



Santa, Keeley Moree, Miss Liberal Giovanna Baca, Miss Cinco de Mayo Misty Grijalva stand next to the Ford Focus Moree just won.

## **Keeley Moree wins new Ford Focus at Leader & Times 2013 Christmas Parade**

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The first name was drawn, one minute elapsed, and no one emerged from the crowd to claim the prize.

This sequence was repeated twice after that, with still no winner coming forward.

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A fourth name was drawn from the pile of registrations in the box, and when Leader & Times Publisher Earl Watt read where that entrant worked, he knew almost immediately this would be the person to take home the brand new 2013 Ford Focus at Saturday's Downtown Christmas Parade.



Southwest Medical Center's Director of Public Relations Keeley Moree took home the top prize, and she said she had registered several times prior to Saturday night, including many of Liberal's newest businesses.

When Watt asked Moree if she could use a new car, the winner had one word for the publisher.

"Absolutely," she said.

As for what Moree plans to do with the car she currently drives, she said she already has plans for it.

"My husband will drive it," she said.

Winners of the car at the Christmas Parade are normally a little bit surprised by the news, but Moree was even more surprised than most.

"I actually wasn't paying attention to the drawing," she said.

As names were being called from the box of entries, Moree was working the food booth for the Liberal Young Professionals and had little awareness of what was going on as the other three possible winners were called.

“I wasn’t really paying attention to what was going on, but everyone looked at me once,” she said. “I was like ‘oh my goodness.’ It hasn’t set in yet at all. I’ve never had a new car, so that’s exciting.”

Moree said she did not hear Watt call out Southwest Medical Center as the name of the workplace of the entry either, and she was approached by people after the parade about working at the hospital.

“Someone asked me as I was getting off the stage what I did there,” she said. “I was like ‘How did you know that I work there?’ I had no idea that they had said that either. I really was just back there working.”

This is the first time the Leader & Times has given away a new car for the parade, traditionally giving away classic cars, and Moree said getting a car of any type would be welcome to her household.

“I would’ve been thrilled with even a used car,” she said. “It’s really just amazing. I wasn’t expecting it all.”

As for whether her husband will really be using Moree’s current ride, she said the two of them will now likely share both cars.

“We’ll drive back and forth,” she said. “I’m sure we’ll have to run for keys every time we leave.”

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