This year’s Vision of Trees at the Champion Community Center featured 43 trees from which to choose a favorite.

The “People’s Choice” recipient for first place was “Add a Touch of Christmas to the Season” by Jeri Markee of The Added Touch, second place was a tie with “Blue Christmas” decorated by Candy Schilke and ”Angels Watching Over Us” by Celia Spady. Connie Griess and Betty Jo Goodell placed third with “It’s a Cardinal Christmas.”

The coloring contest winner for age five and under was Lucy Spady. Kaylee Meeske was chosen for the 6-9 year category with Bridget Langin taking first in the 10 and older division.

Raffle winners included Jewel Jensen, who won the year round snowmen wall hanging and shelf made by Jean and Robert Farrer; the quilted Cardinal Christmas wall hanging made by Rhonda Smith was won by Annie Pursley; Jean Welch took home the gingerbread house made by LaDonna Welch, and Marla Rock of Wray, Colo. received the Papa’s Barn Bookshelf made by Gale McCormick of Trinidad Benham. Jack Schnieder also of Trinidad Benham made the dollhouse bookshelf won by Ed Cupp.

First State Bank displayed a tree which was donated to a family in the area and included $60 in Chamber Bucks. Along with the tree, a food basket was given by Impeial Super Foods.

The weekend was a big success after its kick-off with the arrival of Santa, Mrs. Claus and an elf on Friday evening.

Saturday afternoon, a large crowd gathered to enjoy the performance of Doc C’s Six’ees.

Jill Bauerle and the Girl Scouts entertained with versions of “Twas the Night Before Christmas” between two short Christmas skits on Sunday afternoon.

This was the fourth year that the Champion Junior Women’s Club has sponsored this fund-raising event for the Champion Community Center. The first year featured 17 trees, growing to the 43 entries this year.