



**THREEPOODLE** (above) rode on a flatbed trailer on Charles and Phyllis Godwin's float in the Parade of Lights on Friday. They took first place. A large blow-up snowman (below) and kids looked out at the crowd from the KFNF entry.



## Lighted floats parade town in the snow

Main Street was covered in snow, which continued to fall from the sky; the lights under the awnings were turned off; and Christmas music played in the background.

Kids, bundled in snow pants, boots, hats, gloves and heavy coats, waited anxiously for the annual

holiday Parade of Lights to start. Some occupied their time catching snowflakes on their tongues and playing in the white stuff.

Then it was time for the parade to start. The first entry was the color guard from the Oberlin American Legion Post, carrying the American

flag.

There were 13 entries in all, said Gary Walter of the Bank, who helps organize the parade for the Oberlin Business Alliance. He said that was fewer entries than normal because of the weather.

The floats included trucks pulling flatbeds, with blow-up exhibits; people throwing candy; dogs; and more. There was a semi trailer truck and lots of small sparkling lights.

While little kids watched with big eyes, Santa Claus brought up the rear of the parade, riding on an Oberlin fire engine.

Winners of the decorating contest were Charles and Phyllis Godwin, first, with a red Studebaker pulling a trailer with a fireplace, rocking chair and the three dogs; Kenneth Gee, second, who decorated his 2005 Peterbilt semitrailer rig with lights and pulled a trailer with a large inflatable snow globe; and The Bank, third, with a trailer with a large inflatable snowman and kids.



**ABLOW-UP MANGER SCENE** rode on the back of a truck for the Oberlin Business Alliance's annual Parade of Lights on Main Street on Friday night.