

Parade kicks off holiday season

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Each year, the day after Thanksgiving, St. Francis residents, family, friends and guests make their way to Main Street before the 6 o'clock whistle blows, which marks the start of the annual Light Parade.

Some of those families, organizations and businesses have spent the last few days building a float, many of which are grand entries, for the parade. Others have come down early to shop the stores, visit with neighbors and friends and enjoy soup and cinnamon rolls at the senior center. Eventually they all line up along the street to see the floats.

There are lots of "oohs" and "aahs" as the lights sparkle, and music accompanies the floats. There have even been fireworks to spark up the parade. On the last float, Santa Claus is seen much to the excitement of children.

As the fire truck stops at Bankwest, children clamor to stand in line waiting to tell Santa their secret wishes for the season.

The parade is sponsored by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce and floats are needed to make the parade spectacular. What may be a crude and not so pretty float in the day time is transformed into a lighted wonderland in the dark with the help of many twinkling Christmas lights and a generator.

There are only two rules for entries: 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.

Floats need to line up in front of the high school by 5:30 at the latest. The city police will lead the parade.

Treasure Hunt

The Chamber has planned other activities including the Treasure Hunt which will start at 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 26. Inserted in next week's *Herald* and *Times* will be a Treasure Hunt number. People match their number to those listed on doors and windows of participating businesses. If the number matches, a prize will be awarded.

The Treasure Hunt will also be held the day of the Christmas drawing, Dec. 13, so if the number didn't match those posted on Nov. 26, save them. Different numbers will be up on Dec. 13.

Scrip money drawing

The Chamber will also be giving away three prizes of \$100 in scrip each at the drawing. People are encouraged to save the Christmas On Us promotion tickets because, following that drawing, the Chamber money will be drawn for using the tickets.

Lighting contest

As in year's past, the Chamber will be holding the Christmas decorating contest. It is evident that St. Francis residents know how to decorate for Christmas and to reward residents for their time, two residences are selected by last year's winners. Two \$50 scrip money will be given. Look for more information in future issues of *The Herald*.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS heard Raymond Zimbelman, a World War II veteran, describe his tour of service with the United States Army. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Veteran speaks at elementary school

By Casey McCormick

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Cold, damp weather did not affect a Veteran's Day ceremony held at the St. Francis Elementary school on Thursday. Students gathered around the flag poles to honor soldiers past and present.

Taps were played by Logan Whitmore as the American flag was raised. Next, principal Hoagie Carmichael introduced the military speaker.

Raymond Zimbelman, a World War II veteran, spoke about growing up northwest of St. Francis on a farm with 10 brothers and sisters.

"Pearl Harbor had happened in December, 1941," Mr. Zimbelman said, "Many of my friends and some of my brothers and cousins were already in the military."

In November of 1942 he was inducted into the United States Army and left for Fort Logan in Denver, Colo. From there he was

shipped to Camp Maxey, near Paris, Texas, where he joined the 102nd Infantry Division, also known as the "Ozark Division."

On Sept. 22, 1943, the 102nd Division landed at the bombed-out shores of Cherbourg Harbor in France.

For the next year and a half Mr. Zimbelman was involved in trucking supplies to the front with the "Red Ball Express," a transfer from Normandy to Holland and combat along the way against German forces.

"After many more battles fought and won, cities taken over, and advances made into the heart of Germany," Mr. Zimbelman said, "the 'Ozarks' fought their last battle of World War II in April of 1945."

Mr. Zimbelman was discharged after earning the rank of staff sergeant. He was decorated with the WWII Victory Ribbon, a Good Conduct Medal, an American Theater Ribbon and two Bronze Service Stars.

Following the speaker, the students and staff joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also in the crowd was Steve Jerkins and a group of his high school students.

The ceremony was organized by Mary Beikman, art instructor.

Bowling News

Monday Night Mixed 10-25

Team standing: ABC-Z, Western State Bank, Earl's Mowing, Neitzel Insurance.

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High series (scratch): ABC-Z 1520, Neitzel Insurance 1368, Western State Bank 1316; (handicap): Western State Bank 2186, Neitzel Insurance 2142, ABC-Z 2138.

High game men: (scratch): Ed Zuege 170, David Morris 162, Earl Hankins 160; (handicap): E. Han-

kins 213, D. Morris 211, Steve Morris 204.

High series men: (scratch): E. Zuege 481, D. Morris 386, Hankins 543; (handicap): Zuege 565, S. Morris 547, Hankins 543.

High game women: (scratch): Pat Rose 163, Amelia Zuege 152, Connie Wilger 130; (handicap) Rose 219, A. Zuege 208, Rachel Schmidt 205.

High series women: (scratch): Amelia Zuege 392, Rose 389, Janice Krien 334; (handicap) Vicki Cox 582, R. Schmidt 576, A. Zuege 560.

Great Tips

• When a cake recipe calls for flouring the baking pan, use a bit of the dry cake mix instead and there won't be any white mess on the outside of the cake.

the cob, add a pinch of sugar to help bring out the corn's natural sweetness.

Wedding Registry

Dani Lohman & Brian Holzwarth
Wedding Nov. 20

Megan Rice & Justin McAtee
Wedding Dec. 4

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Spanish Language Proficiency. This position requires an individual to provide services to children who meet eligibility for the Migrant Education Program.

Contact Person:
To receive an application for the Saint Francis position, contact Rose Langley at 785-672-3125 extension 200 or Rob Schiltz at 785-672-3125 extension 125.

Application Deadline:
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Appreciation dinner planned

A benefit dinner to show the appreciation of the community for the Good Samaritan Village staff will be held on Sunday, Nov. 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Francis Community High School cafeteria.

The dinner is hosted by the Community Builders, Northwest Kansas Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, the senior class, 4-H Junior Leaders and a host of grateful citizens.

The menu will consist of fried chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans or corn and apple crisp.

In conjunction with the meal, a silent auction and a bake sale will be held.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will provide supplemental funds to assist with this endeavor.

Net proceeds will be divided among the 64 employees of the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village.

Administrator chairs board

Les Lacy, administrator, Cheyenne County Hospital, St. Francis, was inducted as the 2011 chair of the Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation board of directors. This announcement was made last week during the foundation's annual meeting in Topeka.

Mr. Lacy was the 2010 chair-elect and has been active with the foundation for several years. As board chair, he will guide the Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation as it fulfills its mission of facilitating community-based health solutions that work.

Established in the early 1960s, the Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation is a 501(c) 3 organization that provides scholarships for hospital employees and has projects focused on rural health care, emergency preparedness and health care workforce.

The foundation is designed to be funded through contributions, grants and educational fees.



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