

Swimmer Munro grand marshal in Santa Claus parade

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JOHAN MUNRO, THE KINGSTON MAN WHO SWAM ACROSS Lake Ontario this year, has been named grand marshal for the city's Santa Claus parade.

The parade begins at 1 p.m. Sunday. It leaves from the Kingston Centre and winds its way down Princess Street.

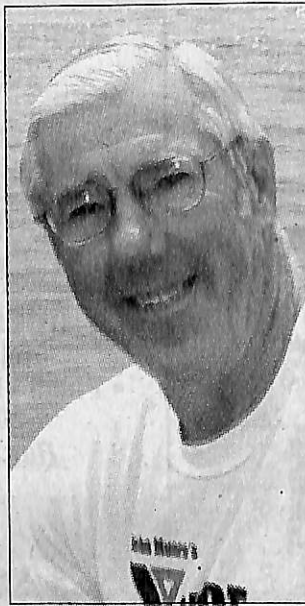
In August, Munro became the oldest amateur swimmer to cross Lake Ontario when he completed his Y Knot marathon fundraiser for the Kingston YMCA.

The event has raised more than \$70,000 that's being used to support the development of sport and recreational programs for young people with disabilities.

After Sunday's parade, Munro and his wife, legendary marathon swimmer Vicki Keith, invite citizens to what's being called the John Munro Thank You Beach party at the Beechgrove campus of the YMCA.

The event is community thank-you for the support **MUNRO** Munro received on his swim.

During Sunday's parade, volunteers will collect donations for the Partners in Mission Food Bank and also will collect letters addressed to Santa.



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