## St. Francis **Christmas Parade has** 24 entries

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little nippy but that didn't keep people from coming to Main float. There were children and Street for the first Light Parade in St. Francis. And, the cool weather didn't keep people dren were sharing their candy from climbing on floats and with those along the parade carts to participate in the Light route and the elves were giving Parade.

"The response was great! I heard nothing but good things float had people "rockin' about the parade," said Dawn around the Christmas tree." Lucas, one of the Parade Committee.

Prior to the parade, there were 25 entries but two entries pulled the crowning touch was the out and while lining up, another showed up, making 24 parade entries. As the 6 o'clock whistle blew, the parade started down the street from the high school. Gary Cooper had been enlisted as the announcer and he intro-

the evening which gave the float one's expectations. lights even more spender! There were no divisions, no winners declared and no prizes awarded — as each entry was a winner! The Grinch was there along with Santa who brought up the

rear of the parade riding in the fire truck which had its lights flashing and sirens sounding.

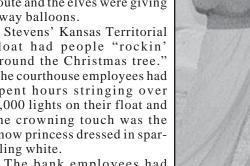


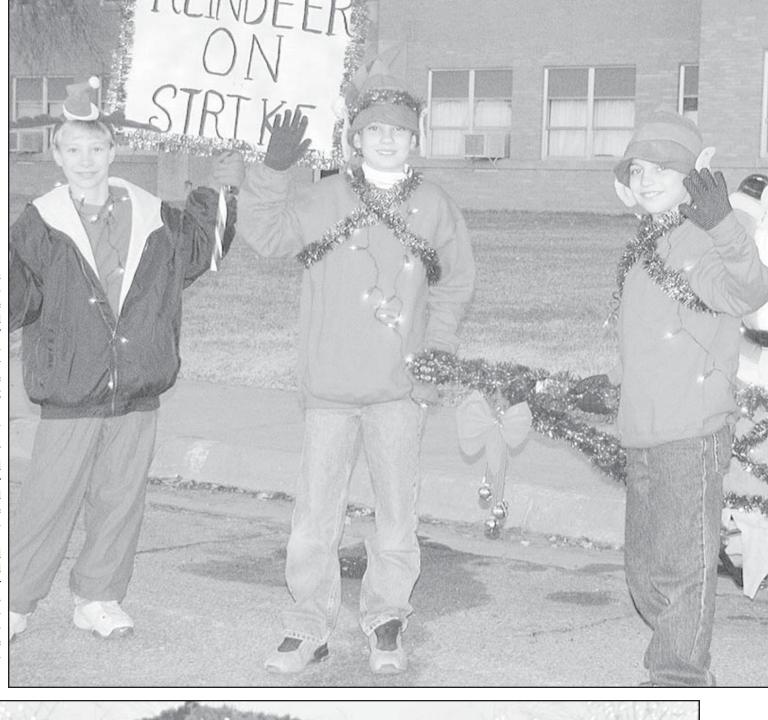
The weather on Friday was a Village residents, accompanied by staff, made up one toys on the Neitzel Insurance/ Automotive float and the chilaway balloons.

> The courthouse employees had spent hours stringing over 5,000 lights on their float and snow princess dressed in sparkling white.

The bank employees had floats as did children and teens. The firemen had their Elf Train lit up and giving rides to children following the paduced the evening with a poem. rade. Organizations and fami-The overhead lights on Main lies also created floats and the Street had been turned off for outcome was beyond every-

Some of the Good Samaritan











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It was great for the first year! There were 24 entries making the parade better than most. Top, Gavin Cooper, Zack Zweygardt and Cody Sherlock were reindeer on strike; clockwise: Renae Pilkenington was the snow queen for the courthouse employees' float (there were over 5,000 lights on the float); Neitzel Insurance/ Automotive float had children's toys including a jack-in-the-box which had Jermiah Neitzel popping up; the Schlittenhart family made this cute float; Brooke Lucas had a talk with the Grinch (Rick Lucas); Bankwest had fashioned their float with a lit train; and finally, Scott Schultz was "Eddie" from The National Lampoons Family Vacation movie.