



Hertz to serve as marshal of Labor Day Parade

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ALTON - Madison County Sheriff Robert Hertz will be grand marshal of Saturday's annual pre-Labor Day Parade in Upper Alton.

"We chose Sheriff Hertz because of his history and dedication toward labor," said Rick Wieckhorst of Wood River, a parade organizer.

Hertz, 60, said he appreciates being chosen to lead this year's labor parade.

"I have a lot of respect for the hardworking men and women in this community," he said.

Hertz has been sheriff for eight years and employed by the Sheriff's Department for 38 years.

The parade, one of the state's oldest commemorations of Labor Day, is sponsored by the Alton-Wood River Chapter of the Greater Madison County Federation of Labor. It will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Alton Middle School's "Pit" parking lot, 2200 College Ave.

The entourage of union marchers, politicians, trucks, antique and tradesmen's vehicles then will head east up the College Avenue hill. The parade will wind through Upper Alton, going south on Washington Avenue to Edwards Street, where it will turn east, then north on Main Street.

The parade then turns west on Amelia Street, south on Washington Avenue, then west on College Avenue to return to the middle school.

Immediately after the parade, hundreds of union members, their families and supporters will converge on Gordon F. Moore Community Park for its annual picnic and James Stanley Memorial Charity Softball Tournament.

The winning team gets to pick the charity of its choice to which proceeds of the game will be donated.

The Wood River chapter of the Federation traditionally holds its parade the Saturday before Labor Day weekend. Members then participate in the larger, Tri-City Chapter of the Federation of Labor parade on Labor Day proper in Granite City.

Mike Fultz, chairman of the Granite City parade, said Madison County Treasurer Frank Miles and Recorder Kyle Anderson will be co-grand marshals for that 30th annual event.

Parade participants will step off at 10 a.m. Sept. 6 at 20th and State streets, and proceed about seven blocks northeast to Wilson Park. There will be live entertainment, a petting zoo for children, and free hot dogs and beverage for people in the parade.

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IF YOU GO

WHAT: Annual pre-Labor Day Parade

WHERE: Upper Alton; parade begins at Alton Middle School "Pit" parking lot, 2200 College Ave.

WHEN: 10 a.m. Saturday

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