



PRACTICING FOR the Community Christmas Chorus are Tim Trumbo, Glenn Isernhagen and Stanley Keller. The group has been practicing on Sundays, preparing for their performance on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church.
Times staff photo by Tim Burr

No one claims prizes in Christmas promotion

By Karen Krien
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Last week, there were five people matching their numbers in the Christmas On Us special promotion. This week, there were no matches. That leaves two \$50 scrip prizes and nine gift prizes.

There are only two weeks left of Christmas On Us and this week, in the ads on Pages 1, 2 and 3 of the second section, there are 11 numbers. That is a number in each ad.

While you are looking for a number, said Tim Burr, ad manager, check out the specials being offered in the participating businesses.

How it works

Customers receive a ticket when they purchase \$10 in goods in participating businesses. Individuals can receive one ticket, no purchase necessary, each week at *The Herald* office.

Throughout the Christmas On Us promotion, there are ticket numbers printed in ads on the special Christmas pages. The \$50 give-away numbers are included along with "*" numbers which are prizes given away by businesses. Winners will have their pictures taken whether they receive \$50 in scrip or a prize in a business.

The business prizes are a bonus for customers as there will be nine additional prizes given throughout the season.

"Giving prizes in the businesses builds excitement and also gives the business owners another chance to say "thank you for shopping in St. Francis," said Tim Burr, ad manager for *The Herald* and *Times*.

"Check out those numbers! You might be a winner!"

Winning tickets must be brought in no later than Monday

"It is important that the numbers be matched by Monday at 5 p.m. because, on Tuesday, new tickets will be drawn and there will be new numbers," said Karen Krien, publisher. "The numbers from the week before will no longer be good to claim a prize."

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 and nine business prizes will be given away.

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

Participating businesses in the Christmas On Us drawings are:

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

Be sure to mark the calendar for Dec. 19 for the grand prize drawings held in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce's activities. The drawing starts at 5:30 p.m. at the grade school in St. Francis.

Bird City historical group to meet Friday

The Bird City Historical Association, Inc. will meet on Friday, Dec. 9, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the Bird City Senior Center (weather permitting.) Please call 734-2750 if in doubt. After a brief business meeting, the program will be on the development of the Jan. 2012 issue of the pamphlet, "The Mystery of the Past" on the

Early Cattleman era. Members remember your individual category and bring your material for this issue. Bring copies of two unusual food recipes for the Christmas exchange. Please try to invite a guest. The work on the Heirloom Keepsake Journal is on going. Bring cookies for this our Christmas meeting.

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Eleanor Swihart traveled to the Landmark Inn in Oberlin with the First Baptist Ladies of St. Francis Sunday afternoon for tea.

Joan Tongish, Eleanor Swihart and Betty Lewis attended Helen Frisbie's 90th birthday party Saturday afternoon.

Lavina Waters and Betty Lewis were among those who attended the baby shower for Angela Brogan-

Brooks at the Senior Citizens Center in McDonald Sunday afternoon.

Kenneth and Phyllis Wilkinson visited Vera Kacirek at the Good Samaritan Home in Oberlin Wednesday.

Marlene Johnson enjoyed the Christmas Parade in Colby Sunday evening with Tish and Les Loker. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Sabatka and family.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Kathy Banister took the Brewster High School Scholars Bowl Team to Tribune Tuesday.

Kathy Banister attended the Christmas pot-luck after church at St. Josephs. She helped with the Christmas program.

George and Kathy Banister attended the Cheylin - Titan basketball games in McDonald Friday.

Lynn Officer attended Helen

Frisbie's 90th birthday party in McDonald Saturday.

Saturday evening and supper guests of Ote and Ellen Dewey were Tom and Kelly Dewey and children. They celebrated Tru's fourth birthday.

Sunday dinner and afternoon guests of Tom and Kelly Dewey and children were Craig and Barb Morton, and Ote and Ellen Dewey. They all helped Tru celebrate his fourth birthday.

Hospital board talks about potential real estate purchase

By Nathan Fiala
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The Cheyenne County Hospital Board met on Tuesday, Nov. 29, with visitors, Scott and Sarah Houtman who were concerned with a potential real estate purchase.

Two houses close to the clinic have been offered for sale to the hospital. Despite recent mill levy increases, hospital administrator Les Lacy stated it would be irresponsible to not at least run the numbers on purchasing one or both of these houses, and compare that cost with other current costs, such as lodging for medical students. Besides lodging, the houses could be used for a variety of things, such as office or storage space.

Treasurer Jane Young asked what the houses would actually be used for, as she understood housing was the main goal. Mr. Lacy said housing was the immediate need, but that other options should not be ruled out. Putting office space in the houses would clear more room

for clinical space in the hospital, which could be used to expand into offering other services, like having dexascans and nuclear medicine on site, instead of having a truck come in once a month.

Mr. Lacy emphasized that real estate is an investment that usually appreciates with time and could have a higher rate of return than a CD, if the houses would be liquidated for cash later. Board chairman Jerry Toler agreed that two houses offered for sale in close proximity is an opportunity the hospital couldn't afford to do nothing about.

Board member Mike Bandel asked Mr. Lacy if there was a pro forma made up for this and he answered no. Mr. Lacy stated he could get one put together pretty quickly, and that a special meeting may be needed to vote on the issue.

The board then heard reports from Jackie Ritchey, Health Information Management supervisor, Amelia Zeuge, out patient department supervisor, and Stacy Kaup, clinic manager. Ms. Ritchey talked about upcoming changes to documentation and coding standards that they are preparing for. Mrs. Zeuge talked about

scheduling procedures such as dexascans and other procedures that require trucks to come from other locations. She also wanted to emphasize to the public that her job is scheduling and if a patient has called to schedule a procedure and they have not heard back from her within a day or two, to call the office again to make sure the procedure is scheduled as planned. Mrs. Kaup spoke about her duties, usually with direct patient care.

Judy Rockwood has been hired as the new director of nursing, and will start at the beginning of the year.

The board moved onto their action items and discussed the annual budget, the blood chemistry analyzer and an Ultrasound device.

A new blood chemistry analyzer is needed to replace the older equipment and a lease through Western State Bank was approved by the board. Also, Mr. Lacy located a new Ultrasound machine at a greatly reduced price and the board moved to purchase this as well.

The budget was also looked over and was approved to be recommended to the Great Plains Health Alliance.

Winter Sports

Lady Cougars lose close game to Titans

By Nathan Fiala
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The Lady Cougars hosted their first game of the season on Friday, Dec. 2, losing out to the Triplains-Brewster Titans 57-50. The girls started off strong and were ahead at the end of the first quarter, but the Titans pulled ahead by the second and Cheylin never regained the lead.

Putting up stats for Cheylin were

Shayla Hubbard with 20 points and three rebounds, Susannah Jones with 12 points and 4 rebounds, Stephanie Busse scored six points and led the team with 11 rebounds, Forrest Burr scored four points and grabbed five rebounds, Jessica Turner scored four points, Allie Frisbie scored two points and got one rebound and Marlene Dehn scored two points and got four rebounds.

Boys basketball team wins against Titans

By Nathan Fiala
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The Cheylin Cougars hosted their first basketball game of the season on Friday, Dec. 2, winning against the Triplains-Brewster Titans 54-33. Both teams were pretty consistent throughout the game, Cheylin scoring 15-7 in the first and third quarters and 14-7 in the second. The Titans did manage to outscore the Cougars in the fourth quarter 12-10, but this was not enough to surpass the sizable lead Cheylin had already worked for.

Putting stats up for Cheylin were Keenan Reeh with 17 points and one rebound, Jeremiah White with 13 points and two rebounds, Joshua Keltz scored 11 points

and snagged five rebounds, Ethan Young scored eight points with seven rebounds and Adam Orten scored five points and grabbed one rebound. Ty Carmichael grabbed five rebounds, Walker Janicke got four rebounds and Wil Orten grabbed one.

The basketball teams will next compete in the Sagebrush Classic in Brewster on Friday and Saturday.



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The staff at the St. Francis Herald and Bird City Times wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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