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The Bishop Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that they have been able to reschedule the annual Christmas Parade! As everyone is aware by now, the parade was originally slated for last Saturday, December 7th, but unfortunately had to be canceled due to snow and very slippery ice conditions that morning. Chamber staff has been working since then to coordinate a new date, time and location – no small task since it usually takes a few months to plan a parade and there are only two Saturdays between now and Christmas!

The Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 21st at 11am. There is a NEW location on Spruce Street, just east of Kmart and Vons. The route will run north to south, with the staging area on Wye Road and ending in the center parking lot at the Bishop City Park. The new time will be 11:00 am as it's likely to be one hour warmer by then.

“We’re thankful that everyone has been so understanding; and we’re thankful for the cooperation and support of CalTrans and the City of Bishop,” states Tawni Thomson of the Bishop Chamber. CalTrans had originally offered to extend the parade permit for Main Street, but unfortunately it was not possible to get enough police officers scheduled for all of the road closures and detours on the 21st. The new route will require far fewer traffic control signs and personnel.

“While we certainly would prefer to have the parade on Main Street, we’re happy to have an alternative available for this year. Many people had gone to a lot of effort to create costumes and decorate floats and they are happy that we’ve been able to reschedule,” said Chamber Event Coordinator April Leeson. *“We’re also happy that our special Grand Marshall Gia Joy Gehringer will get the chance to use that parade wave she’s been practicing.”*

All parade entries that were previously registered have been contacted and you do not need to complete new forms. If you didn’t previously sign up, but would like to participate, please drop by the Chamber office before December 18th to sign up. For more information, call April at 760-873-8405.