

Grand Marshal Chosen for Independence Day Parade

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The Mandan Progress Organization announced the USA Patriots Kids Campers as Grand Marshal for the Mandan Independence Day Parade. The decision aligns with the parade theme, titled “Celebrating America’s Past Times.”

The USA Patriots is a non-profit whose mission is to bring athletic and veteran amputees together to promote the benefits of inclusive sport and therapeutic recreational activities. Through the Kids Camp, veteran athletes serve as coaches and role models. They share the techniques, mindset, and confidence

for children to succeed in sports and life.

Executive Director of the USA Patriots Rich Cress spoke on the USA Patriots’ involvement with the parade.

“We are incredibly honored for our Kids Campers to serve as Grand Marshal of the Mandan Independence Day Parade,” Cress said. “This experience is more than just a celebration—it’s a chance for these remarkable young athletes to show the world that with determination, support, and a little grit, there are no limits to what they can achieve. We’re proud to stand alongside the Mandan community as we celebrate America’s pastimes and the

power of perseverance.”

Executive Director of the Mandan Progress Organization Matt Schanandore shared his thoughts on the decision.

“The USA Patriots Kids Campers represent everything we admire and celebrate on the Fourth of July,” said Schanandore. “Their strength, joy, and refusal to be defined by physical limitations are a living example of what makes our nation great.”

This is the 144th Mandan Independence Day Parade. The parade will take place in Mandan along the West Memorial Highway and starts at 10 a.m.

Parade

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Started in 1879, Mandan’s Fourth of July Parade brings in thirty to forty thousand visitors a year. This year’s parade will start at 10:00 a.m. on Main Street.

parade’s journey down Memorial Highway each year, some of whom sign up the moment an opportunity becomes available. While the number of floats has remained fairly stagnant throughout the years, it takes time to ensure that each one knows exactly where it will be during the event, and doing so requires frequent and clear communication with a variety of people. Other city plans can also pose problems to work around, as they have done in recent times.

“There are different obstacles every year,” said Schanandore. “This time, we’re dealing with renovations to Memorial Highway. In past years, we’ve also had to handle the reconstruction of Main Street itself, but the issues have been fairly similar over the last few decades.”

Contacting and arranging so many floats while working around city operations is daunting on its own, but these are far from the only obstacles the MPO faces when planning the Independence Day festivities, as they often have to grapple with both establishing road restrictions and aiding the nearby classic car parade as

well. Thankfully, after many years of experience, the organization and their partners are more than equipped to divide and conquer to handle most problems without any issues.

“The parade itself has a committee of about 20-25 people on duty,” said Schanandore, “including people who work the staging area, security, and office preparations like arranging the lineup. That counts both paid employees and volunteers. There also doesn’t need to be much facilitation with the other parade outside of occasional details on staging locations, because the classic car clubs typically handle that on their own. Cleanup is easy, too... we always have the Transtrash

Although juggling these responsibilities can be difficult, the results and traffic they bring into the Mandan area are more than enough to be worthwhile, especially for local businesses. While the number of people who attend has remained somewhat similar throughout the years, the MPO says this is a testament to those who come out every summer to take part in

a piece of city history.

“Audiences have always been fairly consistent during the parade,” said Schanandore, “even through its ups and downs over the years. We usually bring in thirty to forty thousand visitors, a lot of whom will go to eat or shop at the local businesses that stay open on the 4th. That brings in a lot of revenue.”

Having such a tremendous event take place in what is otherwise a smaller city, the MPO states, is an excellent way to bring in visitors while supporting locals. When combined with Art in the Park and Rodeo Days at the fairly new Dale Pahlke Arena, it serves as a grand finale to the summer event season, and one that helps reinforce the sense of community that Morton County is known for.

“The parade’s been going for so long that it’s a tradition for many people,” said Schanandore, “even those who don’t live here anymore, to come down and watch it. Those ties to Mandan are what we’re really hoping to celebrate in our summer schedule.”

This year’s parade will once again start on Memorial Highway at 10:00 a.m., and arrive at Mandan Avenue and Main Street at approximately 10:20 a.m. More information on the parade schedule, the classic car parade, and other city events can be found on visitmandan.com.

Notice of Public Organizational Meeting and Election Glen Ullin Rural Ambulance District

As required by N.D.C.C. 23-27-07, the territory described below must organize into a Rural Ambulance Service District. Therefore, notice is hereby given to all qualified electors living within the boundaries of the territory described below, Wednesday July 9th – 6 pm at Glen Ullin Fire Hall located at 206 South 2nd Street, Glen Ullin, ND 58631 an organizational meeting will be held to form the Glen Ullin Rural Ambulance District and elect a Board of Directors.

Immediately following the organizational meeting, the District Board of Director’s will hold a public meeting with the following agenda.

1. Call the Meeting to Order
2. Nomination and Election of officers
3. Current ambulance service overview to District Board
4. Discuss Next Steps
5. Set next meeting date
6. Adjourn

TERRITORY OF THE GLEN ULLIN RURAL AMBULANCE DISTRICT

Township	County	Range	Sections
Woodward	Mercer		141-88 Sections 20-29,32-36
Birtsell	Oliver		141-87 Sections 19-22,26-35
			140-88 All of 1-36
Estabrook	Morton		140-87 Sections 1-23, West ½ of 24, 25, 26 excluding SE ¼, 27-28, 29 excluding SE ¼, 30-32
			140-86 Sections 6, West ½ of 7 139-90
Nordmore	Morton		Section 36
Larrabee	Morton		139-89 Sections 1-3,10-15,22-27,31-36
Florance	Morton		139-88 All of 1-36
Sykeston	Morton		139-87 Sections 2-11,14-23,26-35
			138-90 Sections 1,12,13-14,23-26,35-36
Bilodeau	Morton		138-89 All of 1-36
Wyard	Morton		138-88 All of 1-36
Carrington	Morton		138-87 Sections 5-8,17-18, East ½ of 20, West ½ of 21, NE ¼ of 28,31-33
Rose Hill	Morton		137-90 Sections 1-2,11-14,23-26, All of 35 North of River, 36
			137-89 All of 1-36
			137-88 All of 1-36
			137-87 Sections 4-9,16 excluding SE ¼,17-21, South ½ of 22, 27-33
Haven	Grant		136-90 Sections 1-4 N of River, 10-12 N of River
Rolling Prairie	Grant		136-89 Sections 1-6, 7-11 N of River, 12, 13-14 N of River
Johnson	Grant		136-88 Sections 1-10,12,16-18
Hawksnest	Morton		136-87 N ½ of 6 All of City
Longview	Grant		
Melville	Grant		
Bordulac	Grant		
Bucephalia	Grant		
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