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Drawings set for Sunday in the park

The grand prize giveaway in the Christmas On Us drawing will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday at the band shell in Sawhill Park, St. Francis. At that time, there will be three winners plus any \$50 giveaway numbers drawn for which were not claimed in the weekly matching number promotion.

On Sunday, some lucky person holding the winning ticket will go home with \$1,000. The second prize winner will receive \$500 and third prize is \$100. At that time, the Chamber of

Commerce will also be giving away \$600 in three prizes of \$200 each and a 24-inch flat screen television will be drawn for. There will be Santa and Mrs. Claus, caroling and chili in the afternoon. It should be fun.

If there is inclement weather, the drawing and other Chamber activities will be held at the St. Francis Grade School.

Last year, over 300 people gathered at the grade school and Ronee Reichert

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Dunn



Marin



Pugh



Semler

Four winners claim \$50 scrip in giveaway

There were four more winners claiming \$50 scrip giveaway by matching the numbers found in ads located on Pages 1, 2 and 3B of The St. Francis Herald and Bird City Times. The Christmas On Us promotion is sponsored by 21 St. Francis and Bird City businesses.

Those each claiming \$50 in scrip were Cliff Semler, Jeanne Dunn, Ed Marin and Laura Pugh. Most of the winners said they were spending their \$50 on Christmas presents. The scrip money can only be spent in the stores of participating merchants.

This week, there will be only two 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. The 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 this Friday to claim their prize.

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.

The last day to claim tickets this week will be Dec. 13.



'MY CHILI IS BETTER!' Katlin Jones and Kattie Ford argue over their cooking abilities in the junior high play which will be held on at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Play held Tuesday night

Hold on to your cowboy hats, 'cause here comes the legendary Katastrophe Kate, the most dangerous woman in the West! Whaddaya mean you never heard of her!!? Didn't ya know that Texas has a panhandle on accounta she was such a great cook?!

This musical tall tale will be presented by the St. Francis seventh and eighth grade girls on Tuesday, Dec. 17,

in the high school auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The story begins when Katherine, a mild-mannered, Eastern born and bred protegee of world-famous chef, Madame Julia Enfant, must transform herself into Katastrophe Kate in order to conquer the Wild West with her chili recipe.; In a cook-off at Miss Lillian's

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SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS visited with Levi Lampe. Levi was willing to set on Mrs. Claus' lap but wasn't interested in having much to do with Santa.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Santa, chili and drawings wrap up chamber promotions

By Karen Krien

Giving the winners a little over a week to spend their scrip money, the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce will be awarding three people each \$200 in scrip. They will also be drawing for a 24-inch flat screen television at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday at the band shell in Sawhill Park

Tickets will have been purchased for the television in various businesses and from Chamber members.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in St. Francis again on Sunday afternoon just to listen to the many wishes of children. They will be at Krien's Pharmacy from 1:30 to 3 p.m. 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 and the Caroling Contest and, on Sunday, starting at 3 p.m., will be sponsoring a chili feed, Santa along with the drawings.

Starting at 3:30, choirs will begin singing in the Caroling Contest at various sites including the hospital and the Good Samaritan Village. The choirs will end up at the band shell where they will join voices to sing carols before and during the drawings. At this time, the scrip money and television will be

drawn for along with the grand prizes of the Christmas On Us promotion sponsored by 21 St. Francis and Bird City businesses.

Activities should be over in plenty of time for people to attend the church Christmas programs.

Those businesses which will be open on Sunday are: Cheyenne Pharmacy, Dee's Creations, Goodell Greenhouse and Floral, KM Clothier, Krien Pharmacy, Owens True-Value, Tasteful Treasures, Town and Country Clothing, Stevens' Kansas Territorial, Sainty Super Foods, Video Kingdom, Dusty Farmer Restaurant, Pizza Hut, Park Hill Restaurant, Windmill Restaurant and K-Store.

City recycling center nearing completion

By Sandy Barnhart

The city council was informed that the St. Francis Recycling Center is nearing completion and the baler will arrive shortly after the first of the year.

Councilman Roger Jensen reported that the baler was scheduled to arrive shortly after the first of the year and that the concrete pad for the equipment will

be in place by that time. The city crew has begun work on the electrical set up for the baler.

Superintendent J.R. Landenberger informed the council that he had visited with John Amack of Nita Construction, and he has offered to lay all of the concrete floor of the center with the same terms which would entail the city pay-

ing for the materials and Nita Construction furnishing the volunteer labor. Councilman Jensen estimated the remaining concrete project costing \$5,000.

The council is considering the proposition but decided to finalize their decision at the next meeting.

Councilman Jensen reported on the

progress of the four-county recycling meetings. He explained that the group was in the process of setting bi-laws of the group. While the meetings lasted between two to three hours, they were very educational.

Superintendent report

• Superintendent Landenberger informed the council of the progress of the recycling center.

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Lighting contest ends on Sunday

Look for the "golden shovel" which will designate one of the three winners of the Chamber's Lighting Contest.

The town glows for miles with the many lights shining. Every block has at least one house and most have many houses with lights and holiday decoration.

There was no registration for the Lighting Contest this year. The committee decided that every house that had even the smallest amount of lights was eligible to win. The three winners will each receive \$50 in scrip.

There will be three categories: 1) Most lights; 2) Religious; and 3) Fantasy. Judges will be two of the winning families from last year and they will be judging Dec. 15 with the results known the next morning. Pictures will also be published in that week's issue of *The St. Francis Herald*.

The houses will be judged Sunday night. People are urged to turn on their lights as soon as it begins to turn dusk. The judges, which were the winners of last year's lighting contest, will be touring the town at that time.



Carolers delivered a summons to sing

Where are the carolers? So far, entries have been coming in slow.

So, Paul Rainbolt, committee chairman, decided to deliver "summons" to several businesses and churches.

"It is a great contest and should be lots of fun for those singing as well as those who will be listening to the music," Mr. Rainbolt said.

The Good Samaritan Village has challenged the Cheyenne County Hospital. Other businesses and churches challenged were: Kite and Day vs. Milliken Law Office; Bankwest vs. First National Bank; Lampe Hardware vs. St. Francis Equity; and the United Methodist Church vs. the Christian Church.

Now, the challenge is on! Hopefully, there will be singing for the Dec. 15 Christmas celebration and music for

the patients in the hospital and residents at the Village.

Choirs will sing one of four pre-selected songs at each of the four sites where judges will be waiting. Songs are: *It Came Upon A Mid-night Clear*, *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*, *Silver Bells* and *Silent Night*.

Judges will have a scoring system of: Costume - 100 maximum points; quality of musical presentation - 100 maximum points; mode of transportation - 100 maximum points; and 'Spirit' of the choir - 100 maximum points.

The judges will either judge by themselves or select a group of discerning friends to help evaluate the various choirs.

The choir with the highest score will win \$25 in scrip.

Council names street

One of the main items of business when the St. Francis City Council met on Dec. 3 was to name a new St. Francis street. After some discussion, it was voted that the new street be named Royce Peter Road

The new street is located south of U.S. 36 on the edge of the city limit where Ross Manufacturing will be located. At the council meeting, Attorney Mike Day noted that he had checked into the matter of the naming and it was up to the council to come up with the name and vote on it.

Councilman Roger Jensen suggested naming the street Royce Peter Road as he had been one of the first to move into that area and had done a lot for the town. Mr. Peter died last year.

The council approved and instructed Clerk Mary Lampe to contact the post office and proceed with putting a sign up.

Little angels need help

By Karen Krien

The Association To Benefit Cheyenne County, formerly the St. Francis Jaycees, are once again organizing the Angel Trees.



Jennifer Boyles has hung angel tags with the age and sex of a child on each of the Angel Trees located at First National Bank, Cheyenne Pharmacy and Bankwest. People are urged to stop at one of the trees and pick a tag.

After selecting the angel, purchase a gift(s) equaling at least \$25 for the anonymous child on the tag. Bring the gift back to one of the above businesses by Dec. 20 being sure to enclose the number listed on the tag so the gift can go to the right needy child. It is nice if the gift is wrapped or the wrapping and ribbon enclosed.

The Angel Tree project has grown from when it was first started. Today, not only do individuals take an angel and buy a gift, but there are children who save their allowance money to purchase an Angel Tree gift and organizations who purchase gifts as a community project.

This year, there were 80 angels hung and as much information as is known is included.

"Sometimes we just don't know," said Ms. Boyles.

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RECYCLING

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formed the council that Thaniel Monaco of Miller and Associates, McCook, plans on surveying the property south of town for the easement sometime this week.

- The superintendent had spoken to the drilling company that had pulled Well 11 and noted that there was no explanation as to why the motor had gone bad. The cost to put the new motor on was approximately \$6,500 plus \$800 to initially pull the well. The well had pumped only 2 million gallons of water before going bad. The drilling company had taken the bad motor with them. The council members asked that the contact the company and ask for the motor back in order to have a third party look at it. They said that if there was

coverage by the insurance company, they would also want to look at the motor.

Superintendent Landenberger requested that the council approve the maintenance program which the company had offered. The maintenance program would cost \$150 per well, which is an annual charge. The council suggested possibly just checking the three larger wells which would include Wells 8, 9 and 11. The company will next be checking wells in surrounding town sometime in February and the subject was tabled until closer to this date.

- Superintendent Landenberger had requested the swimming pool boiler costing \$6,250 be put on reserve until the first of the year when the budget

allows for the purchase.

- The contract with the city and Unicel Cellular Company was approved. The contract will allow the cellular company to put an antenna on the water tower to improve cellular service. This is a six-year lease with a payment to the city of \$30 a month.
- It has been strongly suggested installing a generator when the new lift station is put in. This will add an extra \$10,000 to the total amount of the sewer project, but Superintendent Landenberger noted that the generator was important and the city could hold off fixing five manholes this year.
- The city's wireless Internet now has 57 connections and the council felt that putting an article or ad into the paper would possibly explain the working functions of the system better to the community.

Clerk report

- Clerk Mary Lampe passed to each council member a pamphlet from Stuart's Jewelry containing an assortment of plaques for those donating money to city entities. After reviewing the different styles the council authorized Clerk Lampe to order the 22 x 30 plaque, a case of name plates and one identification plate. The plaque will be placed on the north wall inside the clerk's office. The council members plan to go back several years in naming those giving memorial money. They are hoping there will be some other help from the community.

Other business

- The council is concerned about the governor's report to reduce the money sent to the cities by about one-half. They will join the League of Municipalities in fighting this ruling. Look for more about this matter in the near future.

- Dues in the amount of \$75 will be paid to the U.S. 36 Association.

Council comments

- Councilman Jensen noted that he had been approached concerning the video tapes for recording the meetings. He said the individual had noted that at a meeting the council had agreed to purchase the tapes. Clerk Lampe could not recall the agreement in the past minutes, but Attorney Day confirmed that he remembered the city had agreed to purchase the tapes. Councilman Jensen asked that Clerk Lampe purchase a case of tapes and keep them at the city office.

Executive session

Superintendent Landenberger requested 5 minutes in executive session for personnel.

Next meeting

The next city council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the St. Francis Public Library.

PLAY

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Saloon in Buckshot, Texas, Kate also has a little romance simmerin' on the back burner with her arch rival, Jose Habanero, who claims to have the hottest chili in the Southwest.

Throw some dancin' girls called the Fosse Posse into the musical melting pot, and add a dash of international outlaws for spice. Pepper with a prying reporter named Penelope Pensmore, and you have a recipe for one red-hot, toe-tappin' Texas chili party!

Members of the cast include Andrea Blair, Melissa Burton, Mindy Cooper, Danielle Flemming, Angelina Garcia, Sarah Geise, Janae Glidewell, Shaina Gohl, Amy Hilt, Brittany Lucas, Jamie Mastin, Amanda Nipps, Megan Rice,

Lauren Ross, Addie Swihart, Miranda Teeters, Alecia Zimbelman, Janelle Zwegardt, Cassie Dankenbring, Kattie Ford, Vanely Gardea, Jenice Hartman, Heather Hnizdil, Katelyn Jones, Holly Keller, Dara Loyd, Katlyn Marin, Sara Miller, Jasmine Torrence, Teri Walters, and Lauren Zwegardt. They are directed by Debbie Fiala.

The book, music, and lyrics to *Katastrophe Kate* were written by Steven Murray. It is produced by special arrangement with Eldridge Publishing Co.

There will be a small admission fee changed at the door. Check the advertisement in this issue for more information.

DRAWING

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was the grand prize winner. Some people will have hundreds of tickets to check during the drawing while others will have only a few but it only takes one winning number to claim the prize.

Anyone over 18 years old may participate in the giveaway by shopping at 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.

Sponsors for the Christmas On Us

giveaway are: Bankwest of Kansas, Bier's Hometown Store, Burr Retail Liquor Store, Cheyenne Bowl and Dairy King, Cheyenne Pharmacy Plus, Decision Weather, Downtown Repair 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/Bird City Times, Sainty Super Foods, Schultz's, Stevens' Kansas Territorial Store, Tri-State Lumber and Tubing, Video Kingdom.



CHILDREN AT GRAM'S ROCKING CHAIR played during the sunny hours of the day. Swinging the children is Glenda Krien, owner, who earned the award. Pictured (l to r) are: Laramie Mosley, Tyson Glennimeier, Kaleb Hays, Brice Hays, Cody Walkinshaw. Not pictured are: Journey and Isaiah Lee, Mickey Geihlsler, Hunter Krieg, Josh Teeters and Billy Lee.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

St. Francis childcare provider earns award for professionals

Glenda Krien, St. Francis, has been awarded the 2002 Smart Start Northwest Kansas Award of Excellence for Early Childhood Professionals.

A panel of early childhood professionals chose Mrs. Krien on her self-assessment application, commitment to early childhood training and a willingness to learn and share with her peers. This is the second year Smart Start has awarded an Award of Excellence to early childhood professionals.

Smart Start strives to increase the professional development of early childhood education and offers programs, training and technical support as needed by childcare providers. Smart Start Northwest Kansas is dedicated to recognizing early childhood professionals.

One objective of this appreciation effort is to recognize quality family childcare providers and early childhood educators. The other object is to increase the retention of these professionals. Smart Start hopes to draw the public's attention to these often-overlooked professionals.

Mrs. Krien has been a childcare providers for two and one-half years. In the last 12 months, she has attended 50.5 hours of training in the early childhood field. She is also working on her Child

Development Associate Credential. This national credential signifies the candidate is knowledgeable in child development, as well as being competent to work with young children.

Those who work in the early childhood field are very dedicated to their career and their contribution to young children and their families is immense. If two-income families cannot find adequate childcare, one parent might be forced to stay at home, which can have a severe economic impact on families as well as the community. Single parents might be forced to stay home without any income, which could mean they will require state assistance instead of

working and adding to the economy. Also, it is important for parents to know that their child is well cared for in a secure and happy environment.

"I was surprised about winning the award," Mrs. Krien said. "There is a need for childcare providers and I'm glad to be one... I love children."

Four other awards were presented to early childhood professionals throughout the northwest Kansas area. The other 2002 winners were Barb Albers, Colby; Tanya Koehn, Colby; RaeAnn Matte, Quinter; and Brandy Grecian, WaKeeney. All the winners received \$250 each, an award of excellence plaque and a recognition yard sign to display.

ANGELS

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Cash donations for the Angel Tree are also accepted. This money is used to help give those kids who might not have as much under the tree to have a much nicer Christmas and picks up miscellaneous expenses.

This is the 11th year for the Angel Tree and residents have been extremely generous in giving a little Christmas joy to children who may not receive a present.

If someone knows of a child who will

probably not be receiving much for Christmas, please call 785-332-2344 and asked to talk to Jennifer or Travis.

"If a person takes an angel, please make sure that the gift is purchased and delivered by the 20th. If a problem arises and you will be not able to purchase a gift, please contact us—we don't want a child to go without a gift," Ms. Boyles said.

Gifts will be delivered before Christmas.



Christmas ON US

Drawing will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday at the band shell in Sawhill Park

If inclement weather, the drawing will be moved to the St. Francis Grade School, same time

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