

ARROYO GRANDE'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Sunday's celebration begins at 3:30 p.m. at the Village Green Bandstand with Grace Bible Church's 50-voice choir performing. After the parade at 5 p.m., Harvest Church will have a live Nativity from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

ber of the Arroyo Grande Valley Kiwanis and co-chairman of Arroyo Grande in Bloom.

He spends much of his free time mentoring high school students in the annual J.B. Dewar Tractor Restoration Contest. In the summer, he occasionally cooks hot dogs for the South County Historical Society.

His wife, Anya, is an academic adviser at Cal Poly's College of Science and Mathematics.

She volunteers occasionally with Arroyo Grande in Bloom and helps Jim as needed with the tractor restoration.

Most recently, she has volunteered with the Latinos in Agriculture, a Cal Poly student club that hosted the Vegetable Decorating Contest at the Harvest Festival.

Jim and Anya enjoy gardening, exploring the Central Coast and playing with their two miniature dachshunds, Frank and Molly.

Parade grand marshals

Jim and Anya Bergman have been named grand marshals of Arroyo Grande's annual Village Christmas Parade, event spokeswoman **Vivian Krug** said.

The parade is set for 5 p.m. Sunday starting on Traffic Way, making its way through the Village.

Jim Bergman is an assistant planner with the city of Arroyo Grande. He is a mem-



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Anya and Jim Bergman of Arroyo Grande are this year's grand marshals at the Village Christmas Parade. Their miniature dachshunds are Frank and Molly.

They met more than 10 years ago in Ojai. Jim was a paramedic, and Anya was a cashier in a small grocery store.

They both attended community college, then transferred to Chico State University, earning undergraduate political science degrees.

Afterward, they started master's degree programs at Cal Poly. In 2003, they married.