

Strategic planning meeting held

During the Nov. 19 Bird City Strategic Planning meeting, those present were divided into two groups. The Environmental group and the Social group were to establish goals and committees to work on community projects for the years of 2014 -2019. These projects were formed from the suggestions of individuals who attended the first group meeting on Nov. 14.

The Physical Environment group was lead by Rod Young with Co-Leaders: Ned Smith, and Dennis Wright. During the second meeting, the group of participants established committees to work on the following goals: The Old Brownfields Theater, Storm Shelters, Cabins/Lodging, 'Round About'/flower pots/statues, Housing- Rehab/Rentals, Water Tour Project-birdhouse, and a Recycling building with a compactor.

The Social Group was directed by Rod Klepper and Darci Shields. Co-leaders for this group are Sherry Carmichael, Gary Brubaker, Frank Serrano, and Shannon Ambrosier. Committees and goals established by the participants of this group were: Establish Cheylin Fundraisers with a goal of raising \$27,000 - \$50,000 ,expanding the Bird City Clinic with enough room to provide an Optometrist/Dentist, resurfacing the McDonald Gym floor, and building an Outdoor Theater.

If you did not attended either of these Strategic Plan Town Hall meetings and are interested in working with a group on any of these projects, you can contact Cathy Domsch or Darci Shields at Century II, 734-2556, or any of the Co-Leaders, for more information on when the group you are interested in working with is meeting.



VELDA WRIGHT, Ned Smith and Troy Burr attended the Bird City Strategic planning meeting.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Christmas On Us has three winners this week

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The Christmas On Us contest has officially kicked off this season! After two weeks, there have been five winners that have received \$50 in scrip or a prize at one of the participating businesses. This week, three winners emerged, and there are sure to be many more that will win some holiday cheer this year.

More stores are participating this year, and there are lots of Christmas On Us tickets to be claimed. All of the ticket numbers in the ads can be found on 1B and 2B in this issue of The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times. Be sure and check your numbers against those listed in the ads. You could be a winner for \$50 in scrip or a prize at one of the participating businesses.

Dale Leydig and Jean Buffington won \$50 scrip this week. Dale received his winning ticket from Bier's store, and matched Bier's ad to become a winner. Jean's ticket came from Republican Valley Auto, and matched the number in the St. Francis Supers ad.

Don Benjamin won a nice, large ham from St. Francis Supers with his winning "*" ticket. Don's ticket came from Bumper to Bumper, and matched a winning



Buffington



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number from The Herald ad.

New numbers were drawn for this week's ads on Pages 1B and 2B. If you have a matching number, claim it by Monday at 5. After that, those numbers will no longer be valid as new numbers will be drawn.

Everyone will want to save their tickets received from purchases and bring them to the drawing on Dec. 16. You might be the winner of \$1,000 in scrip or \$100 in scrip. There are nine St. Francis businesses participating in the Christmas On Us promotion: Bier's Hometown Store, Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts, Owens True Value, Republican Valley Auto Parts, Schultz's Limited, The Saint Francis Herald, United Methodist Thrift Store, St. Francis Super's and Eagle Convenience Store.

With every \$10 spent in these businesses, the customer receives a ticket. However, it is not

necessary to make a purchase in The Herald office as once a week, people can come in and get a free ticket.

Each week, in the B section of *The Herald* and *Times*, numbers will be listed. Do not go to the business where the number was placed in the ad – come to The Herald office.

The numbers without a "*" will receive \$50 in scrip. Those with "*" mean the lucky person with the matching number will receive a gift in one of the businesses. When matching the * numbers, cards will be drawn at The Herald office and the winner and a photographer from The Herald will go to the business where they will be photographed receiving the prize.

There will be a drawing for the next two weeks, and winning ticket numbers can be found in the B section ads. The big drawing for \$1,000 and \$100 scrip, along with any leftover \$50 and gift prizes will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 16 in the high school gymnasium.

Everyone is urged to collect their tickets and mark Dec. 16 on their calendar. Along with the drawing, there will be entertainment for the whole family! Look for more information in the coming weeks. Plan to attend and win!



MIKE BOYSON works on his antique engine art.

Photo courtesy of Janet Carman

Bird City artist on display at local art gallery this week

By Janet Carman

Metal art created by Mike Boyson, Bird City artist, will be on display at Quincy Gallery, 109 N. Quincy, St. Francis, beginning Dec. 5.

Mike began making replicas of steam engines and tractors in the late 1980s. The secretary of the Bird City Antique Steam Engine and Thresher Association became excited about Mike's project. He and others donated junk pieces of metal and bins of bolts, lug nuts, gears and washers. Underwood Implement gave him old tractor gears they had stored.

Mr. Boyson has spent a lot of time studying

antique engines and tractors. He says that putting these old parts together to replicate them "just seemed like the right thing to do at the time."

Cheyenne Center for Creativity is hosting a "Meet the Artist" reception at Quincy Gallery from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday. Come on over, visit with him and view his metal sculptures which include: a Case steam engine, an Altman Taylor kerosene tractor, a Titan kerosene tractor, Russel and Huber steam engines, and an Oil Pull tractor. In addition, his sculpture, "From the Earth," will be displayed.

Hot apple cider, coffee and refreshments will be served.

Prepare for cold weather

As cold weather sets in, the risk of being stranded in a vehicle or at home with out electricity is a very real possibility. It is recommended that emergency supply kits be kept in the home and in vehicles.

The following list is provided by Federal Emergency Management Agency. Remember that this is a basic list, and if there are other items you our your families may need, they should be added to the kits:

Water- one gallon of water per person per day. Three days is suggested.

Food- a three day supply of non-perishable food. If this is canned, it is imperative to have a manual can opener.

Battery powered or hand crank radio.

Flashlight with extra batteries.

First aid kit.

Whistle to signal for help.

Garbage bags for personal sanitation.

Cell phone with charger.

Items that should be included if they are needed by members of your family:

Medications.

Glasses.

Infant formula and diapers.

Pet food and water.

Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items.

Books, games or puzzles for children.

It is important to also keep in your vehicle:

A shovel.

Cat litter.

A change of clothes (weather appropriate).

A blanket.

For those at home who are dependent on electricity for medical needs, a generator is recommended.



HOMETOWN MARKET had a brightly lit Christmas float at the Parade of Lights Friday night.

Times staff photo by Douglas Sloper