Happy Homecoming! Floats and Parade

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| Last Friday topped off our Happiest Homecoming on Earth with Kimball’s  first ever Homecoming Parade! Everyone showed off their jaguar pride  at Downtown Tracy by wearing their extreme orange and blue school  colors as the parade marched past. The parade kicked off with the  marching band who set the proper tone for the audience with their  well-rehearsed music. Behind them came the various and diverse clubs  at Kimball, such as the Polynesian club who represent the different  Polynesian cultures, BSU showing off their stepping moves, CSF with  the head advisor Mrs. Berendt driving in her pimped out car with  orange and blue streamers representing Kimball, and one of the newest  additions to Kimball: the color guard. Finally it was the big reveal  of the floats that captivated everyone’s attention as each class float  was associated with the each class of the homecoming court.    Each of the floats were designed entirely by the students of Kimball  with some help from faculty members and family members. The senior  float, which was the centerpiece of the parade, featured a large Joey  Jaguar with a wire frame and made entirely out of papier-mâché. The  seniors had even managed to get their float sponsored by Home Depot  and OSH. Countless man hours went into preparing for the parade, from  coordinating dance moves to making papier-mâché flowers out of coffee  filters for decoration to crafting the complex statues and pieces that  decorated the numerous floats. Many students had to work tediously  before and after school to ensure that everything was ready for the  parade.    Julaby Dalman, a sophomore at Kimball, who was among the crowd that  watched the parade, was ecstatic that the students’ efforts paid off.  “It’s hard to imagine that it was just some students that created it,”  admitted Dalman after the parade. “I think for our first ever parade  it went amazing!”    Hannah Clark, a junior who participated in the parade as the Hawaiian  Princess for the Polynesian club, had similar opinions. “It was very  good and interesting,” Clark explained. “People stopped and watched us  as we came by. I would definitely go to the next one.”    But the parade was not flawless as one would expect. “It was too quiet  at first,” stated Clark when asked how well did the parade initially.  “We need more advertisement and more music to attract people.” Even  Dalman, who loved the parade and found it enjoyable, still found it  lacking in some aspects. “I would like to see more clubs in the parade  and more students in there being a part of something and being  involved.”    Despite these criticisms, the Jaguars at Kimball have managed to pull  off a fantastical homecoming parade and have set the bar for future  homecoming parades to top. |