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PARADE MARSHAL & HONOR GUARD ANNOUNCED

Michigan City, IN -- Michigan City Mayor Chuck Oberlie made the following announcements with respect to the Summer Festival Parade scheduled for Saturday, July 7th.

The parade Grand Marshal will be Barker Middle School student Erik Troske, the dual State Champion who earned the 1st Place Award in the 2007 Indiana Geographic Bee and the 1st Place Award in the 2007 Indiana Spelling Bee. Erik went on to represent Indiana and compete in the national level competition in both the National Geographic Bee and the National Spelling Bee. He was the only contestant this year to qualify for the national level competitions in both the Geographic and Spelling Bees. Erik is the son of Paul and Judy Troske.

The parade Honor Guard at the Reviewing Stand will be Brian K. Gonzalez, Army Specialist, a member of the U.S. Army's 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas. He is the son of Edward Gonzalez and Ruth Ann Hubertz.

Mayor Oberlie said, "We are pleased to honor Erik Troske and highlight his academic accomplishments. We applaud his dedication to learning that has earned him the highest levels of recognition on a national basis. And we are grateful that one of our active duty servicemen and Michigan City native Brian Gonzalez is home on leave to attend the parade as our Honor Guard."

