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THE GREELEY STAMPEDE ANNOUNCES EVENT/PARADE DIGNITARIES

The Greeley Independence Stampede announced a Grand Marshal and a Honorary Marshal for the 2002 celebration at the annual Service Club Luncheon, held at the Greeley Recreation Center Thursday. Greeley native Dick Monfort was named Grand Marshal for the 80th annual Greeley Stampede, and FDNY Lieutenant Richard Saracelli was named Honorary Marshal for the July 4th parade.

2002 Grand Marshal Richard L. Monfort

There is no way to measure the impact Dick has had on not only the community of Greeley and the state of Colorado, but world. As a prominent business leader and community advocate in Greeley, Colorado and worldwide, Dick has made a lasting impression in whatever he has been involved. Fortunately for Greeley and Colorado, Dick is made a difference in making our community a better place to live.

Dick was born in Greeley in 1954 to Ken and Patty Monfort. (Father Ken Monfort was the Grand Marshal of the Greeley Stampede Parade in 1978.) Upon graduating from the University of Northern Colorado in 1976, he went to work for the family business, Monfort of Colorado, Inc. After filling numerous corporate duties at Monfort, including President of Monfort of Colorado, Dick became Group Vice President & CEO of ConAgra Red Meats in 1991. After 15 years in the cattle business, he decided to retire to pursue other interests.

Currently, Monfort is the Vice-Chairman of the Colorado Rockies Baseball Club, owns the Hyatt Grand Champions Hotel in Palm Springs, California, the Hilltop Steak House in Boston as well as various interests in commercial real estate ventures in Denver and Greeley. He also launched the Montera Cattle Company in 1996,

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and one year later opened the first Brett Favre Steak House in Milwaukee. Monfort has since opened another Favre restaurant in Green Bay. We are fortunate to have one of his steak restaurants in our community, Kenny's Steak House.

Dick has served on or is currently serving as Chairman of the United Way of Weld County, Chairman of the University of Northern Colorado Board of Trustees, Colorado Economic Development Board, Board of Directors of Denver's University Hospital as well as other various area boards.

Dick still lives in Greeley with wife Christine and their three children, Lindsey, Walker and Sterling.

2002 Honorary Parade Marshal FDNY Lieutenant Rick Saracelli

Lieutenant Richard Saracelli will be honored during the 4th of July parade at this year's 80th Annual Celebration.

Saracelli has been with various FDNY ladder companies since 1969. He started his career on his 21st birthday in East Harlem where he spent six years then move to West Harlem for another 13 years. At that point Saracelli was promoted to lieutenant and has been with the South Bronx Ladder 49 for the past 14 years.

Saracelli traveled to Greeley to attend the Service Club Luncheon Thursday, and will return for the Stampede with his wife Gail, for the parade and event festivities. Mrs. Saracelli is an RN in Cross River, NY, but is a native of Colorado and both are looking forward to the trip.

"With a theme like 'Proud to be an American' we can't think of a better Honorary Parade Marshal than Lt. Saracelli," said parade chairman Jim Fallis. The New York Fire Department has commissioned the lieutenant as an official representative meeting the demands of the country's desire to show respects and hear first hand events of the World Trade Center tragedy.

The Greeley Stampede Independence Day Parade is scheduled to be televised live by KUSA channel 9, the Denver NBC affiliate, at 9 a.m. on the 4th. The fantastic parade will only be the start of a fabulous day of activities. An afternoon Stampede Finals Rodeo, which will be aired on ESPN2, will determine the Stampede Champions of the year and an evening concert with Martina McBride followed by a spectacular fireworks show will be sure to entertain thousands. Tickets to all Stampede events are currently on sale at the Stampede Box Office located at 600 N. 14th Ave., Greeley, by calling 800-982-BULL, by visiting the website at www.greeleystampede.org or through an TicketMaster outlet.