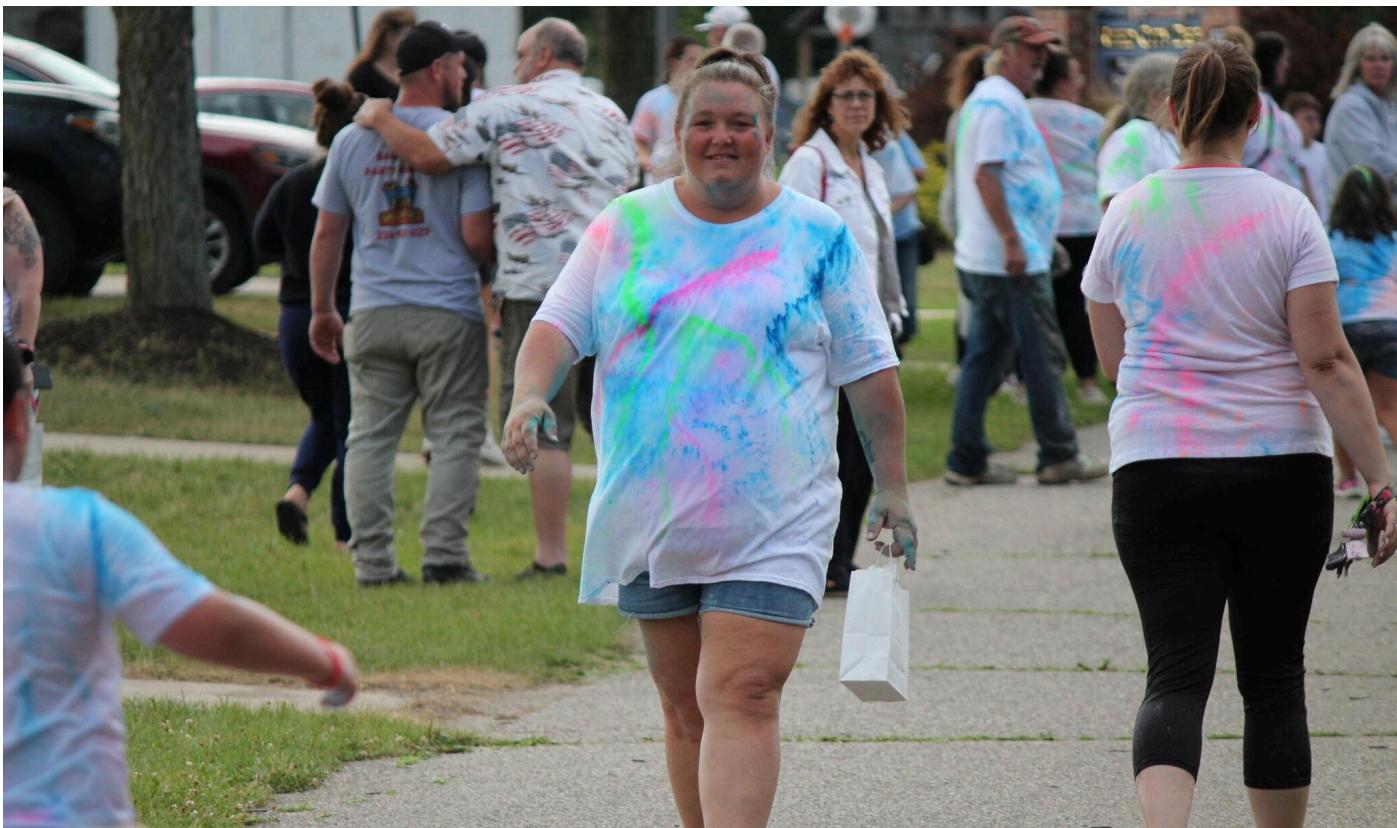


A SPLASH OF COLOR

Hundreds take part in Reed City sesquicentennial color run



Participants run through a shower of water during the sesquicentennial color run from Westerburg Park to the Depot in Reed City, Thursday. As many as 300 participated.



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REED CITY — Splashes of blue, purple, orange and pink could be seen on dozens of people between Reed City's Westerburg Park and its Depot as they participated in a color run to mark the city's sesquicentennial Thursday, July 17.

Decked out in special white shirts for the occasion, people of all ages took the stroll, got splashed with water and cover in color. A Reed City Fire Department topped off the run, dousing participants in a deluge of water from their tanker.

The run was put on by Crossroads Recreation Connection, a local nonprofit dedicated to advocating for and hosting activities throughout the year. Vice

President Stephanie Boyce said they had a sizable attendance.

“We counted originally 212, but I think we had over 300,” she said.

Treasurer Chris Mund agreed that there was a lot of people. Boyce said the color run is the first CRC has organized, but added it came together rather easily, with participants signing up online.

Boyce said that the next one they do will probably have a route longer than Thursday’s 1K.

“This was just for the community, it’s not like it was a fundraiser for us,” Boyce said.

Peyton Lupo walked with her mother, Shannon Lupo, and enjoyed the run, which was her first.

“It was very fun, I liked when I got sprayed,” she said.

While she had a mix of pinks and blues on her shirt, there was no sign of Peyton Lupo’s favorite color, orange.

There was a slight chill in the summer Thursday. Despite that, Peyton Lupo said the water wasn’t too cold.

“It was like, splash,” she said. “And there was water guns, that was cool, too.”

Shannon Lupo did not have any water on her, though there were splotches of colored powder across her shirt, including orange.

“Mama was too chicken to do it,” Peyton Lupo joked.

Shannon Lupo said it was too cold to get wet, in her opinion. Her daughter, though, was ready to participate in another run.

“That was really fun, and I really want to do it again,” Peyton Lupo said.