

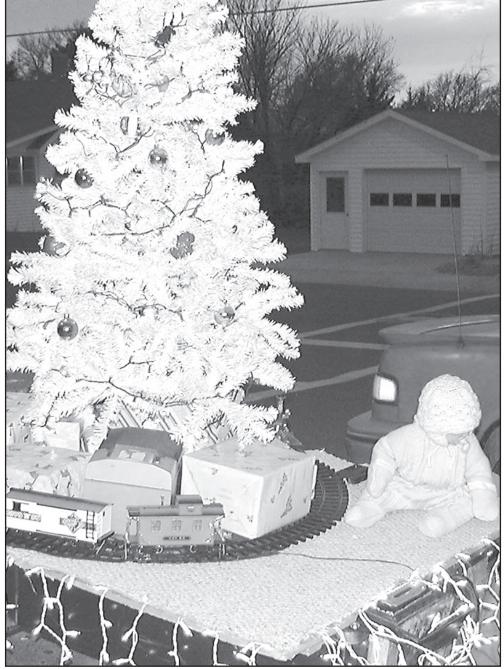


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SANTA CLAUS had his hands full Friday night of the Christmas Opening in St. Francis. Both Mason Rieger and Bella Bandel had their photo taken but, Bella, right, wanted off. Bella is the daughter of Mike and Leigh Ann Bandel, and Mason is the son of Cale and Lori Beth Rieger.

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THE LIGHT PARADE on Friday night had many colorful floats and was deemed a success. Above, Christopher Hartman had his daughter, Shelby, who looked like a baby doll, ready to go down Main Street. Clockwise, Mark Zimbelman was helping Alecia Zimbelman as she decorated the tree before the parade. Jennifer Krien, far right, was arranging the packages on the sleigh; Jackie Milliken, left, and Joel Gilliland were just waiting for the parade to begin.





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