



\$1,000 drawing set for Monday

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It has arrived!!! The date for the drawing for the Christmas On Us \$1,000 and \$100 in scrip will be Monday. Be at the St. Francis grade school at 5:30 p.m. for all the activities and excitement.

The Treasure Hunt numbers are up all day long. Those numbers that were not a

match on the Christmas Opening, Nov. 23, will have another chance at the numbers on Monday. Dig out those red papers and plan to spend some time looking for matching numbers and doing some Christmas shopping.

At 5:30 p.m., the crowd will gather in the St. Francis Grade School with their tickets. Some tickets are organized on

boards, while others are listed on envelopes with the tickets inside. Even if the holders have only a few tickets, one of those tickets might be the winner – it only takes one.

If there are any "Instant Winner" \$50 scrip not claimed in the four week Christmas On Us promotion, they will be drawn for as well as those merchant gifts not

given away.

This year, the Christmas On Us numbers will be called and the lucky first place winner will take home \$1,000 in scrip. Second place winner will have \$100 in scrip.

The winners of the Christmas Lighting and children's coloring contest will be awarded on Monday.

Do that last-minute shopping and gather up the tickets before noon on Monday. Tickets for the final drawing will be collected at that time and then it will be too late to get any more. Tickets are given with every \$10 purchase or a free ticket can be picked up each week at *The Herald* office.

Last week for Christmas on Us numbers

This is the last week to check the Christmas On Us numbers on Pages 1B and 2B in this issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*. There are six numbers – three are with "*" which means there three prizes waiting at participating businesses. There are three numbers without "*" which means there is \$50 in scrip if you have a matching number.

Last week, there were four \$50 scrip winners. Connie Wilger's number was found in the *The Saint Francis Herald* ad. Her ticket came from Uptown Market. She was so surprised that she had won that she said she hadn't had time to think about what she would buy with the scrip money.

Kathy Ewing's number was found in the United Methodist Thrift Store ad. Her ticket came from Schultz's and she didn't know what she was going to spend it on but she was sure glad she won.

Penny Gienger's number was found in the Uptown Market ad. Her ticket came from Uptown and wasn't sure how she was going to spend it.

Holly Hingst's number was found in the Bumper To Bumper ad and her ticket came from Bier's Home Town. She said she was planning on buying Christmas gifts with the scrip money.

This week, Maggie Smith was



Hingst



Gienger



Ewing



Wilger

the only winner with an "*" She had bought Christmas lights in Owens True Value and her ticket number was found in the Owens' ad. She took home a gift set presented by Pat Owens, owner.

Be sure and check your numbers against those listed in the ads and you could be a winner for \$50 in scrip or a prize at one of the participating businesses, said Tim Burr, Herald/Times ad manager.

Save the tickets received from the purchases and bring them to the drawing which will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17, at

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AND, YOU ARE WHO???? Wyatt Zimelman was checking Santa out during the Christmas Opening in November. Santa will be at the grade school on Monday evening during the drawing and available to talk to children.



Salem Lutheran Church

Music program held on Sunday

Christmas music will once again fill the old white church standing majestically north of St. Francis. Members of Salem Lutheran Church have been preparing for the eighth annual celebration of "Christmas in the Country" set for 5 p.m. on Saturday. The prelude will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will include recorder duets by Talley Morrow and Cornelia Paulsen in the chancel area and the Once Again Sound Band in the balcony.

The service will be made up of music and the Christmas Gospel read in English and German to honor the Germans from the Black Sea area of Russia who settled northwest of St. Francis in the late 1800s and established Salem in 1901. Favorite carols will be sung by the congregation in English and German.

Groups performing that night will include the 50-voice Community Christmas Chorus under the direction of Neala Carmichael and two United Methodist Church hand bell choirs directed by Jennifer Krien. Sarah Whitmore and Talley Morrow will play a flute duet with Lila Whitmore as accompanist.

Food and fellowship will follow the service in the church basement. A free-will offering will be received and given to local helping agencies. The public is invited to attend. Snow date is Monday. See MUSIC on Page 9A

Christmas dinner set

The second annual free Christmas dinner will be held beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the St. Francis United Methodist Church on Christmas Day.

Anyone who doesn't have food for their own dinner, or they won't have family around, or they don't want to go to the work of cooking a dinner is welcome to join us for food, fellowship and games, said Rev. Warren Cico.

People may come earlier in the morning if they wish and they are welcome to stay as long as they want. There will be Christmas music and opportunities to play games.

If you have a favorite game, Rev. Cico said, please bring it with you.

Dinner with all of the trimmings will be served at no cost.

You do not need a reservation, he said, but if you are sure you will come, please call Warren at 785-772-7098 so he can prepare enough food.

Drop ins are welcome.

Group holds drawing

This is the third year for the Cheyenne County Big Brothers Big Sisters organization to raise money by selling tickets on gift baskets.

Baskets will be comprised of items donated by businesses in St. Francis. Last year, there were 31 businesses donating over \$1,300 in items and gift certificates. The members were able to put together 18 gift baskets to be given away.

Forty local businesses have already generously donated over \$2,000 in merchandise and gift certificates for this year's baskets, said Bridgette Antholz, one of the coordinators. One basket contains \$350 cash along with other goodies and, we still have donations coming in.

Ticket are on sale for \$5 each or five for \$20. Tickets are available at Bankwest, First National Bank, Western State Bank, and county Big Brothers Big Sisters board members: Bridgette Antholz, Margyre Antholz, Nathan Boyer, Holly Bryan, Dan Carson, Melissa Dart, Darla Dible, Cara Hunt and Kim Queen.

Items making up the gift baskets came from Park Hill, Glenda Krien, St. Francis Equity, Stuart's Jewelry, Donna's Gift Palace, The Flower Shoppe, Krien's Pharmacy, St. Francis Bumper to Bumper, Saintry Liquor, Captian Hook's, Diamond R, CK Hair Design, Grace Flying Service, Bird City Diner, Hot Brush, Beauty Box, Active Balance Chiropractic and

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ST. FRANCIS SIXTH GRADE students sang with the Elementary Honor Choir at the music convention held in Hays on Saturday. Pictured, left to right, are Taylor Kinzer, Connor Keller, Jessica Confer, Alex Queen, April Fernandez and Mason Schmid.

Students perform at Hays convention

The Northwest Kansas Music Educators Association Mini Convention II was held recently at Fort Hays State University in Hays. This year the convention featured concerts by three groups of outstanding young musicians, the Elementary Honor Choir, the High School Honor Choir and the High School Honor Band.

Musicians from the 22 county Northwest Kansas District auditioned in November for the privilege to perform in the high school honor groups. Sarah Whitmore, a senior at Saint Francis Community High School, was selected to play third-chair flute with the Honor Band. Bailey Merklin, a junior, was selected for the Honor Choir.

Grade school students who performed with the Elementary Honor Choir were Jessica Confer,

April Fernandez, Connor Keller, Taylor Kinzer, Alex Queen and Mason Schmid.

The students practiced the music selections for several weeks prior to the convention. They then traveled to the university on Dec. 8 where they participated in rehearsals during the morning, culminating in public concerts in the afternoon at the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center.

In what has become a tradition, the concert closed with the High School Honor Choir and Honor Band joining their musical talents together to perform a beautiful arrangement of "Over the Rain-



Merklin



SARAH WHITMORE was third seat in the honor band. This is the third year she has performed with the honor band.

bow," which received a standing ovation.

Sarah was also awarded a Medal of Achievement for her participation in the Honor Band all four years of high school.

Jessica, April, Connor, Taylor, Alex and Mason are students of JeanAnn Confer, St. Francis grade school music instructor. Sarah and

Bailey are students of Debbie Fiala, director of music at St. Francis high school.

The Grade School Honor Choir was under the direction of Marlo Zumbunn. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in music education from Kansas

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