

NEWS RELEASE

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NEWS RELEASE – CITY OF MARSHALL, TEXAS DECEMBER 5, 2017 2017 T MOBILE MARSHALL LIONS WONDERLAND OF LIGHTS – ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANNUAL PARADE AWARDS

Re: <u>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – RECOGNITION OF PARADE AWARDS</u> <u>FOR THE 2017 ANNUAL T MOBILE MARSHALL LIONS</u> <u>WONDERLAND OF LIGHTS PARADE</u>

The revised weather date was perfect for the 2017 Annual T Mobile Marshall Lions Wonderland of Lights Parade and resulted in a great crowd downtown which viewed over 80 some entries consisting of different lighted cars, trucks, floats, trailers, dance and marching teams – capped off by the arrival of Santa.

As part of the Annual Lighted Wonderland Parade, awards are presented in eight (8) categories, which were judged by our panel of celebrity judges:

Jerry Pye, Marshall News Messenger's Regional Publisher Wes Morrison, City of Marshall Stormy Nickerson, Greater Marshall Chamber of Commerce

Ashli Acker Dansby, with KMHT Radio, transmitted a live description of the parade and entries.

The Marshall Convention & Visitors Bureau and the City of Marshall want to express our sincere thanks to all of the 2017 parade participants, as well as to all of the volunteers, city staff, and patrol officers who assisted in the parade! Special thanks are also extended to the Marshall Police Department for crowd and traffic control, Marshall Fire Department for our emergency action plan and to the City of Marshall Public Works and Water Utility Departments for the excellent assistance in lining up the numerous parade entries; a "Well Done" goes out to all!

Tabulated results for the 2017 WOL Parade (<u>1st Place entries receive trophies</u>):

Best Marching Band:

1st Place – ETBU Tiger Marching Band of Marshall, Texas

<u>Peppiest Entry - Best In Dance Presentation:</u> 1st Place – MHS ROTC Air Force Jr. of Marshall, Texas



Best Lighted Car/Float: 1st Place – Rusty Lug Nuts of Marshall, Texas

<u>Best Lighted Truck/Float:</u> 1st Place – Perry's Hometown Flooring of Marshall, Texas

Most Unique Entry: 1st Place – Stripe-A-Zone of Hallsville, Texas

<u>Best Agricultural Entry:</u> 1st Place – Panola Orchard and Gardens of De Berry, Texas

<u>Best Overall Lighted Entry:</u> 1st Place – Crossroads Baptist Church of Marshall, Texas

<u>Best Equine/Horse Team:</u> 1st Place – Bayou Trail Blazers of Shreveport, Louisiana

Congratulations to all of the awarded entries, and we encourage all of the 2017 parade entries to return again next year!!!

1st PLACE AWARDS MAY BE PICKED UP AFTER 1:00 PM WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6TH AT THE MARSHALL CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU, LOCATED AT 301 NORTH WASHINGTON IN DOWNTOWN MARSHALL, <u>TEXAS OR CALL 903-702-7777.</u>

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