

# FLOAT

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Following the Light Parade, Santa will be at First National Bank to visit with children and hear what they would like for Christmas. It is also a good time for parents to snap a special photo of their child with Jolly Ole Saint Nick.

## Light Parade

The highlight of the Christmas opening is the Light Parade. Entries for this parade are easy to build.

Held at dusk, all that is needed are lights — lots of lights — maybe some music and maybe a theme. People creating and riding the floats say they have as much fun as hose standing on the sides of Main Street.

Since there are no advanced entries needed (just show up at the high school), entries can be planned and made on Thanksgiving Day and finished up by dark on Friday. This is a great activity for house-guests and families from out-of-town looking for something to do.

There is are two rules: 1) The only Santa is the “real” Santa who will be visiting with children at Bankwest following the parade; and 2) throwing candy is not recommended as it is dark and children cannot be seen if they are darting in the street to retrieve candy.

There will be a “People’s Choice” award. Voting places will be announced nearer to the Christmas opening. The traveling plaque will be kept by the winner until next year’s parade.

Last year’s winner was Lampe Hardware for their outstanding display of fireworks.

People are urged to start planning today.

## Soup supper

Starting at 5 p.m., the Senior Citizens will be holding a soup supper at the Senior Citizens Center at 322 Washington Street. They will be serving chili and vegetable soup, relish and cinnamon rolls.

“After preparing a great Thanksgiving dinner, it’s time to take the cook out to eat,” said Mrs. Bracelin.

Get into the Christmas spirit by spending Friday, Nov. 28, in St. Francis — doing a little shopping, checking out Treasure Hunt numbers, enjoying the Light Parade and maybe even sitting on Santa’s lap.

# TOP

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Teachers directly responsible for Kansas Assessments include: Sandy Smull, third-grade reading; Becky McAtee, fourth-grade reading; Marti Schlittenhardt, seventh-grade reading; Carla Schiltz, seventh-grade and eighth-grade math; Lisa Gibson, eighth-grade reading; Bruce Swihart, seventh grade science; David Morrow, eleventh-grade reading; Jeff Olofson, 11th grade science.

## Public recognition

Students who scored exemplary will be recognized for their assessment success at an awards presentation. The date and place has been tentatively planned for half time of the first home basketball game.

Invitations will be sent to the parents of the students who earned the awards and they will be given a pass for free admission to the game.



**FILLING BOXES** — Peace Lutheran kids had a variety of items to fill decorated shoe boxes for needy children. Pictured are (l to r) Randee Grover, Casey Keller, Lucas Carmichael and Jude Faulkender. Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

# Kids prepare 81 shoe boxes for needy kids

Several weeks ago, the call was made for items and money to be used to fill shoe boxes with items for children who may never get another Christmas gift.

Headed up by the Peace Lutheran Church, children, preschool to teens, gathered on two occasions where they filled 81 decorated shoe boxes with items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, soap and a variety of fun items. The boxes were geared for different ages and sex and were labeled. Each box contained an information sheet about the giver. Some even included a picture of themselves.

The kids were excited that they were giving a gift to someone they did not know but knew they needed many of the things in the box, said Gwen Keller, one of the organizers. Many of the kids put some thought into their gifts while others had a selection of different

fun items to give.

One business gave stuffed animals while others gave money so different, especially the needed items such as soap and toothpaste could be bought. The Peace Lutheran Women’s group donated the money to ship the gifts. Each gift cost \$7 to send, Mrs. Keller said.

“The kids loved the project,” Mrs. Keller said. “And, next year, they have set a goal to send 125 shoe boxes.

Mrs. Keller delivered the shoe boxes to the Federated Church in McDonald where they will then be taken to Denver and shipped.

The ShoeBox Gift drive has teach children about sharing the gospel of Christ’s love. The drive is a part of Operation Christmas Child, which, last year, touched the lives of 7.6 million needy children in 110 countries.



**CHECKING OUT THE TOYS** — Hannah and Shelby Wolff made sure everything worked before the toys were put in the shoe boxes.

# NUMBERS

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pictured with the owner and the gift they won.

The Christmas On Us promotion will go on for the next three weeks and will end on Monday, Dec. 15, with the grand prize drawing for \$1,000 scrip, and \$100 scrip, second prize. Any remaining \$50 weekly giveaways and business prizes that have not been claimed will also be given away at that time.

“It is a merry time of the year and giving away money and prizes makes it even more fun,” said Casey McCormick, ad manager.

Remember the deadline for matching the ticket numbers! Anyone with a ticket matching a number in the Christmas On Us ad pages must claim their prize before 5 p.m. the next Monday by bringing it into *The Herald* office. There is an exception to the deadline the week of the Christmas On Us drawing and, then winners must claim their prize by noon on Monday.

Check out the new numbers placed in ads each week because if ticket numbers from the week before are not claimed by the following Monday, they will no longer be considered.

If a ticket number is unclaimed, a new number will be drawn and it will be added to the next week’s numbers on the Christmas On Us pages.

A total of \$400 in scrip will be given to Instant Winners and 11 business prizes will be given away.

“Start collecting those tickets today and you might be the \$1,000 winner,” Mr. McCormick said.

It is not necessary to make a purchase to claim a ticket because those coming to *The*

*Saint Francis Herald* office may each receive one ticket per week.

“Each week, participating merchants will be advertising sales and specials in the ads on the Christmas On Us pages so while you are looking for matching numbers, be sure to take a good look at the specials,” Mr. McCormick said.

Participating businesses in the Christmas On Us drawings are:

- Bier’s Hometown Store
- Bumper To Bumper
- Hilltop General Store
- Owens True Value
- Parkhill Restaurant
- Ross Manufacturing
- St. Francis Super’s
- Schultz’s
- St. Francis Equity
- St. Francis Tire and Service
- The Saint Francis Herald
- United Methodist Thrift Store

Be sure to mark the calendar for Dec. 15 for the grand prize drawings held in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce’s activities. The drawing starts at 5:30 p.m. in front of Jaqua Abstract.

# BALLOT

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Later on in the meeting, Rob Schiltz, superintendent, said Jeff Beims, boys’ high school basketball coach, has 26 boys on the team. The first night, they had not been able to practice in the grade school gym, thus missing a night of practice. There are 21 girls on coach Larry Flemming’s basketball team.

In the future, there will be basketball practices from 4 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday is



church night so other arrangements will be made that day. Teams will alternate early or late practices.

The new practice schedule will make a problem for town-team basketball activities but, it was decided that they can play in the grade

school gym.

The board talked about the different options in bringing the bond issue back to the people but no decision was made. Look for more information in the future.

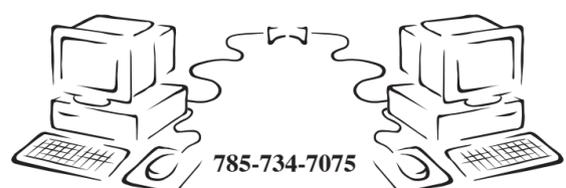
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