



**GRACE FLYING** had a spectacular float with Santa in an airplane. There were 12 floats in the St. Francis Parade of Lights and there was only room for part of them to be pictured. However, through the season, the Herald staff plans to run more.



**EQUITY FLOAT** featured the Grinch and Shelby Wolff. Left, Chris and Christina Zimmerman decorated the Wheatridge Farms float. Below, left, pictured the Wheatridge Farms Grinch (Roger Zwegardt) and Melissa Zwegardt. Below, right, the Cheyenne County Cruisers Car Club had their old Christmas pickup loaded with the Christmas tree but, it wouldn't start.



Herald staff photos by Doug Sloper and Amanda Miller

# Parade of Lights deemed one of the best!

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Fireworks went off to start the Parade of Lights this Christmas season, and everyone was out in their mittens and gloves to see the floats light up Main Street.

Rodney Neitzel and the Uptown Market staff set off fireworks right at six o'clock when the whistle blew. There were three locations, at the start of the parade, in the middle and at the end of the parade. It was a surprise beginning for all the spectators. There were 12 colorfully lit floats in

the Parade of Lights this year. Starting the parade was the St. Francis Police car with Wes Guggemos. The Cheyenne County Cruisers were in the parade with their truck being "worked on" by mechanics on the Christmas tree farm float. The Zwegardts with Wheatridge Farms had a colorful float with four wheelers that were the reindeer to Santa's sleigh. Roger Zwegardt dressed up as "The Grinch."

The St. Francis Equity had their float with Bandit the dog from Whoville out for the kids to enjoy. Grace Flying Service displayed an airplane with

Curious George that was colorfully lit for spectators. Roger Neitzel Heating and Cooling joined in the parade with a sign and Christmas lights. The Ketzner's float for Hometown Market had all the children on it, and a sleigh for Santa. It was colorfully lit with lots of greenery. Brice Raby drove a four wheeler with tree packages for The Flower Shop.

JW Milliken drove a float for Milliken Law Offices with the Milliken and Rose children and brightly lit Christmas trees. The Eddie and Sherry Shultz family had a float with their daughter Shawna, who

was in town from Nashville. Rodney Neitzel drove his golf cart, and had a sign for the Cheyenne County July Fourth celebration on a truck as well. Ian DeWaal with Tri-State Irrigation, put a lot of work into his float, lighting an irrigation pivot. Gloria Cassidy's family, the Husligs, also all gathered on a sleigh to greet the spectators.

Bringing up the rear was Santa in a firetruck driven by Dustin Andrist and Chris LaBarge. The children then went to visit with Santa at BankWest following the parade.

Some floats had music and others didn't, but all the floats were lit up beautifully and took a lot of time by the participants.

Some spectators asked that next year city lights be left on so they could see the floats better. Others would have liked the floats closer together. However, every spectator said they thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the hard work that had gone in to each parade float.

Thank you to all the participants for making the Parade of Lights a success again this year!