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# Celebrating the Fourth of July



Veterans lead the Fourth of July parade in downtown Canandaigua on July 4.

## Families in Lebanon return to bombed homes

### 400,000 people seek to rebuild homes, routines

Jana Choukeir and Khalil Ashawi  
REUTERS

TYRE, Lebanon – On a beachfront in the coastal city of Tyre, war has finally abated just enough for children to play in the waves and families to gather under parasols as life slowly returns to southern Lebanon.

But away from the shore, people coming home after months of exile are having to adapt to harsh new realities: the threat of conflict between Israel and Iran-backed Hezbollah flaring up again and the challenge of rebuilding from the destruction Israeli bombs have wreaked on their hometowns.

“People are coming back to Tyre to rebuild, to work – all the restaurants are open again,” said local resident Ali

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## Farm fights heat as cherry season hits its peak

Kayla Canne  
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle  
USA TODAY NETWORK

A late spring frost and several inches of rain already threatened this year's cherry crop. Then came the heat.

While cherries hit their peak Independence Day weekend, sweltering temperatures meant they wouldn't last long. Farmers everywhere waited and wondered: How many would brave the weather for some good ole American cherry picking before it was too late?

Kaja Harris wasn't going to miss out. It was her family's first time and they easily landed on a local favorite with deep Rochester roots: Schutt's Apple Mill, while better known for its apples and fried cakes, has three generations of cherry trees ripe for the

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## Thousands line Canandaigua's Main Street for parade

Mike Murphy  
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Mark and Jodie Flick moved to Bristol Harbor over a year ago to be closer to their grandkids in Victor.

And to share the holiday with family during a parade on the Fourth of July makes it an extra special occasion to them.

“Family is what it's all about as far as the Fourth of July,” Mark Flick said. “We're celebrating our country and our family.”

This year's parade in Canandaigua was extra special as it coincided with the country's 250th anniversary celebration. Thousands of people came out to watch, many donned in red, white and blue gear like the Flicks who wore oversized Uncle Sam hats for the occasion.

According to Downtown Canandaigua Business Improvement District Downtown Manager and Director Denise Chaapel, more than 75 community

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Mark and Jodie Flick of Bristol Harbor are ready for the Fourth of July parade in downtown Canandaigua. PHOTOS BY MIKE MURPHY/CANANDAIGUA DAILY MESSENGER

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