



Christmas drawing set for Monday

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It has arrived!!! The date for the Christmas On Us drawing for the Christmas On Us \$1,000 and \$100 in scrip will be Monday, Dec. 16! Be at the St. Francis High School gymnasium at 6 p.m. for all the activities and excitement. (please note the location is at the High School) The Treasure Hunt numbers are up all day long at participating businesses in St. Francis. Those numbers that were not a match on the Christmas Opening, Nov. 29, will have another chance at

the numbers on Monday. Dig out those red and green papers, and plan to spend some time looking for m a t c h i n g numbers and doing some C h r i s t m a s shopping.

At 6 p.m., the crowd will gather in the St. Francis High School gymnasium with their tickets.



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This year, the children's basketball skills will put on a performance, and the Noteworthy Bell Choir of the United Methodist Church will also perform, prior to the drawing for the whole family to enjoy.

Some people come prepared with tickets organized on boards, while others have them 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.

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.

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.

This week, there were four ticket winners that had a star on them and got to draw a business to receive their prizes. There was

also one \$50 script winner that got to spend her money at the business of her choice.

Nicole Meyer was the winning ticket this week that received \$50 in scrip money. She said she planned to go get gas from the Eagle Convenience Store with her scrip money.

Jackie Ritchey drew Republican Valley Auto, and received a nice vice grip set from them. Scott Sherman also had a winning ticket with a star on it, and drew Bumper to Bumper. He received a pair of leather gloves that he got to pick

out from the store as his prize.

Patsy Rethke had a winning ticket and drew The St. Francis Herald to receive a one year subscription to the newspaper. Marlys Poulignot had a winning ticket and drew Owens' True Value. She received a beautiful Christmas reindeer decorative plate from the store for her winnings.

This year we had ten ticket winners total over the last three weeks! Congratulations to everyone who won this year! And good luck on Monday night!

Angels waiting to be picked up

Angels are flying through and off the trees in Bankwest, First National Bank, Western State Bank and Owens True Value. The angels will make their first appearance on Friday. The angels are just waiting for someone to take them off the tree so a child may have a better Christmas.

There are around 50 angels this year. On the back of each angel is written the age and a suggested size of the child for those who might want to purchase clothing.

Once a person selects a tag and the gift is bought. Both the gift and tag should be returned to the place where the tree is located by Monday, Dec. 16.

Janet Jensen, along with Jennifer Milne, both of St. Francis, are in charge of coordinating the Angel Trees this year.

"A lot of children benefit greatly from the Angel Tree project," Mrs. Jensen said.

Last year, their were around 50

children who received gifts. These gifts averaged around \$30.

If someone knows of a family who is having a difficult time making ends meet and could use a little help from Santa, please contact Mrs. Jensen at 332-2145 or Mrs. Milne at 332-5023.

Each year, the Angel Tree receives generous support, said Mrs. Jensen, which helps give kids a merrier Christmas.

The St. Francis Firemen donated \$700 last year. The majority of the money was raised by selling smoked hams. Mrs. Jensen said this money will be used to purchase gift certificates at the United Methodist Thrift Store and each child will receive a certificate.

If more information is needed for sizes, or gift ideas, call either Mrs. Jensen or Mrs. Milne.

"We are expecting letters from Santa which will help with ideas for the children," she said.

Christmas music heard on Sunday

Once again, the Community Chorus of Cheyenne County will be bringing a collection of beautiful Christmas and inspirational music to celebrate the season.

"Christmas Memories" will be presented at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15, at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis. Under the direction of Neala Carmichael, the 60-voice chorus, vocal, and instrumental soloists and small groups will help bring the Christmas spirit to those present.

Tema Trumbo will be thrilling the audience with her piano rendition of Christmas melodies; Chad Miller will be singing a Christmas favorite; Talley Morrow will also sing; and duet by Pastor Randy Nelson and Hoagie Carmichael accompanied by Louanne Isernhagen on the

violin and Mrs. Carmichael on the piano. Also featured will be a clarinet duet by Carol Ross and Sarah Guthmiller, piano and organ duet by Debbie Fiala and Sandy Bandel, vocal solo by Jenna Confer, and Christmas medley arrangement by Mrs. Isernhagen and Mrs. Carmichael. There will be music performed by the Women's Chorus, and the Men's Chorus will be featured in a choral arrangement. Mrs. Fiala will accompany many soloists and the chorus.

Mrs. Carmichael said there will be some surprises. There is always a little humor to accompany the musical presentation.

There is no admission, but everyone is urged to bring two items or cash donations for the Food Pantry.

Holiday fundraiser set at greenhouse

The St. Francis Community Garden and Farmer's Market is hosting a Harvest of Holidays fundraiser on Thursday, Dec. 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the former Goodell Greenhouse. This will be an open house event with hot chocolate, coffee and eggnog with food supplied by the members of PEO.

A "Christmas Country Store" will sell items from various vendors and businesses that have been donated to help raise money for greenhouse operational expenses. In addition, the students from Tammy Grice's high school class have made bird seed ornaments that will decorate our holiday tree and be for sale. The greenhouse will feature newly sprouted herbs for sale, with some in small decorator pots that would make a nice gift for Christmas.

A continuing indoor garage sale is also going on with items that

were stored by Shirley and Mike Marino from the former Goodell Greenhouse stock. The Marinos are donating half the proceeds to the greenhouse, so if it was too cold for you to attend the outdoor sale a few weeks ago, this is your chance to pick up some pretty pots, wind chimes, and other miscellaneous items, and help the greenhouse at the same time. All items are half price or more.

Be sure to stop by and experience Christmas at the greenhouse! To donate an item or gift basket for the "Store," contact Ms. Grice at 785-332-2910. The St. Francis Community Garden and Farmer's Market is a non-profit community organization located at the old Goodell Greenhouse (219 W. Webster St) and is open weekly on Thursday nights from 5-7pm and Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



DANCE RANCH STUDENTS, Jesslynn Houtman, Oakley Hamilton, Ellee Krien and Deija Kabureck, danced to 'Mr. Snow Miser' at the Yuletide program held Sunday.

Herald staff photo by Amanda Miller



JONATHAN ROELFS had the bucket at the top of the 20-plus foot tree as he strung lights last week at the home of Tom and Kathy Roelfs east of St. Francis on the old Wheeler Road. Tom, Kathy and their son, Jonathan, love to decorate for Christmas and the Roelfs' house and grounds are lit for the holiday season. Kathy said the tree pictured has around 1,500 lights.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Ninth service schedule

Salem Lutheran Church will host their ninth "Christmas in the Country" service of music at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 4:30 p.m. and will include carols played by Talley Morrow, Cornelia Paulsen, Tema Trumbo and the Once Again Sound Band.

Carols will be sung in German and English by the congregation and the Christmas Gospel will be read in both languages in honor of the Black Sea Germans from Russia who founded the congregation in 1901. Flute and violin will accompany the carols. Music will also be performed by the Salem Lutheran Choir, Heartland Harmony Trio, a three-part women's chorus, pianist Tony Rodriguez, and the 60-voice Christmas Community Choir under the direction of Neala Carmichael. Pianists Debbie Fiala and Natalie Knodel will accompany.

A free-will offering will be received and shared with local agencies to help families during the Christmas season. The public is invited to come to historic Salem Lutheran for this event and enjoy food and fellowship in the basement following the service. Donations of finger food are welcomed by the members of Salem and may be brought to the kitchen prior to the service.

Salem is located at the intersection of Road R and Road 9, eight miles northwest of St. Francis. From U.S. 36 go west of town to Road 9 and turn north four miles. From K-27 go west three miles on Road R. The snow date is Dec. 21.

Smoky Hills PBS taped last year's Salem "Christmas in the Country" and DVDs may be ordered through Salem Lutheran Church by sending a \$20 check to Keith Zweggardt, 945 Road R, St. Francis, KS 67756.