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The Champion Community Center was the center of a bustling crowd Saturday and Sunday as the Champion Junior Women's Club hosted its annual Vision of Trees.

In keeping with the theme of snowmen this year, the 39 trees and four table displays included the snowy fellows.

About 30 children were photographed with Santa and Mrs. Claus Sunday—as well as several adults.

Spokeswoman Rhonda Smith said 165 people partook of a potato bake Saturday, while 140 enjoyed soup Sunday.

“We had a really good turnout Saturday,” she said, adding that Imperial Manor delivered two vans of residents.

Food and craft items were for sale during the two days. In addition, a silent auction was held with items donated by local people.

Entertainment included the 9th St. Singers, Marla Smith and her music students and several other individuals performing songs and dances.

The winners of raffle prizes were Bob Hartman, a rocking horse; Don Welch, patio chairs; Peg Ekart, a Christmas tree; Connie Griess, a quilt; and Rhonda Smith, a snowman wall hanging.

The ninth annual Vision of Trees raises money for families in the Champion and Imperial area who need help with medical and other needs, Smith said. All the money raised goes right back out, she added.

Last year eight families benefited from the event.