



SYDNEY SUNDSTROM plays 'Taps' as Marlin Queen raises the flag during the Veterans program at the St. Francis Elementary. Also pictured is Scott Carmichael, principal.



KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS had a long way to look up at the flag as they said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Students honor vets

By Karen Krien

Harold George, St. Francis, gave a brief message to St. Francis grade school students and staff on Friday in honor of Veterans Day.

I was a young man living in Colorado, Mr. George said, when I was drafted and I went to Vietnam to fight for this country – to fight so you kids could have freedom, and I would do it again.

I saw a lot of countries and the people living in them. he

said, and we, in the United States, still have the best country and the best way of life.

The United States flag was raised as Sydney Sundstrom played "Taps." The students then said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Each year, Mary Beikman, art teacher, coordinates the Veterans Day program for the school. Students have the opportunity to meet a veteran and become more aware of what Veterans Day means.



VIETNAM VETERAN, Harold George, gave an inspiring talk to the students on Friday.



SHOWING THE PLAQUE given to the Wigwam Yearbook staff was Brandon Blackwell, representative of Walsworth Publishing Gallery of Excellence.

Yearbook inducted into gallery of excellence

The St. Francis Community High School Wigwam Yearbook has been inducted into the Walsworth Publishing Gallery of Excellence.



Neitzel



Northrup



Keller

Each year a small percentage of yearbooks are inducted into the gallery based on thorough knowledge and ability to create all components of a yearbook, including theme, coverage, design and photography.

"Great yearbooks are meant to be shared," said Don Walsworth, president, in a letter to adviser Brenda Day. "As part of this honor, students and advisers across the country will see your yearbook."

Representative Brandon Blackwell presented Mrs. Day and the editors, Clarice Neitzel, Ally Northrup and Casey Keller (on behalf of the staff) a plaque on

Thursday, Nov. 8. Mr. Blackwell told the students that extra copies of their book were printed for sales representatives to share as examples and loaned to schools as idea generators. They will also be displayed at regional, state and national conventions like the one held this week in San Antonio. Spreads from this book will also be used in Walsworth's educational resource materials.

"The selection of your yearbook as a Gallery book recognizes your staff's dedication to producing a high-quality publication," Mr. Walsworth concluded.

Christmas opening plans set

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Friday is the official Christmas opening in St. Francis. The stores have been decorated for the season and the shelves are stocked with special items at special prices. Many people took advantage of the warmer weather and have their Christmas lights up. The city crew was busy stringing lights across Main Street last week.

There will be a few changes this year as the Chamber of Commerce dissolved at the beginning of the year. Several businesses and some individuals have accepted the job of keeping the Christmas spirit alive in St. Francis. There will be some new events and some old.

Christmas opening in St. Francis, always held the Friday after Thanksgiving, is a great time to meet friends and neighbors, especially those who have come to spend the holiday with family living in St. Francis. It is also a traditional way to welcome in the holiday season.

The Christmas opening will be held Friday, Nov. 23. There will be the Treasure Hunt, soup supper at the Senior Center, the Light Parade, Santa visiting with children at Western State Bank and a sing-a-long in the band shell. The stores will be open and merchants will be helping customers with their Christmas shopping.

The three banks, Western State Bank, Bankwest and First National Bank, have taken over the Treasure Hunt which will be held on Nov. 23, and again on Monday, Dec. 17.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS over Main Street were hung last week as the city crew took advantage of the nicer weather.

Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

Entries needed for Light Parade

It's time to start thinking about the Christmas Light Parade to be held in St. Francis on Friday, Nov. 23, at 6 p.m. sharp.

Floats and individual entries are needed to make this one of the best Light Parades yet. People, young and old, love to come down and see the floats, the lights and the people gathered to

watch the event.

Light floats are one of the easiest floats to make as it takes lights, a trailer and a generator or battery to make it work. Music is nice but not necessary and a theme makes the float easier to vision, but, again, not necessary.

Give your children a chance to be in a parade. Dress them as

angels or elves or even Christmas presents. But, remember, the float cannot have a Santa. The only Santa allowed in the parade is the real Santa who will bring up the rear of the parade.

Through the years, people and businesses have used the inflatable yard decorations; one float had so many lights it was impossible to

count; and, then there have been the floats fashioned from a movie like "Christmas Vacation" however, there are many Christmas movies to draw a theme from.

This year, grab your family after the Thanksgiving dinner and have them help make the float and be a part of a great Christmas tradition.