

Independence Day celebration

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photo by Graham Lewis Ashland High School Ambassadors to Guanajuato Aubrey Reynolds, left, and Taiga Sherman.



Photo by Jay Ach. Loreta Rangel Villaseñor on the Amigo Club float.



Photo by Jay Ach. Señora Chela, Ashland Sister City founder, waves at parade crowd.



Photo by Jay Ach. Women in folkloric dresses precede the Amigo Club float.



Photo by Graham Lewsi. Marina I, Queen of Guanajuato.

Sister City 50th anniversary celebrations that began when nearly 60 amigos from Guanajuato, Mexico, visited Ashland in April and 85 Ashlanders traveled to Guanajuato in May, resumed on Independence Day in Ashland.

The Ashland Chamber of Commerce dedicated its annual old-fashioned Fourth of July to “celebrating 50 years of friendship” between the two cities.

The Chamber chose Graciela Magdalena Garcia de Tapp-Kocks, better known in both cities simply as Señora Chela, to share parade grand marshal honors with

Mexican Congressman Juan Carlos Romero Hicks of Guanajuato. Romero Hicks missed the parade because of schedule conflicts.

Guanajuato's summer festival queen, Andrea Marina Maldonado, and her sister, Claudia, represented Guanajuato in the parade and other gatherings.