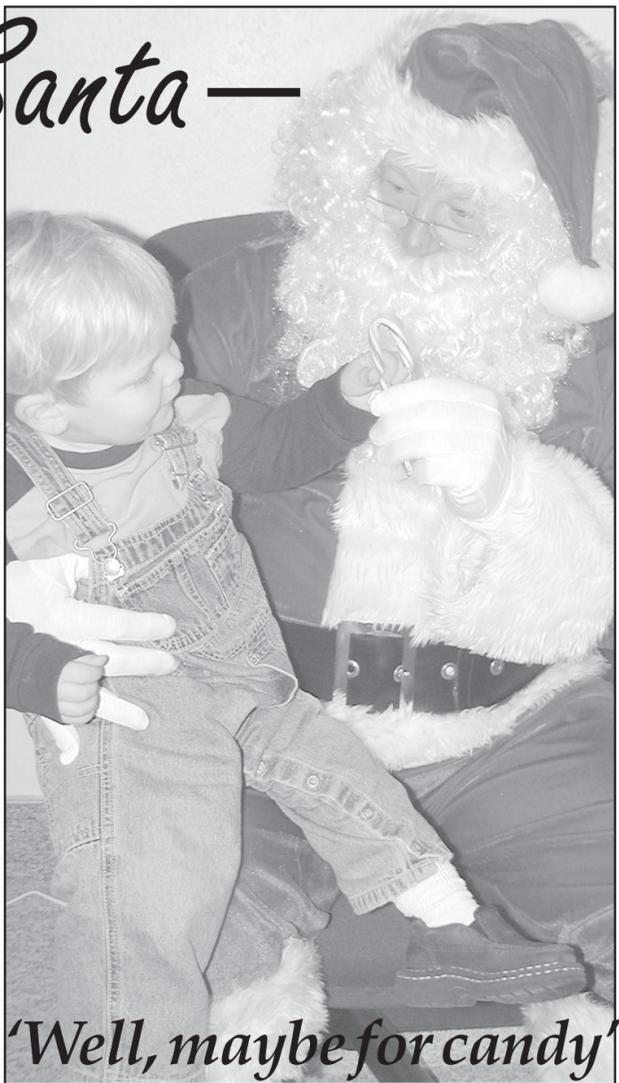


First visit to Santa —



'Let me go!'



'Well, maybe for candy'



'That wasn't so bad!!'

Kobe Tice, son of Derrick and Heidi Tice, St. Francis, wasn't too crazy about talking to Santa at the Friday Christmas Opening. However, with a little candy, the whole experience got just a little better.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

Opening Christmas season enjoyed by many Friday

By Karen Krien

The opening of the St. Francis Christmas season was held Friday. It was cold but it didn't stop people from enjoying the soup and cinnamon rolls at the Senior Center, nor did it stop them from looking for matching Treasure Hunt numbers and viewing the Light Parade.

Most of the 19 businesses with Treasure Hunt numbers had people claiming a prize. There were more Treasure Hunt numbers posted than in year's past as there will be only two nights to hunt for the numbers (Nov. 26 and Dec. 16). The Treasure Hunt numbers were inserted in the Nov. 25 issue of *The Saint Francis Herald*. Those not having matching numbers Friday night will want to save their numbers for Dec. 16 as many new numbers will be posted then.

Santa had many young people visiting with him at the old city hall building. Wishes varied from spending time with her mother to every kind of toy including four-wheelers. Santa was even presented with several lists written by the children.

Whether they talked with Santa or not, they were given a candy cane which brought smiles to their faces.

The Alumni Games were held the following night at the high school. Teams of volleyball ladies and basketball men competed. (See related article.)

The coloring contest pictures have been hung in business windows around town. Be sure to check them out. The winners will be announced at the Dec. 16 drawing and last official Chamber promotion before Christmas.

throughout the season include:

- The drawings for Chamber and Christmas On Us scrip money. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. Between the drawings, winners of the coloring contest and the Christmas Lighting Contest will be announced.
- Hot chili feed following the drawings (free-will offerings will be welcomed). Santa will also be at the old city office building to hear those final wishes before Christmas.
- Stores will be open later to al-

low people to do their last-minute shopping. Remember to shop at home. These businesses have stocked their shelves for the holiday season and are depending on everyone to do as much shopping at home as they possibly can.

- The Chamber's Christmas Lighting Contest will be judged on Dec. 15 and the two winners will be announced during the drawings on Dec. 16. Winners will each receive \$50 in scrip money.



CANDY CANE LANE—Patty Wauffle helps Rachel Bouza shop at the Koinoia Coffee House.



RINGING THE BELLS—Dolores and Kattie Jenik rang the bells for the Salvation Army Friday night during the Christmas opening.

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INVENTORY REDUCTION SALE

Tri-State Gun Shop will be reducing its inventory thru the HOLIDAYS

- In stock new guns at cost plus \$10
- Used guns at 20% off retail (or more)
- In stock new scopes & optics at cost plus \$10
- All powder, primers, ammo, Natural Gear camo, and all other sporting goods will be sold at cost plus 10%

Hurry while supplies last!!!

Tri-State Gun Show will still carry a small inventory of must have items, and will order-in any product that a customer may need.

Tri-State Gun Shop

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Lions Club Annual Pancake Day

Saturday, December 4
6:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Grade School Cafeteria • St. Francis

All the Pancakes You Can Eat \$3.00

Including Butter, Syrup, Coffee (all you want)

~ PLUS for an additional \$1.00 ~
Ham or Sausage, Eggs & Orange Juice

Everyone is welcome to come and fill up!

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You're Invited to a
Come & Go Baby Shower
for
Kayla Weber & Baby Boy

Thursday, Dec. 11
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
St. Francis Public Library

St. Francis Music Club
presents
"Yuletide Festival"
and
Candy Store

Sun., Dec. 5 • 1 p.m.
St. Francis High School Auditorium