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Musicians to Perform in Celebration of Herbert Hoover's 150th Birthday

WEST BRANCH, IOWA – August 4, 2024 – Gary “The Tubador” McCurdy, Washington tuba player and retired music educator, will perform as part of the celebration for President Herbert Hoover’s 150th birthday during the annual Hoover’s Hometown Days in West Branch, Iowa on Saturday, August 10 from 12:30-1:15 at the at the Hover Beer Tent on Main Street in West Branch, Iowa. McCurdy has been well known in Eastern Iowa as a talented tuba player with a minstrel flair.

While there, enjoy a pour of Thirty-One, a beer made exclusively for the celebration by Big Grove Brewery. It is described as a traditional wheat lager with a touch of honey and hint of citrus. Named in honor of our 31st President, this beer is reminiscent of what was brewed before and after prohibition was law in America. This beer is exclusive to this year’s Hoover’s Hometown Days and is not one to be missed!

Herbert Hoover was born in West Branch, Iowa on August 10, 1874. Orphaned at age 9, he traveled to Oregon to be raised by family. He was part of the inaugural class at Stanford University. After this, he had a successful career as a mining engineer before entering public life at the outbreak of World War I, where he found safe passage back to the United States for 120,000 stranded Americans. Following this, he led the effort to feed 9.5 million starving citizens in Belgium and Northern France daily during the war. He would eventually become Secretary of Commerce and President of the United States.

For more information on festival events, visit www.hooverdays.org.

About the Foundation

The Hoover Presidential Foundation promotes and supports the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum, National Historic Site, and other programs that enhance the understanding of Herbert Hoover as president and humanitarian.

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