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Christmas opening deemed successful

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Friday, as the 6 o'clock whistle blew, the Main Street's lights were off as the floats and participants in the annual Light Parade started down. It was ideal weather - not too cold but cold enough to help everyone into the Christmas spirit.

The parade was led by the city police with the Zimbelman-Burr-Flemming-Krien float following, with many lights and reindeer nodding as they made their way down Main Street. This year, the number of floats was up and, as usual, the street was lined with people watching as the brightly lit

floats coming their way.

This year's winner of the People Choice plaque was the Schultz Family float. Family gathered around the big box which contained Megan Githens. The family will display the plaque for a year but, everyone could be considered a winner. From the baby, Shelby Hartman, to the Solid Rock Baptist carolers with the living Mary, and Joseph, to the Equity's Santa's elves working, to the Milliken golf carts which had a little trouble starting but it came together to add to the parade.

Other floats entered were the Knights of Columbus religious float depicting the Nativity and

Bracelin float which carried Santa.

There were many people at the senior center for soup and cinnamon buns. The Once Again Band entertained outside the center as well as the Cuppa Joe, which had an open house going on. The Salvation Army bucket with Scouts manning it, was in front of the senior center.

Santa had around 70 children visiting him at Western State Bank. They were asking for everything from I-Pods, Legos, Barbies and Air Soft guns. Each child was given candy.

Entertaining with Christmas music while people waited in

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PEOPLE'S CHOICE PLAQUE went to the Eddie Schultz family. There were eight floats in the parade this year.

Herald staff photo by Nathan Fiala



DANAE KABURECK had plenty to tell Santa Friday night of the Christmas Opening in St. Francis. She is the daughter of Chelsi and Josh Kabureck. Herald staff photo by Lezlie McCormick

Five people match tickets

Readers are checking the ads in the "B" section of both *The Herald* and the *Times*, and five lucky people had matching numbers this week.

The five people, all from St. Francis, had numbers matching those to earn them \$50 each in scrip. No one claimed tickets with "8."

Teresa Sowers found her number in the Schultz's ad and made her purchase at St. Francis Tire and Service. She plans to use the scrip to buy Christmas presents.



Henderson



Hoffman



Schmidt



Sowers



Zweygardt

Cindy Henderson found her number in the Chamber of Commerce ad and made her purchase to claim her tickets at Thrift Store. She is going to use the scrip money to buy presents for the grandkids.

Jen Hoffman found her ticket number in the Schultz's ad and made her purchase to claim the tickets at Bella's Market. She

plans to buy Christmas presents.

Rachel Schmidt's lucky number was found in the Bier's Home-town Store ad. She said she was going to use her scrip money to buy groceries. Her tickets came from Hilltop General Store where she had made a purchase.

Gertie Zweygardt found her

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Wrestling tourney here Saturday

The wrestling schedule for this season will kick off for St. Francis on Saturday with the Gabel/Jenkins St. Francis Invitational. The invitational is celebrating 52 years and has been a tradition for area teams to attend to begin their new season.

Having a home opener is great for both the wrestlers and the fans. It gives the younger wrestlers the security of a home-fan base and the Indian boosters the opportunity to cheer on the Indians and see area competition early in the season.

This year the always tough tournament will have seven squads competing for the championship including Rawlins County/Atwood, Colby, Goodland, Sterling, Colo., St. Francis, Wichita County/Leoti and Wray, Colo.

Last year Norton won the event with a total of 194.5 points. Colby had won the tournament for the last three years but Norton proved to be successful in defeating second place Goodland (144 points) by 50.5

points. Colby came in third with 137 points.

St. Francis finished fifth with 68.50 points. The Indians had one champion, one second-place finisher and three fourth-place finishers.

"We only have one returning state qualifier (Lane Hoffman) but a couple of our returnees were one match away from qualifying for state out of probably the toughest regional in the state," said Nate Smith, St. Francis coach.

"Casey Keller, Mikey Leibbrandt, Dylan Wolaver and Zach Gienger were all one match away from going to the state meet and if they would have made it to Hays they would have had some success. Thomas Douthit returns from a injury shortened season and we expect big things from him and returning varsity wrestlers Logan Lampe, Tyler Raby, and Derek Queen.

"Foster Grant and Austin White are on the mat again this year so with them, our returning junior

varsity wrestlers and the other new faces we expect to be very competitive at the state level."

"We will be wrestling all of our wrestlers at the Gabel/ Jenkins Invitational this year which will be a nice change and allow the community to see everyone compete."

The time schedule for the tournament has the first session beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the second session slated for 1 p.m. The finals will take place beginning 15 minutes after the second session. There will be two mats for the consolation and finals. The approximate time is set at 4:30 p.m. but there have been occasions when they have started earlier so plan your attendance accordingly.

First and second place trophies will be given with medals to the first three placers and the consolation champion. Medals will be presented following the championship match in each weight division. Coaches will select by ballot the "Outstanding Wrestler" at the end of the tournament.



'MURDER AT CROOKED HOUSE' will be presented Monday. Pictured (l to r) are Hannah Wolff, Sydney Sundstrom, Sophie White, Hannah Stafford and Katie Schmid. Laying on the floor is Kattie Jenik.

Herald staff photo by Nathan Fiala

Junior high girls present musical

The St. Francis junior high girls will be presenting their annual musical on Monday in the high school auditorium. Curtain time for "Murder at Crooked House," a traditional "whodunit" murder mystery, is 7 p.m.

Hercules Porridge, the famous Hoboken detective, is called to Crooked House on his very first case, and discovers not one, but two dead bodies. Hercules' attempts to investigate the mysterious deaths are hampered by Detective Bobby of the city police, who wants to run the investigation himself.

Suspects include Rebecca Fitzwilliam, the blackmailing landlady at "Crooked House;" Jeeves, the senile old butler; Fay Strange, a strange young actress; Anguish Crispie, the mystery writer; Mark Palegrave, an eccentric young man interested in orchids and bugs; Penny Russell, the distraught young bride; Colonel Chutney, the bizarre neighbor; and Nurse Payne, the German nurse in search of a patient. It's a dark and stormy night as Hercules Porridge lays out the motives and solves the case amid much confusion.

Members of the cast include Emily Elfers, Alexis Frink, Carol Eve Harris, Kattie Jenik, Journey Lee, Kayla Reed, Kylie Sherlock, Hannah Stafford, Sydney Sundstrom, McKenzie Taylor, Hannah Wolff, Jenna Confer, Danielle Frink, Makayla Rogers, Katie Schmid, and Sophie White. They are directed by Debbie Fiala.

"Murder at Crooked House" is written by Tim Kelly, with music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur.

There will be an admission charge. See ad for further details.

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