

Yesterday was a great day in Crest! Once again we had that magical community picnic and parade that has been our tradition for 63 years. Where else in the county can you have a get together with family and friends who have such community spirit?

We want to thank our donors for their community spirit, San Miguel Firefighter's Local, and Judy Richardson, their support helped with the fees and permits for our 4th!

Congratulations to our Grand Marshall; the Crest Library and its staff!! Our library has the best programs and great creativity happens within its walls. Please check them out this summer. They are having a summer reading program- plus a cool place to visit. Our historical mural is a worthwhile visit.

The parade winners: SWEEPSTAKES; Iwo Jima Float by Jim McDonald, MOST PATRIOTIC; Surry on the top by Cathy K, MOST CREATIVE; Charger's Van by Lou, BEST GROUP; Antique Tractor Association by Dennis, Pete, and Jerry, BEST FLOAT; Iwo Jima, BEST RHINO; Blue Zoo's Rhino, BEST GOLF CART; Army/Camo Cart by Gilbert Mastri, BEST JEEP; Red, White, & Blue by Chris Sadus, BEST INDIVIDUAL; Uncle Sam by Duncan Hunter's group, BEST NON-MOTORIZED; Bicycle group, and BEST HORSE GROUP; Freedom Riders by Nicole.

It was a struggle to have this day, but all efforts were made worthwhile by all the people who jumped in to help. I'll bet you are one of them! The community thanks you for jumping in and helping all of the tasks to get done. It is always amazing to see how this day all comes together, especially when the night before we were missing key elements such as a stage!

This is the first time I have been so overwhelmed to think of all the people who came to help. **The thanks start with our own CCA President and her husband, Linda and Jerry Hjelle**, who were willing to tackle the daunting task of filling out the permit form, to the parade helpers, Tom and Dan Wilson (who don't live on the hill anymore), to Dave Jones and Tom Grace with their cone and barricade team, to the parade monitors (never had them before) to the food being served in the clubhouse by the Kiwanis, Crest Community Church, and Crest foods, to Christina Seebold and her musical team. Our very own Boy Scouts presented the colors, and Mariah was able to be here from New York to do her amazing job of singing the National Anthem. San Miguel Fire and Cal-Fire were the leaders of the parade passing out candy, hats, stickers, and trophies. Thanks also to Judy Becker and her helper, Doug Fields for getting the crafters there, to the morning set up team (who came from all corners of Crest) to our "goat guy", Johnny Gonzales of Environmental Land Management for the donation of the stage.

Again, **THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY to all who were a part of this day.**