

Veterans were honored in many ways at the annual Sully Fourth of July Celebration. Following the dedication of the Jasper County Freedom Rock completed in the southeast corner of the town square on June 26, many veterans rode in the parade as the grand marshals. Patriotic songs were sung during the dedication and flag raising and the parade was stopped by parade announcer Jeff Vander Molen who asked the crowd to walk into the streets, located the nearest US flag, and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Perfect weather was enjoyed by hundreds of people in Sully from the early morning fun run with a record of over 400 participants to the late night fireworks display. Other activities were the fly in at the airport, Faithwalkers breakfast, free rolls by the businesses, Inspirations carnival, Sully First Reformed Church Legacy addition open house, old hardware open house by Craig Maasdam and family who are restoring it, Sully Speed Co. open house by Jonny Rankin and Derrick Zimmerman, Van Kooten barrel rides free for kids, Sully Lions Club lunch, water fights for kids and firefighters, ball tournament, tractor pull, video of the Jasper County Freedom Rock painting, music, and community worship on Sunday evening. Saturday was a rainy day so the tractor ride was cancelled.

### **Accompanying photos below are:**

1. Jasper County Freedom Rock dedication with flag raisings and community chorus singing The National Anthem and patriotic songs.
2. Following the Freedom Rock dedication, all veterans were invited to be grand marshals of the parade.
3. Grand Overall winner in the parade was the Clint Vos family, "Jesus-Like a Rock" pulled by a 1981 Z28 Camaro.
4. First place bike, Sullivan Vande Voort in memory of his grandpa, Larry Vande Voort.
5. First place car, Marvin and Judy Klein of Pella, 1964 Chevy Impala, their first car.
6. First place horse entry, Terry, Paula, Cheyenne, and Christine Nikkel in honor of their son and brother, Levi, who is serving in Afghanistan.
7. First place large float, Sully First Reformed Church.
8. First place tractor, Nate Woolridge of Peoria, 1965 Oliver 1550 with mounted New Idea 316 cornpicker and Heider wagan.
9. Second place large float, First State Bank.
10. Second place bike/trike entry, Hattie Johnson, Lannon Nelson, and Katie Dunn.
11. Second place car, Jeff Scholten with his late dad Willie's 1970 Chevelle.
12. Second place horses, Lynnville Saddle Club.
13. Third place bikes/trikes, Jakeira Hay.
14. Third place car, Marvin Van Gorp of Montezuma, 1930 Model A Ford sedan.
15. Third place horses, Dick and Marlene Smith of Searsboro, homemade wagon in its second appearance pulled by miniature horses Ernie and Rose.
16. Third place small float, Sully Christian School.

17. Third place tractor, Doug Veenstra of Pella, John Deere 630 and John Deere Patio 112 ridden by Wilbur J. Veenstra's grandkids.

18. Second place tractor, Marty Vander Molen of Sully, 1941 Ford 9N with sno-trac add-on.

19. First place small float, Ben and Jack Vos of Pella, grandsons of Eldon and Brenda Nikkel of Sully.

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