

Four people win \$50 scrip in promotion

By Karen Krien

Four people were \$50 instant scrip winners in the Christmas On Us promotion. In all, seven of the eight numbers have been claimed. There is one number listed in this week's Christmas On Us ads found on Pages 1,2 and 3B. Be sure and check out the specials in the businesses which are helping sponsor the Christmas On Us promotion.

Winners were Barb O'Leary, Billie Hilt, Heidi Straub and Patrick Delano, all of St. Francis.

Mrs. O'Leary said, "Tis the season," so her scrip money will most likely be spent on Christmas presents.

Mrs. Hilt had her eye on a shelf at Schultz's, one of the participating businesses, and planned on purchasing it.

Ms. Straub was going to spend her scrip on her family.

"I have Christmas gifts to buy and this (\$50) will help," she said.

Mr. Delano said he was married to Brenda and he was sure she would take care of the money and spend it on Christmas presents.

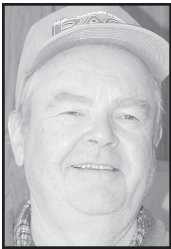
The Christmas On Us giveaway started two weeks ago, and, next week will be the final week with the



O'Leary



Straub



Delano



Hilt

grand prize drawing being held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 16, on St. Francis' Main Street. The person holding the first place ticket will leave the drawing with an extra \$1,000 in scrip to spend in the participating St. Francis businesses. The second place winner will have \$100. If no one claims the number in this week's issue of *The St. Francis Herald* and *Bird City*

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Lighting contest will end Dec. 15

By Karen Krien

St. Francis residents have a few more days to get their Christmas decorations and lights up so they will be ready for the Lighting Contest to end Dec. 15. Those having decorations are reminded to turn on their lights on Dec. 14 and 15 when the judges will be selecting the winners.

In year's past, the temperatures and weather has been unseasonably warm allowing residents plenty of time to get on their ladders and string their lights. However, the weather changed and much of the last week or two has been cold.

There were residents who braved the cold and some who thought ahead and took advantage of the warmer weather so there are already a number of houses brightly lit. The twinkling lights let people know that Christmas is just around the corner.

St. Francis is noted for their brightly lit homes during the holidays and, each year, there seems to be more and more. Take at least one evening to drive around town and



enjoy the lights.

To encourage people to put up their decorations and add more lights and decor, the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce is once again holding a contest offering two prizes of \$50 each in scrip money to be spent in St. Francis businesses.

Last year's winners: Mike and Cindy Henderson, Mike and Michelle Stafford and Mat Moberly will be the judges. The judging will take place on Dec. 14 and 15. The winners will be announced on Dec. 16 at the Christmas On Us and Chamber drawings. The winners will be announced in *The Saint Francis Herald* in the next issue after the judging. For more information, call or stop the *Herald* office.

Five Angel Trees set up with names

By Karen Krien

Five Angel Trees have been decorated with tags listing the gender of the child who might not receive a present at Christmas.

The Angel Trees are sponsored by the members of the Association to Benefit Cheyenne County. The coordinator is Jennifer Milne, St. Francis.

People can select a tag off a tree at Bankwest, First National Bank, The Herald office, St. Francis Senior Center or the courthouse in St. Francis. 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.

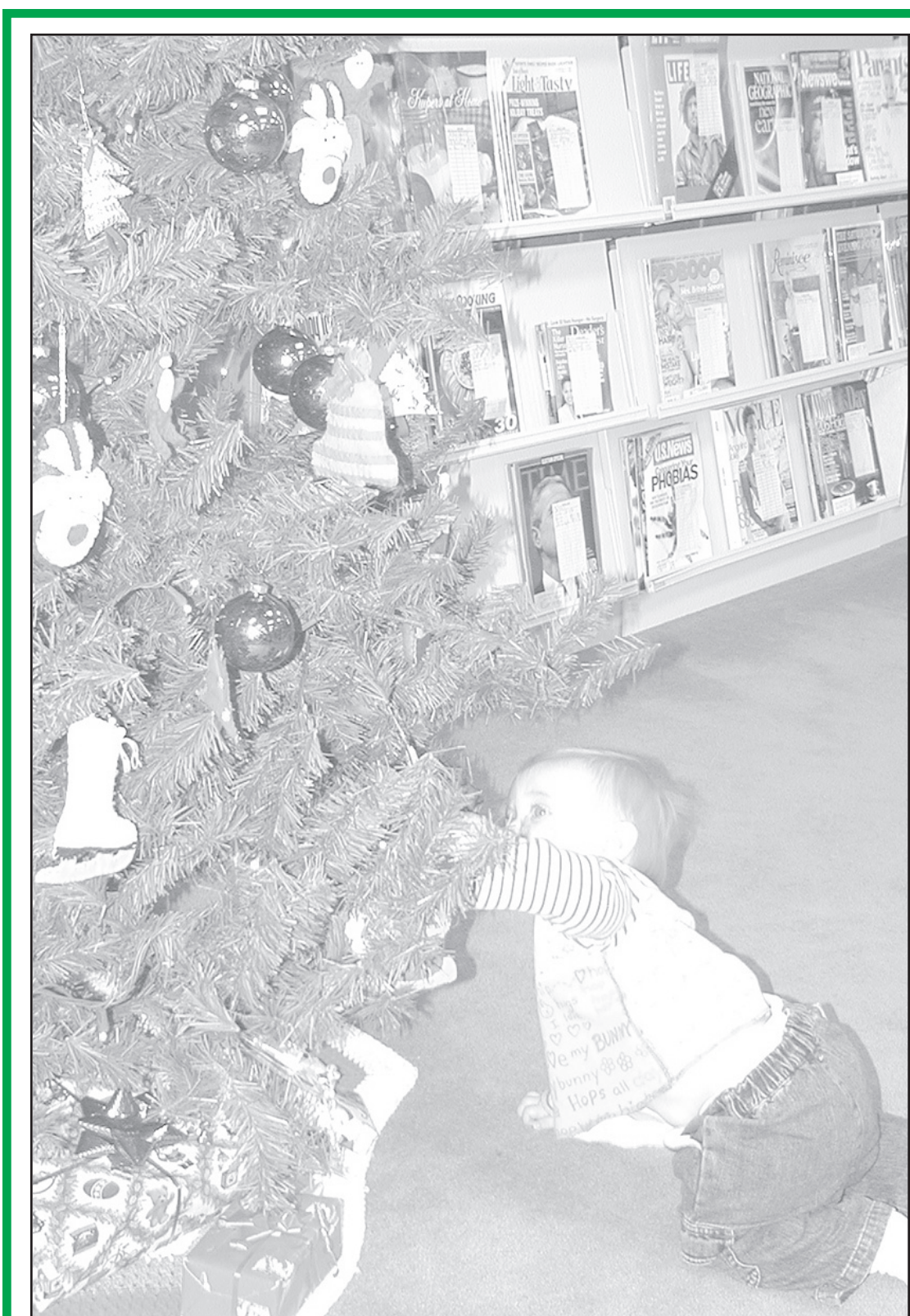
"Lot of children benefit from the Angel Tree project and it is good to bring a little Christmas cheer into their lives," Mrs. Milne said.

Last year, over 100 children received gifts delivered by Santa. These gifts averaged around \$25 each.

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. Milne at 785-332-2344 or 785-332-2566 or any Association to Benefit Cheyenne County member.

Mrs. Milne said that each year, the Angel Tree has received generous support and members appreciate the help so they can give kids a merrier Christmas.

All gifts will be picked up on Dec. 21 so those who have selected a tag need to make sure their gifts are back under the tree before the pick-up date. They will also be delivered that same evening.



LOOK WHAT I FOUND! Gracie Lambert was finding lots of pretties on the Christmas tree at the St. Francis Public Library. Gracie is the daughter of Tim and Roxie Lambert, St. Francis.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

County commissioners approve purchases of copier and computer

The commissioners approved the purchase of a new copier for the clerk of the District Court and for a computer in the appraiser's office when they met on Tuesday, Nov. 30.

Kevin Berens, county attorney, said the copier in the clerk of the District Court office was in poor condition, however Sharon Elliott, clerk, said there wasn't enough money in her budget to purchase a new one. Attorney Berens said he often used the equipment and suggested that the remainder of the cost be taken from the Diversion Fund. Rather than trading in the old copier, Attorney Berens asked that it be moved to the new county attorney's office which will be located in the

basement of the courthouse.

The estimates for the new copier with trade-in were: Office Works, Colby, \$2,625; and Top Side, Goodland, \$2,158. Attorney Berens said that it appeared that the companies were offering \$500 for the trade-in and, even without the trade-in, Top Side was still the low bid.

The commissioners agreed to the arrangement of part of the money coming from the clerk of the District Court's budget and the rest coming from the Diversion Fund.

The commissioners and attorney talked briefly about what kind of equipment the new attorney, Justin Barrett, would need but no decisions were made.

Randy Sangster, county attorney, asked the commissioners to approve the purchase of a computer if he could get it for the amount of money left in his budget. The commissioners approved the purchase.

Emergency preparedness

Gary Rogers, emergency preparedness manager, discussed the Local Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Manager Rogers said he had received the grant for the plan but the county commissioners needed to put into place a resolution stating the county will follow all guidelines pertaining to the grant. The commissioners adopted the resolution.

The manager is applying for an All Hazard Analysis for SARA Title

3 which will be a 20/80 matching grant. The county will be responsible for 20 percent of the grant but Manager Rogers' salary will qualify for the 20 percent.

He asked the commissioners to consider raising his mileage rate (the county pays \$.33 per mile) to the state's mileage reimbursement rate of \$.37 per mile. The commissioners said they would consider the request in January.

Road and bridge

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, asked for 15 minutes executive session to discuss personnel and when the meeting reopened, he announced that Martin

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Chamber plans drawings, chili, Santa for Dec. 16

By Karen Krien

The grand finale of the Chamber's Christmas promotion will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16.

The day will begin with the Treasure Hunt numbers being posted on 19 different businesses. There will also be all new numbers so those old Treasure Hunt numbers which didn't win a prize on Nov. 26 might be a winner on Dec. 16.

Stores will be open offering Christmas specials and that added bonus that can't be found at Wal-Mart — free gift wrapping. Many will also be open later than usual to accommodate shoppers.

At 5:30 p.m., there will be drawings for \$300 in Chamber scrip (\$100 to three individuals); the announcement of the Christmas Lighting and the Coloring Contests and prizes will

be awarded at that time. The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times Christmas On Us giveaways will conclude the drawings. There will be a grand prize of \$1,000 in scrip and another of \$100. Winners must be present to claim the scrip money prizes. Coloring and Christmas Lighting winners will still receive their scrip.

Santa will be at the old city office greeting children and hearing their requests for gifts. The St. Francis Volunteer El Train will be giving rides, weather permitting.

Following the drawing, free chili will be served in front of Justin Gardner's building (old Ben Franklin). Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary, reported that there will be lots of chili but when it is gone, there will be no more, so come early.

Wrestling tourneys are lots of work!



Herald staff photos by Karen Krien



THE SAINTY WRESTLING TOURNAMENT was held Saturday but behind the scenes there are many people putting out extra work to make the tournament run smoothly. On Friday night, wrestlers rolled out mats, Hailey Frewen, mat maid, began cleaning the mat. The mothers and anyone else who was interested were busy hanging posters.

WIN

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Times, it will also be drawn for.

A ticket will be given for each \$10 purchased in participating businesses. However, it is not necessary to make a purchase to claim a ticket. Those coming to *The Saint Francis Herald* office may each receive one ticket per week.

Participating merchants are advertising sales and specials in the ads on the Christmas On Us pages so be sure to take a good look at the specials.

The person finding the last matching number will need to bring it into *The Herald* office to claim their \$50 in scrip and it is necessary to bring tickets in on or before Thursday, Dec. 16, at noon before the tickets are picked up for the final drawing. Anyone having Christmas On Us

scrip can spend it in one of the following participating businesses:

- Bier's Hometown Store
- Burr Liquor
- Cheyenne Bowl and Dairy King
- Dusty Farmer
- Goodell Greenhouse and Floral
- Krien Pharmacy
- K-Store
- Owens True Value
- Parkhill Restaurant
- St. Francis Super's
- Schultz's
- St. Francis Equity
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Remember, the contest will end at noon on Dec. 16 and the grand prize drawing will be held that evening. If there is inclement weather, the drawing will start at 6:30 p.m. in the grade school gym.

APPROVE

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Fiedler and Dan Harris were moving from part-time employees to full-time.

Supervisor Flemming said he had a road groom on a trial basis. The road groom is a piece of equipment which blades the road but is pulled behind a pickup or a tractor. He said he hadn't had a chance to work with the machine.

In other business

In other business:

- The commissioners approved overtime of 17.25 hours for Jeff Mason and 16.5 hours for Carol Gamblin, both sheriff deputies.
- Elmer Kellner was re-appointed as the Commissioners' representative to Western Prairie Research and Development. Clerk Miller was asked to tell Mr. Kellner they felt like he was doing a good an excellent job.
- The board agreed not to join the National Association of Counties.
- Clarence Iliff was approved as a Fair Board member.
- The commissioners signed the

Civil Rights/Fair Housing Policy which is necessary to be eligible for Community Development Grants.

• The commissioners agreed to give the same year-end bonuses as last year (\$200 scrip for each full-time employee and \$100 scrip for part-time employees).

• The courthouse will be closed on Dec. 31 as the New Year holiday. Previously, the commissioners had agreed to close on Jan. 3 but the state of Kansas offices will be closed at noon on Dec. 30 in order to year-end book balancing and close outs.

• Health insurance was once again discussed and it was decided to wait until another meeting before making a decision.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be at 8 a.m. on Dec. 15 in the commissioners' room in the courthouse. The last meeting of the year was changed from Dec. 31 to Dec. 30 because the courthouse will be closed on the 31st. Pay raises will be discussed at a later meeting.

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