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“150 Years on Parade”

From covered wagons to GPS controlled tractors, Norfolk has seen a lot of changes in the last 150 years. To celebrate Norfolk’s 150 years of progress, this year’s Norfolk Odd Fellows Lodge’s annual Fourth of July parade will include a walking timeline of the main events that have happened in Norfolk the last century and a half.

“We will start our part of the parade with members of the Ponca Tribe, a covered wagon, an antique fire hose reel and other items. We’ll then show important aspects of the decades of Norfolk’s history using items like old signs



150 Years on Parade committee members recently met to discuss parts of this year’s 4th of July Parade timeline. Pictured from left: Candace Bossard, Deb Johnson, Diane Becker, Twyla Hurlburt, Bethene Hoff, and John Reding.

that people might have from a business or antique vehicles until we get to life today,” said John Reding, City of Norfolk Fire Captain and member of the committee organizing the 150 Years on Parade.

Businesses or organizations who’ve been in Norfolk for many years, those with military uniforms from periods of history since 1866 or those who may have a large sign or vehicle that represents an aspect of Norfolk’s history are invited to call committee member Diane Becker at 402-844-2034 about inclusion in the parade timeline.

Reding has contacted groups and individuals in the area about

vehicles and farm equipment that could be in the parade. Some of the re-enactors who are working with the Norfolk Community Theater will also be a part of the walking timeline. Becker said the 150 Years on Parade committee is looking for artifacts like large signs from bygone days, or other items that would remind parade goers of the founding of an organization or business in Norfolk.

“If someone has a Crimson Cadet uniform from the 70’s or an old baseball uniform from the earliest years of Norfolk for the parade, that would be great. We’re looking for items like that which give a great visual depiction of the last 150 years,” said Becker.

The parade committee plans to have the participants in their section of the parade decided by June 1. Call 402-844-2034 or email dbecker@ci.norfolk.ne.us for more information.