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BLACKSBURG JULY 4th PARADE WINNERS

This year the sun shone brightly on Blacksburg's 23rd Annual July 4th Parade as it rolled onto Main Street. The parade, sponsored by Mount Tabor Ruritan Club was led by the Grand Marshal, Don Engler, a WWII veteran who saw action on the D-Day Landings, Iwo Jima and the Marianas. Nearly a hundred vehicles, walking units, and floats lined up for the event. The Color Guard and lead band were supplied by the 29th Army Band from Roanoke. This year's theme was "Amazing American Heroes".

Trophies were presented to the Valley Interfaith Child Care Center (VICCC) for "Best Overall Unit," to Virginia Techniques Gymnastics for "Best Youth Unit," and to the 29th Army Band and color Guard for "Best Theme Representation".

Special ribbons also were awarded to the Virginia Tech Orientation Leaders (Most Use of Maroon), Hannah Elias' motor scooter (Most Flags on Smallest Vehicle), Blue Ridge Model A Club (Grooviest Cars), Blacksburg Fire Department (Loudest), Christiansburg-Cambria Fire Department fire truck (Best Antique Vehicle), Smithfield Plantation Junior Guild (Best Costumes), United Pet/Tetra (Best Use of Water), Summer Musical Enterprise "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" (Most Matching T-Shirts), Dori Del Hills Stable (Best Horses), US Forest Service (Tallest Stuffed Bear), Blacksburg Community Band (Best Band), and Bob Schmidt's '72 Barracuda (Best Use of Car and 'Toons - Tigger and Winnie the Pooh).

Parade Chairman, Gavin Faulkner, would like to thank the judges — Carlos Elias (Alwang, Elias & Partners), Leslie Howard (Planning Commission Chair), and Mayor Ron Rordam— and everyone who helped to make this year's parade one of the best ever.

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