

'ILOVE YOU, SANTA!' T.J. Hopper had no problems talking to Santa and Mrs. Claus Friday evening and before he left, he gave Santa a big hug and ended up with two candy canes instead of the usual one. T.J. is the son of David and Sarah Hopper, Olathe.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Santa and Mrs. Claus to visit with children on Sundays

By Karen Krien

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in St. Francis again on Sunday afternoon and the next two Sunday afternoons just to listen to the many wishes of children. This Sunday, they will be at Stevens' Kansas Territorial from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Next Sunday, they will be at Krien's Pharmacy and on Dec. 22, they will be making their last stop of the year at Dee's Creations.

The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce has several other promotions going on to make the Christmas season more jolly and joyful including the Lighting Contest, the Caroling Contest and, on Dec. 15, the Chamber will be sponsoring a chili feed, Santa and the drawings. At this time, the scrip are Goodell Greenhouse and Floral, Mrs. Claus and a drawing for three money and television will be drawn for Krien Pharmacy and KM Clothier.

screen television.

On Dec. 15, the festivities will begin with many of the St. Francis businesses will be visiting with children on Main Street and will then go to Krien's Pharmacy at 1:30. At 3 p.m., they will go to the band shell in Sawhill Park.

a cup of the hot soup selling for only \$1.

Starting at 3:30, choirs will begin singing in the Caroling Contest at various sites including the hospital and the Good

\$200 prizes in scrip and a 24-inch flat along with the grand prizes of the Christmas On Us promotion sponsored by 21 St. Francis and Bird City businesses.

The activities should be over in plenty opening at 1 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus of time for people to attend the church Christmas programs and spend the evening with their families.

Those businesses which will be open on Sundays during the holidays are: The chili feed will start at 3 p.m. with Cheyenne Pharmacy, Dee's Creations, Owens True-Value, Tasteful Treasures, Town and Country Clothing, Stevens' Kansas Territorial, Sainty Super Foods, Video Kingdom, Dusty Farmer Restau-Samaritan Village. The choirs will end rant, Pizza Hut, Park Hill Restaurant, up at the band shell where they will join Windmill Restaurant and K-Store. voices to sing carols before and during Those businesses open only on Dec. 15

## Bioterrorism agreement signed

#### Attack could affect livestock as well as humans

By Karen Krien

Being prepared in the case of a bioterrorism attack was dealt with when the Cheyenne County Commissioners met on Nov. 29.

Susan Roelfs, county health nurse, brought the Northwest Kansas Bioterrorism Regional Agreement to be signed by the commission chairman. The agreement will bring \$10,000 to be used by the county for making plans for a bioterrorism attack. Cheyenne County is working with six other counties in northwest Kansas with the Norton County Health Department handling the funding for all the involved counties. Norton County will receive 3 percent of each county's funds in payment for handling the fund-

## Hospital board members needed

At the Nov. 29 meeting of the Chey-

Kelly Gienger, St. Francis, will be and Joy Anderegg. The commissionthe end of December. Since the county they will make personal interviews. commissioners make the appointments, those wishing to serve should position Jan. 1. make applications to the county clerk.

Mr. Gienger has already said that enne County Commissioners, they he is not interested in serving another once again discussed the matter of fill-term, however, Mr. Brethower would ing two positions on the Hospital like to serve another four years. Others indicating interest in serving on the Leon Brethower, Bird City, and board are Lavern Boll, Tracy Neitzel coming to the end of their terms on the ers will continue to accept names of Cheyenne County Hospital Board at interested people until Dec. 16 when

The board members will take the

There was concern that if each but Mrs. Roelfs did not think this would county did not do its own handling of be a problem as there will be reports funds, they might not receive its share

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Francis High School auditorium. it sets the Christmas spirit. Follow-

The annual Yuletide Festival, spon- at the "Candy Store" where a variety

be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the St.

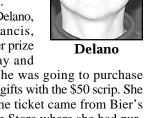
The entertainment will include Dance Ranch students performances, Held each year, early in the season, piano selections by Juliette Sasek, Sil-

One winner claims \$50 in scrip certificate

#### Six new numbers printed in this week's Section B

There is another winner in the \$50 scrip giveaway sponsored by 21 St. Francis businesses in the Christmas On Us promotion.

Brenda Delano, Francis, claimed her prize on Monday and





reported she was going to purchase Christmas gifts with the \$50 scrip. She said that the ticket came from Bier's Hometown Store where she had purchased a dishwasher. Last week, Becky McAtee, St. Francis, receive \$50 in scrip.

This week, there will be six numbers listed in different ads sponsored by businesses participating in the Christmas On Us Promotion. These ads are found on 1, 2, and 3B of both *The St*. Francis Herald and Bird City Times. Through Dec. 13, there will be a total

of eight Christmas giveaway chances for \$50 scrip prizes. Those giveaway numbers unclaimed by the Dec. 13 will be given away at the Dec. 15 drawing held at 4:30 p.m. at the band shell in Sawhill Park.

Those holding winning numbers from this week's issues of *The St*. Francis Herald and Bird City Times will have until Monday to claim their prize. Those numbers published in the Dec. 12 issue of the newspapers will have until Dec. 13 to claim their prize.

Anyone over 18 years old may participate in the giveaway by shopping at and the third place winner \$100. any participating St. Francis and Bird City business. Customers will receive one red ticket for each \$10 they spend.

People can also get one free ticket each week from The Herald or Times offices. No purchase is necessary.

The numbers on tickets should be matched with the second half of the tickets kept by customers. If a number is claimed before the grand drawing, it will once again be thrown back in with the other tickets to be drawn for on Dec. 15. Be sure to bring in your half of the ticket when claiming the prize and after Monday, the number will not be any good and a new number will be drawn and published in the next week's issue of the newspaper.

At 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 15 in the band shell, the grand drawing will be held. Some lucky person will take home \$1,000 in scrip. Two other Christmas On Us drawings will be held with the second place winner receiving \$500

This year, the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce has teamed up with See WINNER on Page 5A

# Sainty wrestling tourney starts at 9:30 a.m. Saturday

By Betty Jean Winston

Takedowns, reversals, pins, it's that competitors. time of year again!

wrestling tournament starts at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday in the high school gym with teams from Atwood, Colby, Scott City, Sterling, Colo., St. Francis, Wichita County-Leoti and Wray, Colo., all vying for the first place tro-

"It's always a fun way to begin the season," St. Francis head coach Larry Gabel said. "There are some high quality wrestlers attending."

St. Francis mat men always fight for the top medals, as they take this opporof hometown fans. Last year Sainty

St. Francis may surprise some people. pionships do not always win here."

We have a young team but they are real

"The wrestling tradition in St. The annual St. Francis Invitational Francis is second to none in Kansas," Coach Gabel said.

Colby took home the first-place trophy last December with Goodand fin-Goodland, Holyoke, Colo., Quinter, ishing second and Scott City third. The year before, Scott City came out on top. These are all 4A teams which have had wrestling success in the last few years and are expected to bring strong teams

Returning St. Francis wrestlers who placed last year and are expected to lead the way are Dallas Walz, who placed an outstanding weight class. third, and Kevin Brown and Travis Hilt, who each placed fourth. All are seniors tunity to preview their talents in front and expected to wrestle tough this year.

"This is one of the toughest tournaments in Kansas," Coach Gabel said. year with Goodland placing third. "I expect us to be in the mix this year. "Even wrestlers who win state cham-

Teams from four other Northwest Kansas League schools will be present (Atwood, Colby, Goodland and Quinter) and the Indians compete with wrestlers from these towns on more than one occasion during the season. St. Francis fans are very familiar with their

Among those to watch is Jordan Bedore of Goodland, who was a 2001 state champion, and placed second in the nation in freestyle and third in Greco. He will be in the same weight class (215 pounds) as Dallas Walz and Jeff Horinek of Atwood. This will be

Blayze Bahe of Goodland is another strong league wrestler as are Eric Luedke and Danny Mainus of Colby. Colby placed second in 4A at state last

St. Francis residents are not as famil-See WRESTLING on Page 5A

# Temps cool for opening of season

The opening of the Christmas season in St. Francis was held Friday. The weather was cool but not cold and many people from the area as well as visiting family gathered under the bright lights of Main Street to shop the stores, attend the movie and talk to Santa.

Santa and Mrs. Claus were popular people with the younger set and there were many cameras flashing as the kids sat on Santa's knee at Owens True-Value. While the kids visited. parents had a chance to do a little shopping. Most of the businesses reported people shopping. Sunday afternoon also found numerous shop-

Kids started lining up at the Cheyenne Theater at 7 p.m. for the movie Santa Clause 2." The St. Francis banks had agreed to pay for the first 100 kids and 132 kids attend and, including older kids and adults, there were 246 people attending the Friday

The Elf Train, engineered by fireman Rob Schiltz, gave rides the entire evening. This was a big hit.

Stores will be open each Sunday afternoon until Christmas and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at various businesses. The Christmas festivities will be held Dec. 15. Check related article in this issue.



DANCING IS GREAT! Mariah Beikman was enjoying every step getting ready for the program on Sunday. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Music club program set

sored by the St. Fancis Music Club, will of Christmas candies will be on sale.

ver and String numbers and vocal soing the program, people will be able los by Talley Morrow. stock up on their Christmas goodies



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tracking the expenditures. Any of the

grant money from the agreement which is not spent will be sent back to the state.

Tim Raile, commissioner, asked if

there will be additional costs when the

plan is completed. Mrs. Roelfs said that the planning grant was only for a year and

Following Mrs. Roelfs report to the

commissioners, Gary Rogers, emer-

gency preparedness manager for the county, said that in this part of the coun-

try, bioterrorism could effect livestock more than people; however, both could

have a drastic effect on the area and re-

inforced the necessity of having a plan.

Road and bridge report

Road and bridge supervisor Dave Flemming informed the commissioners

about upcoming regulations concerning

fuel tanks. The county has tanks at the

department's buildings and some of the new regulations concern 24-hour secu-

rity including fencing along with having

a secondary containment to make sure

there is a place to keep fuel from spilling

onto the ground. Commissioner Ron

Krien said that there would probably be



WATERING THE MANY POINSETTIAS takes much of Mike Marino's time. Mike and his wife Shirley have been raising poinsettias for the last 17 years, selling about 50 percent locally and the other 50 percent retail. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Poinsettias bloom in the middle of winter

By Karen Krien

Tables after tables after tables are filled with red, pink and white poinsettias at Goodell Greenhouse and Floral, 219 W. Whittier, St., St. Francis. Many have already been sold but there are still plenty for the holiday season which began at Thanksgiving and will run through Christmas.

Much of the year, Mike and Shirley Marino and their son Michael are growing crops for the spring and summer planting but about the middle of August, they began thinking about the Christmas season. About that time,

they receive a shipment of poinsettia the poinsettia is actually the leaves house temperatures at about 70 degrees cuttings — about 1,200 of them.

They arrive in flats and the Marinos and staff plant them in "rubber dirt," which resembles an oasis in which fresh cut flowers are put in arrangements. As the plants grow, they are sizes vary and some are larger than others. This determines the size of the plant as it grows. Some containers have only one plant while others may have two, three or four and the larger the size of container, the more beautiful they are.

small buttons in the center which are vellow when open. However, it is the brilliant color of the leaves which makes this plant so popular during the holidays.

He said that years ago, there was only transplanted to containers. Container one type of poinsettia but today, there are hundreds ranging from red to pink to white to variegated. Besides the typical poinsettias, the Marinos also have a "rose" poinsettia which has bright, curled leaves and gives the look of rose.

Poinsettias are more hardy that they appear. The Marinos keep the green-

(braces) of the plant. The flower is the at night and 80 degrees in the daytime. Mrs. Marino said that Mike uses special soil and feed which grows healthy, strong poinsettias. They will last longer and their leaves will not fall as quickly because of this special care.

About 50 percent of the poinsettias are sold at the greenhouse and the other 50 percent are sold retail to area businesses.

The Marinos came to St. Francis 17 years ago. They had been in the greenhouse business for 29 years before coming so they now have 46 years experience.

They had never raised poinsettias until their move to St. Francis but the need was there and the greenhouses were available. Before long, they had established a name and were raising and selling poinsettias along with other spring and summer crops, trees and bushes.

"Poinsettias are a great crop," said Mrs. Marino.

In fact, figures show that more poinsettias are sold a year than any other flowering plant in the United States.

The Marinos still have lots of poinsettias and are ready for the Christmas season. They welcome visitors to see the many beautiful plants and will be glad to make a delivery to some special person for a holiday gift.

a day when cement slabs will be required for the tanks. Rather than meet requirements and the costs for fuel storage, the commissioners and supervisor talked about purchasing fuel from local bulk dealers. The matter will be discussed later.

Supervisor Flemming also discussed regulations and permits required by both the county and landowners for obtaining gravel for county roads. The county attorney said that contracts with landowners needed to be signed before gravel is taken from the sites.

At the last meeting, illegal dumping was discussed and it was discussed again at the Wednesday meeting. Illegal dumping includes anyone dumping trash and/ or other items on other people's land, even when the landowner gives permission. There is a grant which will help new landowners clean up dumping sites for part of the cost. The commissioners also agreed to let the county help bury some of the trash and the supervisor will contact two landowners with part of the cost concerning the matter.

#### Legal rates

Cynthia Haynes, owner, and Karen Krien, publisher of The St. Francis Herald and Bird City Times, discussed rates for publishing legals. The county treasurer had asked that the owners and the county work out a contract but since the number of legals and the length of the legals were never certain, it would not be possible. Cheyenne County is unique in this area as there are two newspapers in the county and county legals are printed

**SIGNED** in both. This pushes up the legal costs to the county but Mrs. Haynes said she wanted to work with the county and would give a discount. It was pointed out that legal rates paid in the county were more expensive than those in other counties. Mrs. Haynes said that she was not aware of this. She said that the county all counties were required to participate. could lower their costs by submitting legals as readable copy on disks or by email and this would give them an additional 10-percent discount. This discount is also available to the cities in the county

#### In other business

In other business:

• The road and bridge office at the courthouse and Mr. Flemming were honored for the recent Christmas decor. The certificate was awarded in fun and the majority of the courthouse staff was on hand to see the certificate given. • The Western Plains Resource Con-

of \$250 was okayed. Eric Fiala, St. Francis, now serves as the representative on the board and the commissioners agreed that if Mr. Fiala would agree, he would be appointed to another term. • Tim Carson with the county's health insurance Corporate Plan had contacted

servation and Development annual fee

Clerk Terry Miller to tell him that the county had been below in usage during the current year. He suggested that there be an increase in premiums but the commissioners agreed not make an increases.

• Christmas bonus in the form of scrip money will be given to employees again this year but the amount of the bonus will not be decided until later. The employment appreciation dinner will not be held until after the first of the year.

### WRESTLING

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iar with Colorado wrestlers but many quality mat men will be traveling to St. Francis. Two non-league Kansas wrestlers from Scott City to watch are returning state placers McKinney, who was third at 125 pounds and Ramsey, fourth at 171 pounds.

Sainty wrestlers encourage their fans to come and cheer them on. The first session will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the second session starting at 1 p.m. and the finals beginning 15 minutes after the second session (at approximately 5:30 p.m.). The consolation matches and the finals are on two mats.

First and second place team trophies will be given with medals to the first three placers and the consolation champions. Medals will be presented following the championship match in each weight di-

## Obituaries

Mr. Marino reported that the color of

Marsha A. Wilby

June 27, 1951 - Nov. 15, 2002 A memorial service was held at the

Lutheran Church in Las Vegas, Nev., for Marsha (Powell) Wilby, who died Friday, Nov. 15, 2002, in Las Vegas. Her parents are Ron and Velta Powell of Golden Valley



Marsha was born June 27, 1951, in Goodland, Kan. She was a Lutheran and worked as a supervisor. She was known for her radiant personality and a friend to everyone. She worked hard throughout her life helping in any way she could.

Survivors include her husband, Alan Wilby of Las Vegas; her daughter, Jennifer Milton, and three grandchildren, Kylee, Brooke and Justin Milton, all of Porter, Texas; her son, Donald Hoglund, his wife and three grandchildren, Shelby, Jennifer and Brett Hoglund, all of Spring, Texas; two brothers, Terry L. Powell of Lone Grove, Okla., and Roger Powell, his wife, Vicky and children, Heather and Clinton, all of Glendale, Ariz.; two aunts, Dora Knapp of Burlington, Colo., and Ilene Raile of St. Francis; and an uncle, Delbert Powell, and his wife, Rosemary of Bird City; and a host of cousins and friends.

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Ron and Velta Powell, 7053 Chino Dr. and his wife, Mary, of Dallas, Texas, Golden Valley, Arizona 86413.

Marion F. Anderson Feb. 20, 1913 - Nov. 27, 2002

Marion F. Anderson, age 89, of Greeley, Colo., died Nov. 27, 2002, at Hospice and Palliative Care of Northern Colorado Inpatient Unit in Greeley. He was born Feb. 20, 1913, in St. Francis, Kan., to Bennett and Lena Anderson.

chanic most of his life.

He was a member of the First United Survivors include his sons Jack and

He married Vera Mae Caldwell on March 23, 1930, in Hill City. Mr. Anderson had been a general auto me-

Methodist Church of Greeley, Fraternal Order of Eagles, United Commercial Travelers, Masonic Lodge, Shrine.

Cards of condolence may be sent to: wife, Aggie, of Valentine, Neb., Jim John and his wife, Donna, of Evergreen, Colo.; sister Vernie Combellick and husband, Glenn, of Littleton, Colo.; sister-in-law Dorothy Stienhagen of Loveland, Colo.; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchil-

> He was predeceased by his parents, his wife, Vera, on April 15, 2002, and a sister, Violet Newman.

A memorial service was held on Monday, Dec. 2, in the chapel at Bonell Good Samaritan Center. Inurnment of cremains will be later in Grand Island,

Memorial gifts may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of Northern Colorado Inpatient Unit, 2726 West 11th St. Road, Greeley, CO 80634.

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the Herald and Times and will be givdrawings. Winners must be present to claim the prizes.

There will be caroling and chili in the afternoon. It should be a fun afternoon. The last day tickets will be given away is Dec. 13.

Sponsors for the Christmas On Us giveaway are: Bankwest of Kansas, Bier's Hometown Store, Burr Retail dom. Liquor Store, Cheyenne Bowl and

Dairy King, Chevenne Pharmacy Plus, Decision Weather, Downtown Repair ing away \$600 in scrip in three separate and Auto Sales, Tim E. Poling, D.D.S., Goodell Greenhouse and Floral, Lampe Hardware, Owens True-Value, P and L Ideal Meat Market, Pizza Hut, Park Hill Restaurant, and Lounge, St. Francis Equity, The Saint Francis Herald, Sainty Super Foods, Schultz's, Stevens' Kansas territorial Store, Tri-State Lumber and Tubing, Video King-

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