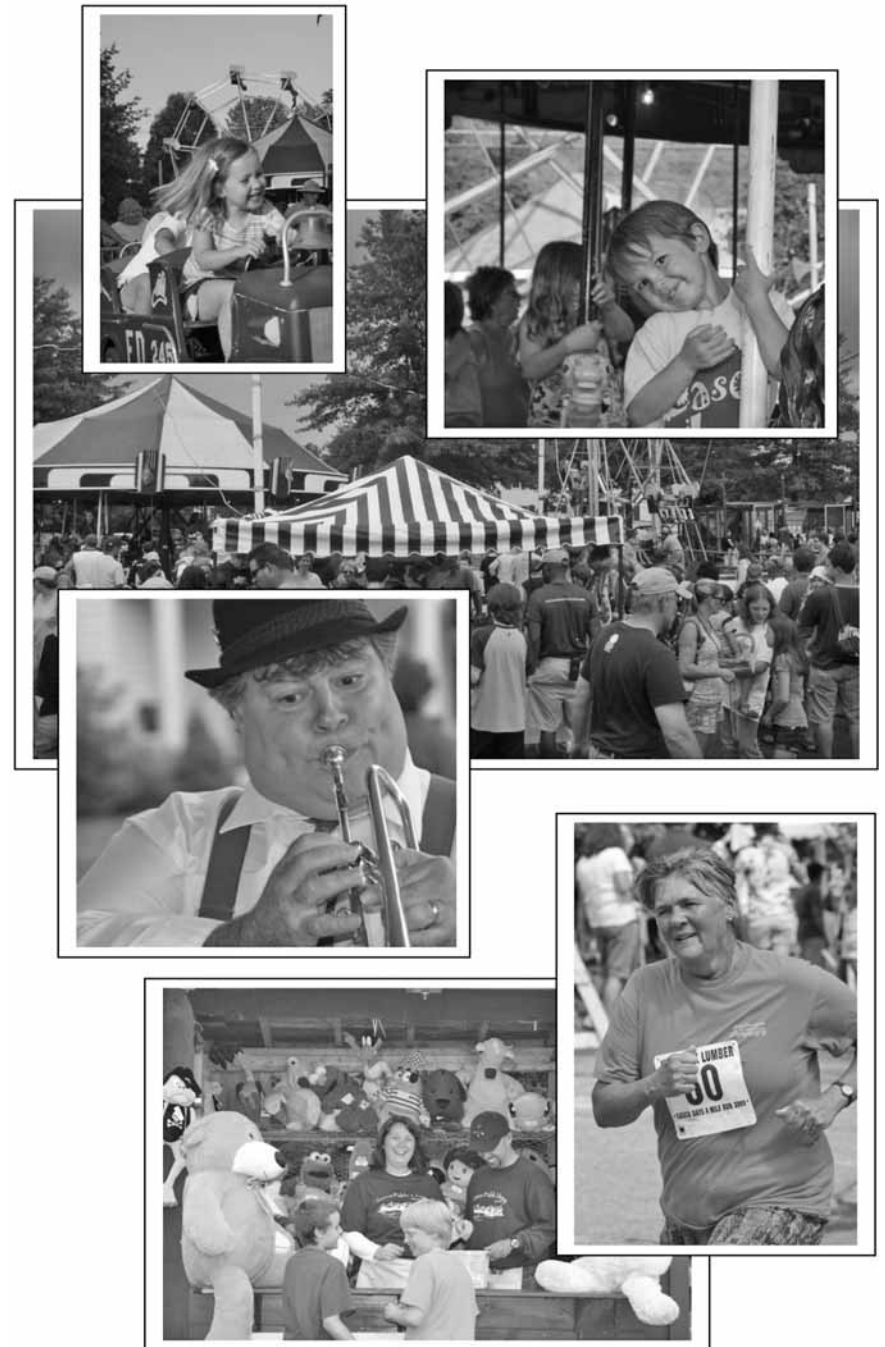
The Grand Parade draws many to the village with floats and marchers coming from surrounding towns. The food booth was first located on the church lawn. It then moved to the front of the Junior High School, which is now the Community Center, and is now situated in the Casco Days Barn where it requires the largest staff to sell and cook all of the delicious food sold at Casco Days. Where else can you buy a burger, fries and soda for \$5?

The midway has grown over the years and we now have more games than we have ever had, the best prizes, and the friendliest "carnies" around operating the games since we use all local volunteers! In celebration of our roots we still have the old "penny pitch" somewhere on the midway.

Casco Days grew with its 17th year of sponsorships, a great fireworks display, Rick Charette and his Bubble Gum Band, beano, church supper-and, we're excited to welcome back the Jerks of Grass bluegrass band for Friday night Chicken BBQ dinner entertainment!

Casco is the only area town that has successfully and continuously staged this type of Carnival. All the proceeds benefit the Casco Fire Association and the association owns all of its games and rides. And, of course, we need to thank our hundreds of volunteers who staff the event and help it flourish more and more each year!

Excerpts from the above material were taken from Melissa J. Kluge's book, The History of Casco, Maine.



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Dedication 2010

This year our program is dedicated to the hundreds of volunteers who bring Casco Days to life every year and who made it a success last year even in the rain.

Seventy-six years of Casco Days! That can only happen because people love it. Volunteers come back year after year because they love Casco, they love being a part of a great community and because they have fun.

Volunteer dedication was never more visible than last year when the rain came down so fast and so hard that Casco Day Park was transformed into a swamp.

Kids splashed in the puddles that looked like ponds, people waded through ankle deep water and mud, and the volunteers stepped up to keep things running.

Whether digging trenches and running portable pumps, spreading hay and laying plywood over the mud, drying stuffed animals in neighbor's dryers, keeping the grills and frylators going, standing in mud to keep the rides and games going, everyone pitched in and the crowds stayed and played because the volunteers made it happen. Thank you to all of our 2009 volunteers!

Past Dedications

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| 2010 | • 2009 Casco Days volunteers | 2000 | • <i>Hancock Lumber Employees</i> |
| 2009 | • <i>All past & present Casco Days volunteers!</i> | 1999 | • <i>Tom and Micki Mulkern</i> |
| 2008 | • <i>Cliff Akers</i> | 1998 | • <i>Richard Frank</i> |
| 2007 | • <i>Liz Michaud and Chris Herrick</i> | 1997 | • <i>Dave Hancock and Carmine Morelli</i> |
| 2006 | • <i>Wayne York</i> | 1996 | • <i>Rod & Priscilla Strout, and the So. Casco Fire Brigade</i> |
| 2005 | • <i>Tom & Holly Hancock</i> | 1995 | • <i>Ralph and Pat Maines, and Ora Strout</i> |
| 2004 | • <i>Karla Swanson-Murphy and Rich Merk</i> | 1994 | • <i>Gil Avery and Bill Combes</i> |
| 2003 | • <i>Skip Watkins</i> | 1993 | • <i>Babe Flanigan and Dave Hancock</i> |
| 2002 | • <i>Connie Hall and his family</i> | | |
| 2001 | • <i>Tom Harriman</i> | | |





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Photos from last year's Casco Days Celebration!

