

# 'Christmas On Us' to give out \$1,500 in scrip

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Tis (almost) the season and people are already asking when the businesses will start giving away the Christmas On Us tickets. This year, as in year's past, the fun and giveaways will be exciting and full of suspense.

There will still be a \$1,000 grand prize drawing along with a \$100 second prize. There will still be the eight \$50 drawings throughout the season. Like last year, each Christmas On Us business will be giving away a prize. Numbers will appear in the ads, the same as the numbers for the \$50 prizes. When one of these numbers is matched with a ticket number, the person will draw a business, then they, along with a Herald staff member, will go to the business for the prize and a photo with the owner for the next week's Herald.

Starting today (Thursday), there will be tickets in participating businesses. Each time someone purchases \$10 in merchandise or services, they will receive a ticket. This is also a great time to pay that bill before the new year and get extra tickets for the drawing.

Then, for the next three weeks, there will be numbers from the tickets listed in ads in the special Christmas On Us pages. If the number on the page matches the number on a ticket, the holder of the ticket will need to bring it to The Herald office to claim \$50 in scrip. The winner will have their picture taken and tell what they plan to do with the scrip.

"It is a merry time of the year and giving away money and prizes makes it even more fun," said Casey McCormick, ad manager.

By Dec. 15, there should be eight \$50 scrip Instant Winners and 12 in-store prizes. If all of the \$50 tickets have not been claimed, they will be drawn for at the Christmas On Us and Chamber celebration on Monday, Dec. 15.

### Deadline

There is a deadline for matching the ticket numbers! Anyone with a ticket matching a number in the Christmas On Us ad pages must claim their prize before 5 p.m. the next Monday by bringing it into

The Herald office. There is an exception to the deadline of the week of the Christmas On Us drawing. That week, winners must claim their prize by noon on Monday.

There will be new numbers placed in ads each week and ticket numbers from the week before, if not claimed by the following Monday, will no longer be considered.

If a ticket number is unclaimed, a new number will be drawn and it will be added to the next week's numbers on the Christmas On Us pages.

A total of \$400 in scrip will be given to Instant Winners.

At the Dec. 14 drawing, the big winner holding the first place ticket will find themselves with an extra \$1,000 in scrip to spend in St. Francis during the season. The second place winner will take home \$100 scrip. There will also be a drawing for any unclaimed Instant Winner and in-store prize tickets.

"Start collecting those tickets today and you might be the \$1,000 winner," Mr. McCormick said.

Last year, there were approximately 50,000 tickets given away. Consequently, \$500,000 stayed in St. Francis that might have been spent in neighboring towns.

Each week, participating merchants will be advertising sales and specials in the ads on the Christmas On Us pages so while looking for matching numbers, people are urged to take a good look at the specials.

Participating businesses in the Christmas On Us drawings are:

- Bier's Hometown Store
- Bumper To Bumper
- Hilltop General/Uptown Market
- Majestic Service
- Owens True Value
- Parkhill Restaurant
- Republican Valley Auto Supply
- St. Francis Super's
- Schultz's
- St. Francis Tire and Service
- The Saint Francis Herald
- United Methodist Thrift Store

The contest will end at noon on Dec. 14 and the grand prize drawing will be held at 5:30 that afternoon at the St. Francis Grade School in conjunction with the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce's drawings.



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**—Those celebrating their birthday at the senior center are Bev Higgins, John Kamla, Phyllis Wright and Roberta Linin.  
Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

## Obituary

**Leonard Lloyd Amsberry**  
July 15, 1924 - Nov. 6, 2009

Leonard Lloyd Amsberry, 85, a retired bulk oil distributor, died on Nov. 6, 2009, after a hard-fought battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Leonard was born July 15, 1924, in northwest Kansas near Bird City to parents, Alfred and Susanna Amsberry. He and his four sisters and three brothers kept things lively on the family farm.

After graduating from Bird City High School, Leonard enlisted in the Army. Deciding he wanted to do his part overseas, he entered training for paratroopers. He became a parachutist in the 408th Airborne, 11th Airborne Division.

During his time in the armed services, he received numerous awards and commendations which included the Bronze Service Star. He loved his country and remained patriotic his entire life.

He was a member of the Everett L. Nelson American Legion Post 352, as well as a life-time member of the VFW and Elks BPOE.

He married his wife, Margret

Lohrene Cress in 1947 and began raising a family. They had two daughters, Lynnette and LaNelle, and a son, Lonnie. Lonnie died of cancer in 1956.

In partnership with his brother, Lee, Leonard started the Amsberry Service Station on the corner of U.S. 36 and Bird Ave. in Bird City. Leonard and Lohrene also worked together in owning and operating the Quad L Cafe and later, Rene's Dairy King. Leonard branched out on his own and founded the Amsberry Oil Company, delivering bulk oil and fuel to area farmers.

His wife, Lohrene died in 1993 after a courageous battle with cancer. He continued operating Amsberry Oil Company for a few more years, retiring fulling in 1995.

Leonard married his second wife, Julia Belle Cress, in 1997 and happily welcomed his stepchildren, Judy, Bob and Alice into his family. Julia died in July of 2009.

Leonard was a devoted grandfather, leaving all of his grandsons with many special memories of time spent with him. He was an avid motorcycle enthusiast. He and his wife, Lohrene, made yearly trips to Florida to attend Daytona Bike Week which just happened to coincide with his grandson, Ryan's birthday in nearby Titusville, Fla. Grandson Andy rode many miles sitting behind Grandpa as the family traveled to nearby towns on their cycles. Leonard also made trips to motorcycle rallies in Sturgis, S.D., sharing the road with his two oldest grandsons, Matt and Chris.

Leonard truly never knew a stranger and made friends wherever he traveled. His ready smile and sense of humor was shared with many area farm families. He had a special rapport with children becoming "Grandpa Leonard" to many. As the tank truck with the Flying Red Horse and later, the Phillips 66 emblem on the side, drove into the yard, they knew it meant friendly banter and plenty of candy suckers.

He was preceded in death by his young son, Lonnie; his first wife, Lohrene, and his second wife, Julia, his parents, brothers, Howard

and Ernest, and sister, Irene.

Leonard is survived by his daughter, Lynnette Nolan (Steve) of St. Francis, and grandsons, Matt, Chris and Andy (Jennifer) and great-grandson, Damien; his daughter, LaNelle Netherton (Bob) of Titusville, and grandson, Ryan, stepchildren, Judy Verhelst, Bob Cress and Alice Cress; sisters Vera Sumner, Dorothy Hammers and Darlene Brubaker; brother, Lee Amsberry and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cheyenne County

Emergency Medical Technicians, P.O. Box 453, St. Francis, or National Parkinson Foundation, Inc., Office of Development, 1501 NW 9th Ave./ Bob Hope Road, Miami, Fla., 33136-1494.

A celebration of Leonard's life was held Nov. 14 at the St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City with interment at the Bird City Cemetery. Casket bearers were Matthew Nolan, Chris Nolan, Andy Nolan, Ryan Netherton, Dave Flemming, Ray Johnson and Dan Bowers.

Arrangements were by Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis.

### MULTI-PARCEL LAND AUCTION 320 +/- Acres Cheyenne Co. Kansas Dryland TUESDAY, NOV. 24, 2009 @ 1:30 pm CT

#### Marilyn Jo Shull Trust, Seller

Auction Site: Western Auction & Real Estate Auction Pavilion, West HWY 36, St. Francis, Ks

PROPERTIES TO BE SOLD:

Tract 1: NE 1/4 of 9-4-38 Tract 2: NW 1/4 of 10-4-38  
Located near Bird City, Kansas

#### Auction Terms & Details:

**MANNER OF SALE:** The real estate will be offered as a „Multi-Parcel% auction in two individual tracts and in combination of tracts. It will be sold in the manner that produces the highest aggregate bid. There will be Open Bidding on all tracts and combinations of tracts during the auction as determined by the auctioneer. Bids on tracts, tract combinations, and the total property may compete. Auction procedure and increments of bidding are at the discretion of the Auctioneer.

**TERMS:** 10% down day of sale per tract with the balance to be due on or before December 21, 2009, or upon such terms as may be acceptable to the Seller. Personal and corporate checks are acceptable for the down payment with the final payment to be due in certified funds at closing. All funds will be held by the Auctioneer in their trust account. Bidding is not contingent upon financing. Financing, if necessary, must be arranged and approved prior to the auction. **ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE DAY OF SALE SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER PRINTED MATERIAL AND PREVIOUSLY MADE ORAL STATEMENTS.**

**FSA CROP INFORMATION:** 2009 FSA Payments go to Tenant on Tracts 1 and 2. Tenant shall receive 2/3 of 2010 FSA payments, 1/3 shall go to the Buyer. 2010 FSA Payments on Tract 2 shall go to Buyer, if any. Buyers are responsible to enter into the FSA programs, if needed. All acres are currently registered in the Cheyenne County, Kansas FSA office.

**CROPS:** Tract 1: Buyer shall receive landlord's 1/3 share. Tenant shall retain 2/3 of the growing wheat crop. No growing crops will be transferred to Buyers on Tract 2 as it is currently in summer fallow.

**REAL ESTATE TAXES:** Seller is responsible for 2009 taxes and prior years. Real Estate taxes for 2010 shall be paid by the Buyer(s).

**MINERAL RIGHTS:** All mineral rights owned by the Seller shall be transferred to the Buyer(s) at closing. No oil and gas leases are on any of the Tracts to be sold. Minerals are believed to be in tact and owned by the seller.

**CLOSING & POSSESSION:** The date of closing shall be on or before December 21, 2009 on all tracts. Tract 1: Possession shall transfer after 2010 Wheat Harvest, no later than August 1, 2010. Tract 2: Possession transfers to Buyer at closing on or before December 21, 2009.

**EVIDENCE OF TITLE:** Seller will provide title insurance to the Buyer(s) in the amount of the purchase price with the premium to be paid one-half by Buyer and one-half by Seller. Title evidence will be provided on sale day.

**ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS:** The successful bidder will be required to enter into a real estate purchase contract immediately following the auction. Copies of the contract will be available from the auctioneer prior to the sale.

**ACREAGES:** Acreage figures are considered to be approximate and are from reliable sources, based on FSA figures. All FSA information is subject to change. FSA acres may not be the same as deeded acres.

**EASEMENTS:** This sale is subject to all right-of way and easements, whether recorded or not.

**SURVEY:** The Seller is not offering a survey on any tract of land. All property sells as it is, where it is, and its present condition.

**INSPECTIONS:** Each potential bidder is responsible for conducting their own independent inspections & due diligence concerning pertinent facts about the property. Neither the Seller, or Western Auction & Real Estate, LLC, its agents or representatives, are making any warranties about the property, either expressed or implied.

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## Boys teams win games

On Nov. 12, the Cheylin junior high boys' basketball teams traveled to Brewster. The A-team won 39-23, and B-team won 30-8.

### A-team

Scoring for the Cougars were Ty Carmichael and Justin Culwell with eight points each, Walker Janicke had seven points, Eddie Frisbie with six points, Luis Solis had four points, Casey Vandike, Shawn Pochop and Reece Leonard each scored two points. The team had 28 steals and 40 rebounds.

### B-team

Scoring for the B-team were Pochop with 12 points, Vandike with seven points, Jacob Brubaker had five points, Blaine Burns, Connor Hazuka, and Reece Leonard each scored two points. The team had 21 steals and 30 rebounds.

"I was pleased with how the players have improved from the first games played," said Coach Max Keltz. "But also realize the amount of work needed to remain competitive."

Next set of games will be on home court at McDonald against Dighton on Friday.



**TY CARMICHAEL makes a steal during the A-team basketball game against Brewster.**  
Times staff photo by Linda Schneider



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