

# West End 4th of July Celebration



Staff photos/Rhonda Silence  
**Left:** At the May meeting of the Tofte Town Board, supervisors agreed that John Nelson should be the 2009 Tofte Citizen of the Year. Nelson was recognized for his service as a town supervisor and for all his volunteer work in the community. **Right:** Olivia Youngdahl of Minneapolis was the "impartial" audience member who drew the winning ticket in the Birch Grove Community School "Winter in July" raffle. Diane Blanchette announced the winner who was not present.



Staff photo/Rhonda Silence  
 There was something for everyone at the 4th of July celebration in Tofte on Saturday. Little India Elverhoy of Minneapolis was a big fan of Bump and Friends.



Photo by Gary Meinz, www.garymeinz.com  
 American Legion Post 413 led the 4th of July parade, first in Tofte, then in Grand Marais. (L-R) Orvis Lunke, Bob Mattson, Jim Anderson, Post Commander Don Wilson.



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**Left:** What's a 4th of July parade without Stars & Stripes—and candy? These cute young ladies have it all! **Middle:** Some Canadian classic car owners decorated with a very unique US-Canada flag. **Right:** "Mrs. Uncle Sam" took part in the Tofte parade with a contingent of baton twirlers.



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 The Climbing Wall in Tofte was a big hit! Genevieve Silence and Raylee Merritt look for foot and handholds to get them to the top.

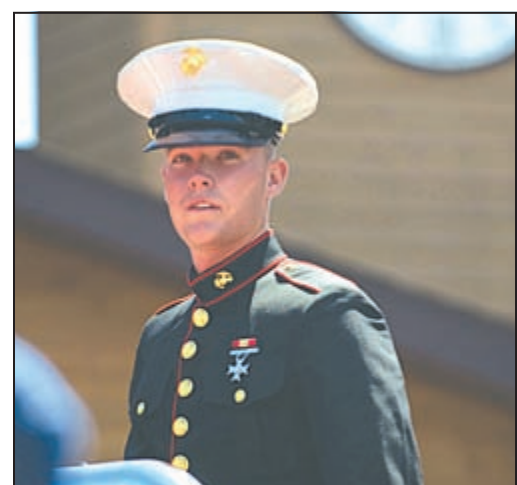


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 The appreciative crowd cheered and said thanks to Marine Shawn Revier as he rode in the parade. He was home on leave from North Carolina.

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