



OSAKIS FESTIVAL PARADE

41st Annual Osakis Grand Parade (1969-2009)

New Beginnings - Osakis

“You can make a difference”

The Osakis Chamber of Commerce is delighted to begin the fifth decade of the Osakis Festival Grand Parade on June 28, 2009, once again at 1:00 PM.

2009 will definitely be a year of firsts, of our “New Beginnings”, in Osakis and in the USA, with a new President, new Congress, new challenges, new opportunities, requiring new ideas and new direction. In Osakis, we have a new Mayor, new City Council, new Chamber of Commerce Board, and a host of new situations to be dealt with. Last year we honored the Volunteers in our community with our “Year of the Volunteer”. This year we continue to praise the efforts of local private and public sector people who have given selflessly, like the Volunteers, of their time and talent to “Make a Difference” in our town.

This year we have invited two outstanding citizens to Grand Marshal our Parade, people we take for granted, that we pass on the street, and never really consider how much of their lives they invest to make Osakis a better place to live and work.

Connie Ferris is finishing her 31st year in the Osakis Schools concentrating on Career Development and What Teens need to succeed (FACS Teacher). She has been honored with several awards for her outstanding work with the young people in Osakis, including 2005 National FCCLA Advisor (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America), 2002 Minnesota FCCLA Advisor of the Year, and a 2002 Central Minnesota Women of Excellence Award. She has chaired the Osakis Safe and Drug Free Schools since 1988. She is also involved in her local church, projects for Teens, SADD(Students against Destructive Decisions) and 4H, to name only a few.

Bruce Pederson is celebrating his 10 anniversary as President of the Osakis First National Bank. He has also served on their Board of Directors since 1993. Bruce is part of the new Osakis City Council. He currently is a member of the Osakis Lion’s Club, on the Board for the Osakis Economic Development Authority, Finance Council of the Immaculate Conception Church, and the Knights of Columbus. Bruce has previously served as President of the Osakis Lion’s Club, Alexandria Toastmasters and Chairman of the Osakis Public School Board. He has held several other offices with St. Agnes School, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and Knights of Columbus, as well as board positions on the Osakis Lake Assn., Osakis Public School Board, and Osakis Economic Development Corporation.

Let this be a year where “You Make a Difference” and join in to celebrate our “New Beginnings” in Osakis.

Please register your forms with us soon to secure your spot in this year’s Parade. It was a Grand one last year, help us make 2009 even better.

Phil Reed, Parade Chairman
Vice President – Osakis Chamber of Commerce

The Osakis Chamber of Commerce- Trying to Make a Difference

Osakis Parade Entry Form

(Please return by June 15, 2009 for best placement in parade)

Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Approximate # of People/Units in your Group: _____

Charge for Attending(if any): _____

Age Group: _____(Elementary, Jr. High, Senior High, Adult, Seniors)

Special Needs: _____

Description of Unit/Honored Members:

Questions/Completed Forms

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Please note:

- The Osakis Chamber of Commerce sponsors this Parade. We do not charge to be a part of the festivities. We do rely solely on contributions to make the Parade possible and any contributions are used only for this Parade and not general Chamber purposes.
- “You can Make a Difference” this year by decorating your entry, car, wagon, tractor and even building a float. We are trying to make this parade a real attraction for our city.
- “You can Make a Difference” by making sure any candy handed out by you makes it to the road side and not into the parade path. This slows the parade and could endanger anyone wishing to retrieve candy, namely children.
- “You can Make a Difference” by making a donation to the Parade.