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Dressed in their parade finery are Lucile Aldrich, 'honorary mayor of Aptos,' left, and Anne Isaacs.

'World's Shortest Parade' highlights Aptos Fourth

The "World's Shortest Parade" will take its 26th stroll through Aptos on Saturday.

A traditional part of the town's Fourth of July celebration, the Aptos parade was started by a group of

lives in Aptos is eligible to be a member," Hibble said.

Besides Aldrich, the parade will feature marching bands and a variety of costumes, for which prizes will be awarded. About 300 to 400 people usually participate, Hibble said.

"But it doesn't last very long because it's only one block," said Hibble. "That's why it's called the World's Shortest Parade."

Entrants will begin lining up at 11 a.m. in the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot, from which the parade leaves at noon, traveling down Soquel Drive to end at the Aptos Creek Park.

Hibble said a pancake breakfast will precede the parade in the field adjacent to the Bayview Hotel. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

Entertainment, games and races are scheduled in the park after the parade. Also after the parade, the Redwood Village merchants are sponsoring their annual antique show and Piggy's Market is putting on a barbecue.

It'll be Aptos' busiest day of the year, Hibble said. "You can come here and have breakfast and just spend the day with us."

— Jennifer Koss

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— Karen Hibble,

"feisty women" led by Lucile Aldrich, said Karen Hibble, manager of the Aptos Chamber of Commerce.

"She's like the last word on the parade," Hibble said.

Still an active participant in the parade, Aldrich has been dubbed the "honorary mayor of Aptos" because she's so much a part of Aptos' history, Hibble said.

The parade is sponsored by the Aptos Ladies Tuesday Evening Society, of which Aldrich is a leader. The criteria for membership in the society are loose.

"Supposedly, any lady who

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