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St. Joseph Seeks 90-Year-Old to Lead Parade

(AP) - Ôrganizers of St. Joseph's annual Apple Blossom Parade are looking for a 90-year-old area resident to serve as this year's parade grand marshal.

The St. Joseph News-Press reports the successful applicant will be chosen from a drawing by the Apple Blossom committee, with the grand marshal to be announced at the event's pageant April 5.

The parade began 90 years ago on April 24th, 1924, when a new Ford cost \$265, traveling round trip by railroad from St. Joseph to Los Angeles was \$72, and the city's new, \$1 million Methodist Hospital was getting ready to open as one of the most modern facilities in the country.

This year's parade will be May 3rd, with a March 21 deadline for submissions to be considered for grand marshal.

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