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“Sassy,” a Yorkshire Terrier owned by Dixie Kalstad of the Falls, took the top spot in Friday’s second annual cutest pet contest.



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Falls Recreation Hockey members wave to crowds during Friday’s ‘Twas the Lights Before Christmas Parade.

Left: Charli Mann, left, and Gary Mann, provide horse-drawn wagon rides before the parade.



Donning Santa hats, parade walkers show off sponsors of the holiday event.



An excited group of children cheer as a float carrying Santa Claus parades passed them Friday.



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Thank you Miner’s County Market and Lenard’s for the Hot Chocolate; and Coca-Cola Bottling for our Parade Banner & Christmas Bear!

*Many thanks to the sponsors of FREE Movies with Santa: Cine 5, the Falls Rotary Club and Top Ten Video*

Thank you, Wade Whitbeck, for the stoves, fire-building & tending the fires; and Bobby Paul for the firewood

**Thanks also** to Mann’s Wagon Rides, Ben Burgess & Badiuk Equipment, Richard Thompson, Tom Walter, Sister Hutchinson, Sister Christensen, John Klow, John David Klow, KGHS/KSDM Radio, 93.1 The Border, The Journal & KCC-TV.

A huge thank you to ALL parade participants, pet owners, Int’l Falls Law Enforcement & Fire Department, Dennis Jonson & City Crews, City of Int’l Falls, VFW Color Guard, Dr. Melody Nicholson (Vintage Sleigh), Santa Claus, Girl Scout Carolers & Leaders and THE RETAILERS WHO STAYED OPEN LATE AND AWARDED \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATES!

**Congratulations to the Parade Winners:**  
**\$300 First Place:** Girl Scouts, Brownies & Daisies  
“Gingerbread House & Gifts”  
**\$200 Second Place:** Koochiching Economic Development Authority  
“Let It Snow - Cold Weather Test”  
**\$100 Third Place Tie:** Gizzard Girls - “Island of Misfit Toys”  
Moose Lodge - “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Moose”  
Honorable Mention: Int’l Falls Rec Hockey

**Grand Prize \$300 Chamber Dollars:** Keith Goulet  
Giant Coca-Cola Bear: Julie Olson

**Cutest Holiday Pet Contest Winners:**  
“Sassy” by Dixie Kalstad  
Pug dog with bells: by the Hogan Family  
*Thank you to the many pet owners  
who lovingly showed their pets!!*

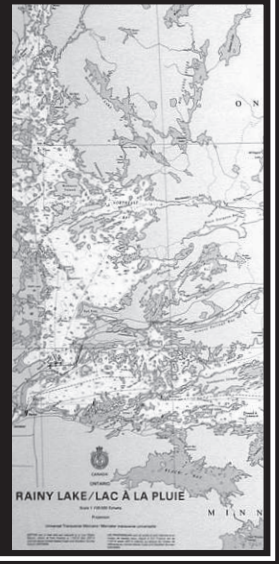
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*Items will be delivered to the Falls Food Shelf for pets of families in need.*

**Donations accepted until Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>**  
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