

Parade Grand Marshal Tammy Grommesh



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Tammy Grommesh was recently asked to be the 2023 Potato Days Grand Marshall. Grommesh is no stranger to Barnesville having been a resident and a business executive locally for many years. She is married to Will Grommesh who shares ownership in the family cattle business in Barnesville.

Grommesh spent her childhood years with her parents and siblings near Fullerton, ND. Her folks raised small grains and had a dairy operation. She

attributes her long career with Farmers Co-op to spending her childhood with her dad hauling grain, going to the elevator, riding along to get equipment repaired, milking cows while learning a good work ethic and perseverance. She said, "Growing up and working side by side on the farm is the best way to learn life lessons. But, I never want to milk cows again!"

Her maternal grandfather was the general manager for many years in an elevator in Edgely, ND. Grommesh recalls fond memories of them going to see him at work which always concluded with ice cold bottles of pop from the old machine in the corner. She watched her parents and grandparents work hard and it impressed her.

With a degree in accounting from Minnesota State Community and Technical College Moorhead, Grommesh was hired as a bookkeeper by Cenex 35 years ago. She is proud that the local Cenex is an independent store. "We fly the corporate flag but we are not affiliated with corporate, we are a local co-op. All we do is sell Cenex products and follow their rules for our fuel. We can do our own thing as far as how our building looks, as to our colors, etc."

Cenex recently approved plans for expansion and remodel on the Front Street location in Barnesville pending city approval of permits.

The Grommeshes like to spend time together with their children and families. They also take road trips to sales barns and or machinery lots, and spend time at the lake.

Grommesh will lead the Potato Days Parade as Grand Marshall at 1:30 p.m. August 26.

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1998	Laurance Kava
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2002	Brian & Joanne Halverson
2003	Wes, Etta & K.W. Christensen
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2021	Mark Klein
2022	Susie Thompson
2023	Tammy Grommesh



It's 20 years since this group of distinguished contestants graced the main stage downtown on Friday night in 2003. That's retiring Barnesville Mr. Potato Head Sherwood Peterson on the right trying to maintain law and order and relinquish his crown to anyone who would take it. He was having little luck dealing with this table of unruly contestants.