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On Jul 1, 2018, at 9:19 AM, Michele Dodge <michelesdodge@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hundreds turn out for Worthington's 250th Anniversary parade

WORTHINGTON — Nearly 500 people lined Huntington Road on Saturday morning as they listened to the national anthem, sung by resident Gina Hickling, and waited next to Town Hall in anticipation of the parade that would begin celebrations for the town's 250th anniversary.

The Bowls family of Worthington got the parade rolling with a large banner dedicated to the anniversary of the town's founding, closely followed by a red, open convertible Volkswagen Cabrio driven by Grand Marshall State Rep. Steve Kulik, D-Worthington, along with his wife Sue and veteran Jim Dodge.

Other parade members included the Worthington Historical Society float, Worthington's veteran's float, the Expandable Brass Band, Berkshire Vietnam veterans, Friends of the Worthington Library, a 1949 Ford 8-N driven by John Colby, a 1941 Case Tractor driven by Jim Lagoy, a 1967 Chevy Camaro driven by Ginger Donovan and Betty Parish as well as Matt

Whitcomb, the Worthington native who won gold coaching the U.S. Olympic womens' cross-country ski team earlier this year, among others. Evan Johnson, chair of the Worthington 250 Committee and the parade's master of ceremonies, announced each of the participants as they passed by and said he was "thrilled" about the turnout from residents and people from neighboring communities.

The parade kicked off the town's festivities spanning five days from June 29 into July 3 in honor of Worthington's founding as a town in 1768. A potluck dinner on Friday under a large tent pitched next to Town Hall served as the first event, which drew nearly 300 people, according to Johnson.

"There is always a strong sense of community living in this town," Johnson said. "Something about this town seems to bring all sorts of people together and there is a good feeling. It's exciting to watch it all come together."

U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, D-Springfield, and state Sen. Adam Hinds, D-Pittsfield, joined the parade, waving to their Worthington constituents and smiling on a clear, sunny morning. Over the course of an hour and a half, more than 107 entrees of floats, fire trucks, vintage cars, tractors, veterans and policemen made their way from the town's airstrip on the corner of Radiker Road and Route 112 all the way up to Starkweather Road.

"The parade is amazing in terms of the work the committee did to put it together with this many entrees and it so epitomizes the Hilltowns and Worthington to have a lot of tractors and farmers represented, fire