

New Florence Sesquicentennial Event and Parade

Grand Parade Marshals

August 17th, 2019

It is an honor and pleasure for the New Florence Sesquicentennial Committee to announce the Grand Marshal's for the 2019 Sesquicentennial Parade. The parents of two New Florence area children were asked if the children could be Grand Marshal of the parade. Both families graciously accepted the honor and will be the Highlight of the Sesquicentennial Parade. Their biographies and pictures are below.



Grace was born on May 24th, 2018. Shortly after birth, she was diagnosed with a rare condition called Spinal Muscular Atrophy, which results in severe muscle weakness. The miracle of modern medicine has brought a treatment for this condition, which she is receiving. While she is still quite weak, and has a long and tough road ahead, she is now gaining strength, slowly but surely. Her parents are David and Lauren Morus of New Florence. She is their first child. Grace likes music, peek-a-boo, playing in her floor gym, and Dr. Seuss stories. Grace's favorite color is green. Her favorite toy is a toy that makes piano, guitar and drum noises when she touches it. For more on Spinal Muscular Atrophy visit the <https://www.curesma.org/about-sma/>. Donations are welcome, We have a GoFundMe set up. <https://www.gofundme.com/gracemorus>

Zayva was born on April 28, 2018 with a rare and terminal form of Muscular Dystrophy. Her parents are Cassie and Tim McCachren. She has 3 siblings, Zachary 14, Zoe 12, Zane, who passed away when he was 3 1/2 years old from the same disease. They are residents of New Florence. Zayva likes unicorns and her musical seahorse. She loves to cuddle and that makes her smile. Zayva loves all the Colors of the Rainbow. Her favorite toy is her musical seahorse. For more information on Multiple Sclerosis visit the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America at <https://mymsaa.org/>. Zayva's Mother Cassie came to the Sesquicentennial Committee Meeting as a Representative for a Sesquicentennial Sponsor and to help secure a major source of funding for the event.



There will a donation container located at the New Florence Area Historical Society Tent for both Grace and Zayva. The amount will split equally between the two parents and their child. Please donate since the treatments can be costly along with other needs.