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**TOWN OF BERNALILLO CHRISTMAS PARADE WINNERS**

**Bernalillo, NM – December 14, 2006** “Parades delight the child in each of us and this year, community members were enchanted by the creativity, diversity, and number of the floats in the parade”, states Bernalillo Mayor Patricia A. Chávez, as she announces the winners of the Town’s 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Nighttime Christmas parade held along main street on December 2, 2006. Parade participants had the opportunity to enter in Youth, Commercial, Non-Commercial, Vehicle, or “A Home Town Christmas” Best of Theme categories.

In the Youth Category, the **Girl Scout Troop 3217**, towing a very festive Hawaiian float took top honors. **Bernalillo Middle School Cheerleaders** placed second; and, **Village Academy Charter School** placed third.

**Water King**, a local water supplier, led first place in the Commercial Category. **Home on the Range Café** followed solidly in second place; and third place went to **Vigil’s Jerky**, a food distributor from Algodones, NM.

**Bernalillo Motorcycle Toy Run**, an impressive group of mostly Harley riders who also make sure children in the community have bikes and toys for Christmas, took first place in the Non-Commercial Category. **Cub Scout Pack 707 and 708**, led by Scout Master David Gardner, finished second; and **Romero’s Thunder** takes third place.

In the Vehicle entries, first place was awarded to the **Classic Chevy Car Club**, the nostalgic era cars led by local resident, Daniel Garcia. **Deception Car Club**, mainly rambunctious youth from the area, took second place; and, Bernalillo’s own **Volunteer Fire Department** placed third with its newly acquired fire engine.

The overall “A Home Town Christmas”, Best of Theme grand award went to **TaGrMo True Value; Home on the Range Café** took second place; and, the **Bernalillo High School Drill Team** was awarded third place.

Proceeds from parade entries and generous donations from area businesses and individuals allow the town to provide Santa’s visit and distribute toys to area children. The Children’s Christmas fund was established to brighten the holidays for children in Bernalillo who might not otherwise receive gifts. The Town works with local service agencies, churches and schools to accomplish this. To contribute to the Children’s Christmas Fund, please contact the office of Community Development at 771-7118.

The Town of Bernalillo culminates its holiday festivities on Christmas Day with Santa Claus visiting children of the community. Hosted by the Town of Bernalillo Volunteer Fire Department, Santa Claus and his helpers will give stockings filled with candy and goodies to all children who visit on Christmas Day, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., 829 Camino del Pueblo, Bernalillo. ---END