ANDREWS, NC ELECTRIC CHRISTMAS PARADE ANNOUNCES GRAND MARSHALS

Andrews, NC—October 23, 2019. The Andrews Chamber of Commerce announces that Pam & Giles Ennis has been selected as the Grand Marshals for the 2019 Magic on Main Electric Christmas Parade presented by the Cherokee Scout. It will take place at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, on Main Street in downtown Andrews.

Lifelong Cherokee residents, Pam & Giles has been the face behind Ennis Hardware in Andrews for 42 years. Started by Giles parents in 1961, Ennis Hardware and the Ennis family have been a staple of the community.

"We are very honored to be asked to be marshals of this year's Christmas Parade.", stated the Ennis'. "We would like to thank the people of Andrews and surrounding communities for their friendship and support throughout our career here."

As many people know Giles Ennis has just retired. What many people don't know is that Mr. Ennis has been in the hardware business most of his life. He worked as a kid in his parent's hardware store on Main Street in Andrews. He went off to college and came back to Andrews. As the years passed, he continued to grow the family business, relocated to a bigger facility and expanded the business to included hardware, appliances, building materials, and a greenhouse with flowers and vegetables. His businesses also included a mini storage facility and 2 car washes. Giles and his wife, Pam, also retired recently from her business as a Certified Public Accountant, have worked many years in their careers and their church, St. Andrews Lutheran Church, in Andrews. They have exemplified a very honest and genuine reputation in the community.

What most people didn't know about Giles Cover Ennis is that he came from a family that has been in business in Andrews even before being incorporated as a town. His great-grandfather, grandfather and uncles came to Andrews in the mid 1890's and started the Cover Tannery. They were in business for more than 50 years tanning leather for things like shoes for the military during both World Wars.

The Andrews Chamber of Commerce, producers of Magic on Main Electric Christmas Parade, is very excited to honor Pam & Giles in this way.

Board President Gayle Horton, said, "We are so thankful for the Cover and Ennis family's commitment to our community for all these years and wish Giles and Pam a well-deserved retirement and time with their families. We are so proud to honor them as the Grand Marshals of the Magic on Main Christmas Parade."

Children attending the parade can stop by Cups and Cones Café, located at 915 Main St. to pick up a bag for collecting candy as well as well as warm up with a hot chocolate. Bags will be available to the first 400 children starting one hour before the parade. The Andrews Cultural Arts Center will be selling glow sticks along the parade route.

Entries and sponsorships are being accepted for the parade online at <u>www.magiconmainparade.com</u> or can be picked up at the Andrews Chamber office, Town Hall, Andrews Public Library, or other Andrews downtown merchants. Questions about the parade can be emailed to Julie Farris at <u>info@jmfevents.com</u> or by calling 828.471.6311.

Magic on Main Electric Christmas Parade presented by the Cherokee Scout is made possible through a collaboration between the Andrews Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Andrews, Cherokee County Tourism Development Authority and is managed by JMF Events.

The Andrews Chamber of Commerce supports and advocates for projects that will enhance the community and create an environment as a destination for cultural, educational, recreational, and economic opportunities that are accessible to all. For more information about the Andrews Chamber of Commerce, visit https://www.visitandrewsnc.com/.

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