



The Face of Fillmore

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The Fourth of July is behind us. Most patriotic decorations have been stored away until next year, but Main Street in Fillmore is still lined with American flags reminding us all of our great American heritage. Great pictures of this favorite holiday covered a page in last week's *Chronicle*, but the memories of a fun-filled Fourth will be with us for quite a while.

Thanks to the large group of people who donated their time to make this celebration a success.

The fun began on July 3 with a great Children's Parade. Hundreds of youngsters with decorated bikes, tricycles, wagons and whatever enjoyed parading around the block with treats for all at the end. A color guard of young scouts lead the parade, which took away the idea some had that it was a race.

July 4 saw hundreds of on-lookers at a colorful parade with Arlene and Randy Bartholomew leading the way as Grand Marshalls. Games and food in the park were the backdrop for family and friend reunions throughout the day. One newcomer to Fillmore asked where all of the thousands of people came from and certainly the Fillmore family tradition of the Fourth is the reason for it all.

Later in the evening, the grand finale. A special thank you to Darren Brunson and the Fillmore Fire Department for the impressive fireworks display. Hundreds of spectators were there early to get a ring side seat, filling the ball fields and grandstand at the fairgrounds. Crowds were parked in the fields and along the streets to witness the always-well done fireworks display. People visited and enjoyed refreshments while they waited for dusk. Children played with glow sticks and lighted Frisbees. The excitement could be heard for blocks away. Then an amazing thing happened – one that impressed me. The announcer came over the sound system and asked everyone to stand for the National Anthem. An amazing hush came over the audience. No one talked. In completed silence, we enjoyed the acapella strains of ShaRee Larsen singing the *Star Spangled Banner*. The patriotism of a great community became very apparent at that moment – a perfect end to a great holiday.

To view a great military appreciation video of Nathan Osmond, Stars and Stripes, With the Rob and Krista Iverson family and Tracy Whatcott go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFje_OejV6A.