

**By Carolyn Lee**

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Not only will those attending the Vision of Trees at the Champion Community Center this weekend be entertained, but they'll be able to bid on many great silent auction items, enjoy good food and vote for the best decorated Christmas trees.

Sponsored by the Champion Junior Women's Club, the Vision of Trees runs from Friday night through Sunday.

As of Monday, there were 38 Christmas trees slated to be exhibited, according to Chairman Jean Farrer.

Neva Molzer's Santa collection and Joyce Bernard's Christmas Village will also be on display. New this year is a silent auction for such items as an overnight cabin stay at Cox's Pond, a catered pizza dinner for six, a take-home enchilada dinner, a crocheted baby layette, Raggedy Ann and Andy, knitted items, gift baskets, a pheasant feather wreath, a memory window and a nativity gourd.

The weekend begins Friday with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus from 5-8 p.m. Pictures will be taken by Ann Miller of Pages of Time, and refreshments are being served.

Saturday the Turn of the Century Carolers will provide musical entertainment beginning at 10 a.m.

Following is a potato bake for \$4 at 11 a.m. At 12 noon the G-Quads+1, Marla Smith's advanced guitar and fiddle students, will be playing Christmas carols.

At 1:30 p.m., students directed by Arlys Cupp will present a play, followed by a humorous skit of the shepherds on the hillside receiving the news of Christ's birth.

Sunday begins with a soup luncheon at 12 noon for \$3. At 2 p.m. the Zion Lutheran Bell Choir will perform Christmas selections.

About 2:45 p.m. the participation drawing for all Christmas Tree displays will begin, with the raffle drawing following, then the announcement of the silent auction winners.

Tickets for the raffle, which includes a painting, wheelbarrow planter, toy box, snowman wall hanging and metal Christmas tree, will be sold at the Vision of Trees for \$1 apiece or 12 for \$10.

The raffle items are displayed in the McNair Agency, Inc. window in downtown Imperial.