



Sainty man wins \$1,000 scrip in drawing

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On Monday evening, the St. Francis high school gym filled up with people hoping to win \$1,000 in scrip money for the Christmas On Us contest. People came with envelopes filled with red, white and green tickets ready to match a number.

There were thousands of tickets in the giant tub that Avery Jensen, 6, dug in to retrieve the winning ticket. Every ticket represents many dollars spent here in St. Francis, keeping local small businesses thriving.

Avery drew a green ticket for the \$1,000 scrip winner and handed it to Tim Burr, Herald ad manager, to read the number. On the very first draw, there was a stir from the west side of the gym as JW Milliken pulled a string of tickets up and claimed the winning ticket.

JW's ticket came from purchases he had made at St. Francis Supers.

There were six other winners Monday night for Christmas On Us prizes. The winner of the \$100 scrip money was Brenda Hays. Her ticket also came from purchases made at St. Francis Supers.

During the four-week promotion, numbers were printed in sponsor-

ing business ads. There were eight prizes of \$50 in scrip and eight business prizes to be given away. Of those, five of the \$50 scrip and six of the business prizes were claimed

by people matching their numbers. Last week, Maggie Smith won \$50 in scrip. Her winning ticket came from Eagle Convenience Store, and matched the Bier's Hometown ad.

The three \$50 scrip and two remaining business prizes were given out at the Christmas On Us drawing. Kodi Workman won \$50 in scrip. Her ticket came from purchases at Schultz's. Karla Zweygardt also won \$50 scrip, with a ticket from her purchase at Owen's True Value. The third \$50 scrip winner was Leslie Beall from Benkelman. Her ticket came from Biers Hometown Store.

Winner of a prize from Eagle Convenience Store was Wes Cooper. He received his winning ticket from a purchase at Republican Valley Auto Supply. Jeff Landers was the recipient of a prize from the Thrift Store, with a winning

ticket from St. Francis Thrift Store!

This is the 14th year for the Christmas On Us promotion. Businesses in St. Francis participate in the program which brings excitement and Christmas cheer to the town. By giving customers a ticket with every \$10 they spend in their stores, they are helping keep business in town and giving people a chance to win some money.

There were a lot of tickets given away this year, said Mr. Burr. "It was a very successful promotion, and generated a lot of excitement in the community. We really want to thank the sponsors for making this possible. We've got thousands and thousands of tickets here in this tub, which represents thousands and thousands of dollars spent here in our community. It really helped support our local businesses."

Businesses participating were Bier's Hometown Store, Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts, Eagle Convenience Store, Owens True Value, Republican Valley Auto Parts, Schultz's Limited, St. Francis Supers, The Saint Francis Herald, and the United Methodist Thrift Store.



Smith



Santa congratulates JW Milliken on winning the grand prize of \$1,000 in scrip money at the Christmas On Us drawing Monday night.

Herald staff photos by Douglas Sloper



Avery Jensen draws a ticket for a Christmas On Us winner Monday night.



Kodi Workman accepts \$50 in scrip money from Tim Burr as Santa looks on.

New sandwich business opens on U.S. 36

About one and one-half years ago, Bud Erskin applied for a franchise for a Subway. On Monday, he officially opened the sandwich business.

It was a long time coming, Mr. Erskin said.

The owner of Majestic Service, Mr. Erskin started the process to bring the business to St. Francis in July 2012. Then came making the subway shop within the business, ordering equipment and supplies.

He and his wife, Lonnie, traveled to Connecticut to attend a Subway school. Daughter, Kary Meyer, attended school in Wichita.

Now, set to go, they just seemed to run in to more snags. He was ready to pull his hair out when the wallpaper bricks came tumbling down.

However, after much waiting, they had a trial run, teaching the 15 full- and part-time employees the art of sandwich making, Subway style, on Sunday night. There were 145 sandwiches made that night.

Be sure to stop out and try out one of the sandwiches. They will still be serving meals out of the Majestic kitchen for those who would like something different.



Wilma Lampe and ErvaGene DeAragon visit with Kary Meyer at the Subway training night.

Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

Saturday is shopping day for kids

From 1:30 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21, children from kindergarten to 12th grade can come to the United Methodist Thrift Store in St. Francis to shop for their brothers, sisters, parents and grandparents. (No parents can come in.) They will only pay 50 cents for each person they buy for (for example: buy for four people and only pay \$2).

Lots of treasures will be available for them to buy, including more than one item per family member.

Youth volunteers, sixth grade through 12th grade, are needed to help them shop and to package their gifts. The volunteers will be able to shop, too.

Come have fun, kids!!

The thrift store will be open regular hours on Saturday, 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. for all shoppers. Then they will open at 1:30, only for the Kid's shopping day. For more information call the store at 785-332-2953.

Merry Christmas