



Christmas opening is on Friday



By Karen Krien

The Christmas season will officially open in St. Francis on Friday. The special events will include the Treasure Hunt, the senior citizens soup supper, Santa in his hut and the third Christmas Parade of Lights.

The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a season full of the old-fashioned Christmas spirit. There will be a drawing for three prizes of \$100 scrip, two chances to win \$50 scrip in the Christmas Lighting Contest, and chances for many children to win prizes in the coloring contest.

The businesses will be stocked with items to fill the Christmas lists, stock the kitchen for holiday baking and get those vehicles ready for the trips to Grandma's house and other activities.

Parade of Lights

The Christmas Parade of Lights is the big event on Friday. The overhead lights on Main Street will be

Friday's schedule

• 4 p.m. Treasure Hunt begins. Numbers hung in store windows.

The Senior Citizens Soup Supper begins. Lasts until 7:30.

• 6 p.m. Parade of Lights begins. All entries need to be at the high school by 5:30.

• Following the parade, Santa will be in his Hut to visit with children.

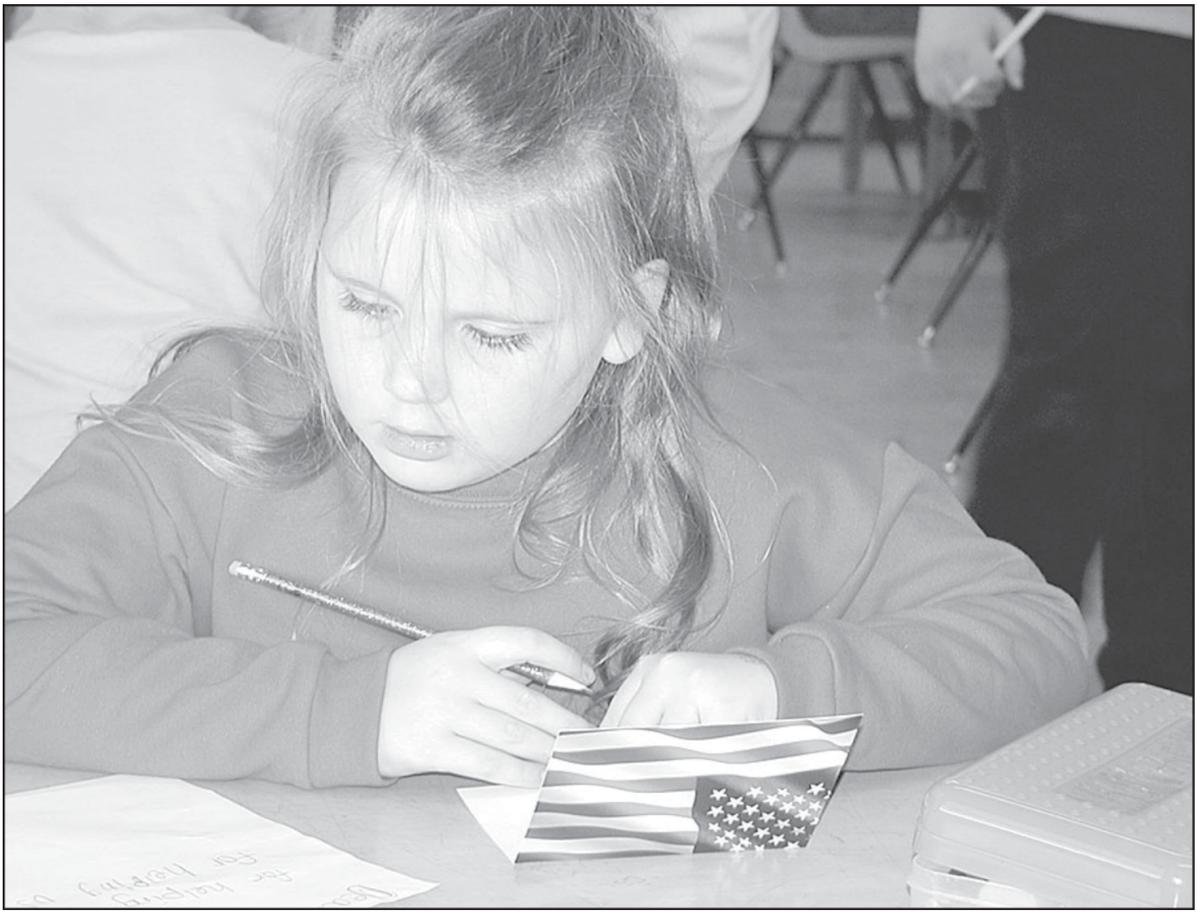
turned out and all that will be seen are the lights on the floats.

"It's awesome," said Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary.

The parade starts at 6 p.m. but those entering the parade need to

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Thank you veterans!!



Two winners claim \$50 scrip

Christmas On Us fun begins with first winners

The first person to claim the Christmas On Us instant prize of \$50 scrip came in on Thursday. Neva Wahrman, St. Francis, had a matching ticket with the number in the Christmas On Us pages located on 1,2 and 3B of both *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*.

Mrs. Wahrman said her winning ticket came from Bier's Hometown Store where she had made a purchase. She plans to pay some bills or may purchase a subscription at *The Herald*.

Norma Weems, St. Francis, had a winning ticket number found in the Krien Pharmacy ad last week. She had made her purchase at Schultz's.

Thanksgiving dinner will be held at her home this year and she plans to use the \$50 scrip to purchase groceries.



Wahrman



Weems

Each time someone purchases \$10 in merchandise or services, they will receive a ticket. If the clerk in a participating business doesn't offer to give tickets with the purchase, and the customer has to ask for them, they automatically receive one free ticket.

The Christmas On Us numbers will be listed in each of the next two *Herald* and *Times* newspapers. If one of the numbers on the pages match the number on a ticket, the holder of the ticket needs to bring it into *The Herald* office to claim \$50 in scrip. The winner will have their picture taken and tell what they plan to do with the scrip money.

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THANK YOU!! St. Francis Grade School students were given special cards to write a thank you note to veterans, whether it was a veteran or serviceman in their family or just a general note. First National Bank furnished the cards and will mail them. On Monday morning, the first grade students were spending their art period writing their cards. Above, Jenna Confer had her thank you note written to her grandfather. To the left, Sam Marin, senior student aide, helped Lakyn Pettijohn with her wording.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien



Cattle identification goes electronic; new system used in county

By Karen Krien

Beef Verification Solution is something new in the cattle industry. Heading the way is Shannon and Raquel Grover who are using the system and helping others use and/or set up the system.

Beef Verification Solution is a private data sharing network which helps ranchers capture the value of their animal genetics and herd management. Some day, it may be mandated by the government.

The data collection begins at the ranch where an electronic identification ear tag is attached. The information about each animal is either written manually on a cattle card or entered electronically with computer software.

The Grovers have purchased the necessary software and other equipment to enter all the information into their laptop computer. Mr. Grover said he will help other ranchers start the program or, if they need him to, he can enter the information for them.

He said that he feels the information he has gathered is already benefiting him in managing his herd.

"We can improve the management of the livestock operation through better information and analysis," he said.

"We can use the data collected to make a better herd and animal management decisions.

"The information can also turn the costs of animal identification into net farm income."

Mr. Grover stressed that the information in the system is private and secure.

He said that with the diseases in the U.S. and around the world are driving the animal health professionals to eventually call for a national system of animal identification so animals can be quickly traced in order to control and get rid of diseases.

"Canada already has this system in place," Mr. Grover said. "And people want safe beef."

The Grovers learned about Beef Verification Solution while he was the president of the Cheyenne County Farm Bureau. Farm Bureau has developed the verification system.

For more information about the Beef Verification Solution, contact the Grovers at 785-332-2736 or nearerfar@yahoo.com. Other information can be obtained on the web at www.kfb.org/bvs.htm.

CATTLE ARE TAGGED and information is entered into the computer set up on the site. Tagging the cattle is Shannon Grover. Kelly Gienger, left, and Perry Keller help with the process. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

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 have their floats at the high school by 5:30 p.m. It is absolutely necessary to have the entry's name on both sides of the float so people will know who to vote for the People's Choice Award. Businesses, organizations, families and individuals still have time to come up with a float which will make the parade bigger and brighter. Some of those with floats eat Thanksgiving dinner and then start their float.

People's Choice Award

The People's Choice Award will be selected again. The Courthouse gang won the traveling parade last year and will be trying to win it for a second time this year. Everyone should stop by Owens True Value, Schultz's or Donna's Gift Palace and pick up a ballot. Following the parade, make your choice for the winner, put the name on the float on the ballot and return it to the store. The winner of the Light Parade will be announced at the Alumni Games held at the high school on Nov. 27.

Treasure Hunt

Several years ago, the Chamber Christmas Committee brought back the annual Treasure Hunt and numbers are being distributed in this issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*. Numbers will be posted on the windows and doors of the participating businesses.

Don't throw the Treasure Hunt numbers away, because, if the number has not been claimed, it could be the winning number on Dec. 15 when new numbers and the unclaimed numbers from the Nov. 25 Treasure Hunt are posted.

Santa

On Nov. 25, Santa will be at his hut located in the building west of Don

Love's office on Main Street. There will be room for parents to take pictures.

Santa will also return to the Hut on Dec. 15 to visit with children and hear their latest lists of wishes.

Soup supper

The senior citizens will be hosting a soup supper starting at 5 p.m. at the senior center at Washington and River streets. They will be serving chili and cheesy potato soup, cinnamon rolls and drink. They will be asking for a free-will offering.

Drawing for \$300

Throughout the Christmas season, starting on Friday, will be the signing up for a chance to win one of three prizes of \$100 scrip. With each \$10 purchased at participating Chamber businesses, the customer will be given a slip of paper to sign up for the drawing to be held Dec. 15 at 5:30 p.m. on St. Francis Main Street.

More holiday activities

Other Chamber activities throughout the season will include:

- The highlight of the Christmas season will be the drawings of the Chamber and Christmas On Us scrip money. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. Between the drawings, winners of the different contests will be announced.

Following the drawings, people will be able to enjoy a cup of hot chili (free-will offerings will be welcomed).

Stores will be open later to allow people to fill their Christmas lists. Remember to shop at home. These businesses have stocked their shelves for the holiday season and are depending on everyone to do as much shopping at home as they possibly can.

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The Christmas On Us promotion will be giving out \$50 in scrip money up to \$400 and, if it isn't given away through the ads, the scrip will be drawn for at the Dec. 15 drawing.

The deadline to claim matching ticket numbers is Monday afternoon at 5 p.m. "Anyone with a matching number in the Christmas On Us ad pages must bring their tickets into *The Herald* by 5 on Monday afternoons," said Casey McCormick, ad manager. After the deadline, there will be new numbers drawn for the next newspaper issue.

It is not necessary to make a purchase to claim a ticket because those coming to *The Saint Francis Herald* office may each receive one ticket per week.

Each week, participating mer-

chants will be advertising sales and specials in the ads on the Christmas On Us pages so while people are looking for matching numbers, be sure to take a good look at the specials.

Participating businesses in this year's Christmas On Us promotion are:

- Bier's Hometown Store
- Burr Liquor
- Cheyenne Bowl and Dairy King
- Krien Pharmacy
- Owens True Value
- Parkhill Restaurant
- St. Francis Super's
- Schultz's
- St. Francis Equity
- Saint Francis Herald
- Video Kingdom

The contest will end at noon on Dec. 15 and the grand prize drawing will be held at 5:30 that afternoon.

— Outdoors With Chuck —

This elk season was something special!

The boys came out from Iowa full of that enthusiasm only the young can have. They set up camp, harvested four truckloads of firewood, and settled in.

Stories were told, some of them true, and life was good. The weather was summerlike, so we had to climb to about 10,000 feet before we found any signs of elk.

On the second day, Joel and Tom

found an Indian burial platform, that still had bones in it. We all climbed to see it, wished the person well, and left it alone.

Paul did the cooking, and it was pretty darn good, except for a rice dish that was kind of crunchy and unidentifiable. We burned ALL the firewood, enjoyed each other's company, and went our separate ways again after five days in camp.

From "Hunters" Chuck Kribbs (We harvested no elk)



WHO ARE THEY? WHY WERE THEY SITTING TOGETHER? These are the question Manette Henderson would like answered. Her father, Gene Anderson is on the front row, fourth from the left. Roy Gardner is second from the left on the front row. In the back, Henry Keller, is third from the left. The rest of the men are unidentified. Mrs.

Henderson wondered if maybe the men served on a board or maybe a jury. Some are dressed in white shirts and neckties while others are in overalls. If anyone has information that will help identify the men and the occasion, please contact *The Saint Francis Herald*.

League football statistics are released

Following the nine regular season games, Northwest Kansas League statistics were released. Below are the top 10 in various categories including kickoffs, punts, point after touchdown kicks; point-after-touchdown conversions, passing and punt returns.

Several St. Francis Indians were named including Levi Weeden, Mac Frewen, Joel McAtee, Jordan Gienger, Trevor Richard, Dylan Loyd and Matt Brown.

Kickoffs (average): Scherling, Goodland, 42.4; Weeden, St.

Francis, 42.3; Warta, Rawlins County, 42.1; Howard, Rawlins County, 41.4; Aumiller, Hoxie, 39.8; Erwin, Hoxie, 39.4; Doxon, Goodland, 36.3; Reed, Quinter, 34.9; Sperber, Oakley, 34.6; Bolt, Hoxie, 34.5.

Punts (average): Hawkins, Goodland, 50.0; Mondero, Decatur Community, 38.6; Baker, Hoxie, 36.9; Cook, Goodland, 36.5; Havel, Rawlins County, 36.2; Frewen, St. Francis, 34.9; Munderloh, Colby, 34.3; Doxon, Goodland, 33.6; Keller, Oakley, 32.8; Kesler,

Quinter, 29.7.

Point-after touchdown kicks (number): Sherling, Goodland, 15; Fortin, Decatur Community, 4; Warta, Rawlins County, 4; Weeden, St. Francis, 2.

Point-after touchdown, two-point conversion: J. McAtee, St. Francis, 7; T. Bird, Hoxie, 6; Keller, Oakley, 5; McKenna, Hoxie, 4; Baker, Hoxie, 4; Gienger, St. Francis, 4; T. Spreser, Hoxie, 3; Richard, St. Francis, 3; Loyd, St. Francis, 3; Brown, St. Francis, 3.

Passing (yards): Kesler, Quinter, 789; Bailey, Decatur Community, 610; C. Sperber, Oakley, 504; Baker, Hoxie, 438; Dautel, Goodland, 416; Rippe,

Rawlins County, 416; Garcia, Colby, 238; Reiner, Rawlins County, 216; Brown, St. Francis, 167; Herl, Goodland, 127.

Passing (touchdowns): Kesler 11; Baker 8; C. Sperber 6; Bailey 5; Garacia 4; Brown 4; Dautel 3; Herl 2; Rippe 1; Reiner 1.

Punt returns (average): Binning, Rawlins County, 39.0; Keller, Oakley, 34.9; Lowry, Rawlins County, 34.9; Rippe, Rawlins County, 25.0; Garcia, Colby, 19.0;

Mondero, Decatur Community, 16.0; Howard, Rawlins County, 15.0; Baker, hoxie 14.9; McKenna, Hoxie, 12.0; Chatfield, Goodland, 10.0.

Bitter winter; better Thanksgiving

By Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

Capt. Miles Standish had been much at his wife Rose's bedside. As much time, that is, as he could spare from stalking game, guarding against savages, and felling trees to construct crude homes on shore.

A bitter wind whistled through chinks and cracks in the Mayflower, anchored in Plymouth harbor that winter of 1620-21. Rose's chills would turn to uncontrollable shaking. Then just as suddenly, her body would be ablaze with fever. Herbs from the surgeon's chest did little to relieve her. By spring only five wives remained out of the eighteen who had sailed to Plymouth. Rose was not among them.

Thanksgiving? What was that? The golden dreams of a New World that Miles and Rose had cherished together had evaporated into hollow hopes. And yet that fall Capt. Standish joined other bereaved Pilgrims in the first Thanksgiving celebration.

The real test of thankfulness is whether we can give thanks from the heart for what we do have, despite the wounds and pains of yesterday's struggles. Ours is not some fair-

weather faith, but a resilient trust in the midst of pain. The Pilgrims lived close to the edge of survival. Perhaps that is why they were so thankful.

How about you? Does your material bounty cause you to neglect thanks? When your clan gathers this Thanksgiving will a prayer of thankfulness be forgotten between moist turkey and pumpkin pie? Will your children see you bow your head to give thanks, or merely ask for another helping of dressing and cranberry sauce?

Children will be watching, you know. And their little faith is being formed by what they see. Your family's Thanksgiving celebration will instruct them about thankfulness, for good or ill.

Will they see you too wealthy to be thankful? Too independent to need God any more? Too bitter, perhaps? Or will they watch you truly give thanks for God's blessings on this special day? And maybe as they watch, they'll catch a hint that mom and dad and grandmother, in spite of painful seasons they have faced, have seen these bitter winters bear fruit in better thanksgiving.

Historical Society elects new officers

Election of officers for the 2006 year was the agenda for the Nov. 8 meeting. The officers elected were president, Margaret Bucholtz; vice president, Louanne Isernhagen; secretary, Dee Dorsch and treasurer, Clarence Iliff. The new trustee for three years is Donna Northrup.

Tobe Zwegyardt, St. Francis, presented a book written by Marci Penner. The book has pictures of interest and a description of places to eat and things to do in every county in the state of Kansas. Mrs. Penner has represented Cheyenne County well. The book can be purchased at the Museum.

The burial book was also discussed. It will be ready to go to print as soon as the year has ended.

The group looked at the microfilm reader/printers which have been given to the Museum. Carol Redding, Cheyenne County Development coordinator, had written a letter to a company which she was familiar with, asking for the reader/printer to be given as a donation to the Cheyenne County Museum.

After the brief business meeting, finger foods were enjoyed. The group then had a brain storming meeting to plan the program and projects for next year.

The program at the next meeting will be the high school drama class presenting early pioneers of Cheyenne County. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 12, at the Ye Old Country Church west of the Museum.

Public welcomed to the annual meeting

The annual public meeting of the Cheyenne County Development Corporation (CCDC) was held Oct. 19, at the St. Francis Public Library. Janet Jensen, president, welcomed the board members and the public participants to the meeting.

Kevin Berens, treasurer, reviewed the 2005 Financial Report that consisted of the 2005 budget income and expenses, itemized categories report, and the 2006 proposed budget. Kevin noted financial changes that resulted from the purchase of a main street building and moving the CCDC office.

He further noted that because the CCDC had maintained adequate funds, no additional funding would be needed from the county or cities to pay for the new office. Mrs. Jensen thanked Mr. Berens for his six years

of service as he leaves the board; this leaves an opportunity for another volunteer to be on the board.

The board and attending members of the public reviewed 2005 projects and accomplishments.

Election of officers for November 2005 through November 2006: Kim Zwegyardt, president; Joy Anderegg, vice president; Janet Jensen, secretary/treasurer. The other board members are: Lyle Knebel, Cathy Domsch and Raedell Winston. Carol Redding continues as coordinator.

Board members and members of the public that were present participated in discussion topics relevant to county improvement and business expansion. Additional information is available at the CCDC office at 107 W. Washington, or call 332-3508.

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2005 TAX LEVIES FOR CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS USED TO FUND THE 2006 BUDGETS														
Prepared by Cheyenne County Clerk														
Taxable Valuation of Cheyenne County is \$40,501,431														
(Levies shown are taxes per \$1,000.00 valuation)														
Comparison of 2004 and 2005 levies and valuations:														
2004			2005			2005			2005					
Valuation	Levy		Valuation	Levy	Difference	Valuation	Levy		Valuation	Levy				
\$38,575,739	1.500		\$40,501,431	1.500		\$40,501,431	1.500		\$40,501,431	1.500				
State														
County			County			County			County					
General	19.680		General	26.245	6.565	General	26.245	6.565	General	26.245	6.565			
Road & Bridge	11.408		Road & Bridge	11.293	-0.115	Road & Bridge	11.293	-0.115	Road & Bridge	11.293	-0.115			
Bridge Building	2.143		Bridge Building	0.840	-1.303	Bridge Building	0.840	-1.303	Bridge Building	0.840	-1.303			
Noxious Weed	0.591		Noxious Weed	0.556	-0.035	Noxious Weed	0.556	-0.035	Noxious Weed	0.556	-0.035			
Bond & Interest	7.221		Bond & Interest	5.625	-1.596	Bond & Interest	5.625	-1.596	Bond & Interest	5.625	-1.596			
Hospital	5.511		Hospital	5.569	0.058	Hospital	5.569	0.058	Hospital	5.569	0.058			
Total	46.554		Total	50.128	3.574	Total	50.128	3.574	Total	50.128	3.574			
2004 Valuations (Dollars)														
Bird City	2,315,742	29.696	2005 Valuation	2,330,316	33.132	3,436								
St. Francis	6,492,296	28.508		6,565,963	28.753	0.245								
USD 103	18,015,571	34.850		11,462,294	35.862	1.012								
USD 297	26,978,281	34.297		29,039,137	34.520	0.223								
Cemetery Dist 1	12,183,841	0.811		12,047,050	0.822	0.011								
Cemetery Dist 2	26,391,998	0.885		28,454,381	0.817	-0.068								
Rural Fire 1	28,771,214	1.393		30,637,129	1.172	-0.221								
Rural Fire 3	996,487	1.526		968,023	1.490	-0.036								
NWKS Library	29,767,701	0.930		31,605,152	0.881	-0.049								
001 City of Bird City														
Valuation	\$2,330,316		State	1,500		002 City of St. Francis	Valuation	\$6,565,963		008 Bird City Township	Valuation	\$7,396,919		
State	1,500		County	50.128		State	1,500		State	1,500		010 Bird City Township	Valuation	\$968,023
County	50.128		City	33.132		County	50.128		County	50.128		State	1,500	
City	33.132		USD 103	35.862		City	28.753		County	50.128		County	50.128	
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Cemetery 1	0.822		Rural Fire 1	1.172		City	28.753		Cemetery 1	0.822		USD 103	35.862	
Rural Fire 1	1.172		Library	0.881		City	28.753		Cemetery 2	0.817		Cemetery 1	0.822	
Library	0.881		Total	121.444		City	28.753		Rural Fire 1	1.172		Rural Fire 3	1.490	
Total	121.444					Total	115.717		Library	0.881		Library	0.881	
017 Calhoun Township														
Valuation	\$372,114		State	1,500		018 Calhoun Township	Valuation	\$743,426		019 Calhoun Township	Valuation	\$134,603		
State	1,500		County	50.128		State	1,500		State	1,500		027 Cleveland Run TWP	Valuation	\$1,242,917
County	50.128		USD 103	35.862		County	50.128		County	50.128		State	1,500	
USD 103	35.862		Cemetery 1	0.822		County	50.128		USD 297	34.520		USD 297	34.520	
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Rural Fire 1	1.172		Library	0.881		County	50.128		Library	0.881		Cemetery 2	0.817	
Library	0.881		Total	90.365		County	50.128		Rural Fire 1	1.172		Rural Fire 1	1.172	
Total	90.365					Total	89.018		Library	0.881		Library	0.881	
033 Wano Township														
Valuation	\$206,892		State	1,500		034 Wano Township	Valuation	\$201,543		036 Wano Township	Valuation	\$15,540,980		
State	1,500		County	50.128		State	1,500		State	1,500		048 Orlando Township	Valuation	\$678,838
County	50.128		USD 103	35.862		County	50.128		County	50.128		State	1,500	
USD 103	35.862		Cemetery 1	0.822		County	50.128		USD 297	34.520		County	50.128	
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