

Brian Holzwarth - Road 14 south of St. Francis

Lots and lots of decorations

has over 12,000 lights decorating

Brian built one of the reindeer, which is Rudholf, when he was in high school. He made it for an art other two reindeer were brought at a

Brian and his friend, Danielle project. It is made from an oil drum store. Brian had built the sleigh for Lohman, spent two days getting and steps from a grain bin. The antlers ready for Christmas this year. He were from a deer he had shot several years ago. "I put the 40-watt lights on the reindeer and the nose will be a painted red light bulb as soon as I get candy canes that light up with around to painting it," said Brian. The

the reindeer to pull for the Equity to have in the light parade this last year. It was made from wood.

The fence around the yard is lights strung between each candy



Kip and Patsy Rethke - Northwest of St. Francis

North pole comes to St. Francis

The Christmas season is Patsy Rethke's favorite time of year. Although she enjoys baking and entertaining family and friends, it's decorating with lights and lit up ornaments that make it so enjoyable for Patsy. A resident of St. Francis for over 10 years, her home is located about six miles north and one mile west of St. Francis. Although she's always enjoyed decorating for the holiday season, this is her second year being able to decorate her current

strands of lights.

This past summer, her husband, Kip, and two sons, Mike and Randy, helped install many additional electrical panels and boxes so that she would be able to add more decorations. Since many of her breakers couldn't handle the usage during her annual Christmas party last year, she had to keep many of the lights inside her many hours repairing them. Unhome off so that the lights outside would be able to been seen. Her she was forced to brush up on her decorations include 29 trees in electrical skills and was able to

with 8,300 bulbs, a doll-house with over 1,750 lights, a merrygo-round, antique equipment and many, many more yard ornaments that equal over 22,000 lights! She spends several months preparing her decorations, making sure each light is in proper working order. Last year, pesky bunnies chewed several of her cords and she spent willing to not be able to use them, home and yard with hundreds of her front yard that are decorated reuse what was damaged.

Couple creates life size Nativity scene

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The Christmas lights glowed at when we started setting it up for the Larry and Terri Zweygardt home Christmas this year," she said. on West First Street in St. Francis.

Mrs. Zweygardt has been working on her Nativity scene for the last three years. The figures are made from wood and everything is life size. The tallest king is 6-foot tall.

"The hardest part of all was the painting and blending of the paint to get the right shades on them," Mrs. Zweygardt said.

It would take her about four hours to paint one face.

'Trying to blend the paint to look like animal skin for the cow and it was worth all the hours of work display for Christmas.

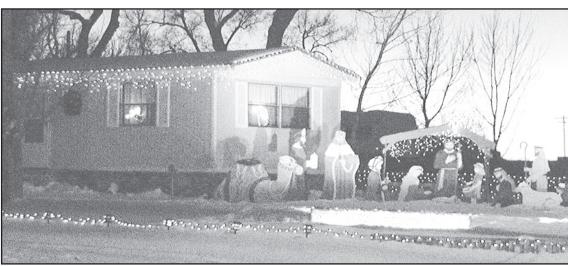
The Zweygardts started before Thanksgiving getting the forms ready and the stakes driven in the ground to place each piece. Wanting a somber scene, the Zweygardts used blue light bulbs to put around the house and yard. However Terri said, "I was a little disappointed as the blue bulbs didn't light it up quite like I wanted."

The weather was another factor as they had to dig the flood lights out of snow several times so the lights could shine on the manager scene. donkey was also a hard task, but All-in-all, she said it was a glorious

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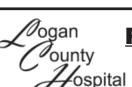
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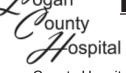


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