



Hilltop General Store/Hometown Market



Good Samaritan Village

Three floats tie in parade contest

By Karen Krien

The weather was a little chilly Friday evening — just right for the Light Parade held to bring in the Christmas season.

There were a few less floats than last year but still plenty to light the parade and entertain all those lined up along St. Francis' Main Street. There were lots of lights and music. Some of the floats brought "ohs" and "ahs" while others made people laugh.

After the parade, people were urged to cast their votes for their favorite float. Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary, said the votes were counted three times and, three times, the ballots tallied a three-way tie. So, for the next year, Hilltop General Store, Good Samaritan Village and Lawn Ridge 4-H Club will take their turn at displaying the People's Choice Award plaque.

"People seemed to appreciate the parade coming down Main and then going back up so they could get a better look at the floats," Secretary Bracelin said.

"Plans are already being made for a different float for next year.

"The parade would not have been possible if it were not for the people who built the floats and the city crew, who turned off the overhead lights just for the evening."



Lawn Ridge 4-H Club

Treasure Hunt

The evening started off with the annual Treasure Hunt. Numbers had been inserted in The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City

Times and there were extra numbers available in different businesses.

The Treasure Hunt has been a tradition for

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Council votes to move Apollo monument

By Sandy Barnhart

Concerned citizens met with the St. Francis City Council on Nov. 21 with a petition asking that the council not remove the miniature Apollo 17 monument from its site. After listening to the residents, the council decided that the monument be removed from Kan-Step property with the Cheyenne County Historical Society deciding a new location with the council's approval. If the Society wishes, the city will assist with the relocating.

Those presenting the petition were: Eldon Zimbelman, Mark Mills, Helene Landenberger, Tobe Zwegardt, Milton and Betty Lampe and Fred and Marsha Magley.

The monument, built to honor Ron Evans who was born in St. Francis, is located on property which the new emergency building is being erected. Once the emergency building is up and in use, the council thinks the monument could be in the way and a safety hazard to firemen and emergency medical technicians. Councilman Dale Weeks said that, originally, when they had designed the building, they thought the monument would not need to be moved, but as the building goes

up, it has become clear that tourists stopping to view the monument could be in the way during an emergency run.

The monument is located east of the museum. It was designed by Tobe Zwegardt with Milton Lampe helping to erect it in cement. It was a lasting tribute to the birthplace of Ron Evans, command module pilot of the Apollo 17 which was launched on Dec. 7, 1972.

The council had been approached by two Eagle Scouts seeking a community project in which to earn their badge. The council had originally planned that the Scout design a different monument for Ron Evans or possibly design something that would accent the monument once it was relocated.

It was the consensus of the council that the group was reluctant to have the Scouts assist with the project. The council will look for another project for the Scouts to do.

Kan-Step

Councilman Dale Weeks told the council that the building had arrived Nov. 15 and several volunteers had started collecting

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Look for numbers in Christmas ads

By Karen Krien

Check your ticket numbers with the ones found in ads on the Christmas On Us pages in the B section of this issue. The tickets were in businesses on Tuesday and for every \$10 spent in businesses, the customer could receive a ticket.

This week, there are four different sets of numbers in four ads. If the number on the page matches the number on a ticket, the holder of the ticket will need to bring it to The Herald office to claim \$50 in scrip.

For the next three weeks, there will be numbers from the tickets listed in ads in the special Christmas On Us pages. The winner will have their picture taken and tell what they plan to do with the scrip.

By Dec. 18, there should be eight \$50 scrip Instant Winners. If all of the \$50 tickets have not been claimed, the \$50 scrip money will be drawn for at the Christmas On Us and Chamber celebration on the 18th.

Drawing

At 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 18, in front of Jaqua Abstract, St. Francis Main Street,

the drawing will be held and one person holding the lucky ticket will receive \$1,000 in scrip. The second place winner will take home \$100. There will also be a drawing for any unclaimed Instant Winner tickets.

Anyone with a ticket matching a number in the Christmas On Us ad pages must claim their prize before 5 p.m. the next Monday by bringing it into The Herald office. They will also have their picture taken. There is an exception to the deadline the week of the Christmas On Us drawing and, then winners must claim their prize by noon on Monday.

There will be new numbers placed in ads each week and ticket numbers from the week before, if not claimed by the following Monday, will no longer be considered.

If a ticket number is unclaimed, a new number will be drawn and it will be added to the next week's numbers on the Christmas On Us pages.

"Start collecting those tickets today and you might be the \$1,000 winner," Casey McCormick, ad manager, said.

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Wrestling tourney held on Saturday



By Betty Jean Winston

The annual St. Francis Invitational Wrestling Tournament takes place on Saturday in the high school gym. This is the opening event on the Indian calendar and the 46th year for the St. Francis tourney.

Football is over and Saintry wrestling fans will be anxious to view the 2006 team. Five seniors graduated last year but the Saintry squad will have 15 returning letter winners including three seniors.

Senior Brennon Wilger is the only Saintry wrestler to win a championship at the Invitational last year.

On Saturday at 9:30 a.m., wrestlers will begin taking to the mats and the competi-

tion will begin. Session two is scheduled for 1 p.m. and the finals take place 15 minutes after the second session, at approximately 5:30 p.m., although it could possibly be earlier.

Teams returning this year include Rawlins County/Atwood, Colby, Goodland, Quinter, Scott City, Sterling, Colo., St. Francis, Wichita County-Leoti and Wray, Colo. One team from last year, Pine Creek, Colo., will not be competing.

The Colby Eagles took home top honors last year with 159.5 team points, three champions, one second-place finish and four thirds. Placing second was Pine Creek

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Temps drop; skate rink is filled

By Karen Krien

The temperatures dropped to below freezing — just right for filling the ice skating rink located at corner of Spencer and Adams streets.

Connie Jenkins is the force behind the rink.

"...to Grandmother's house we go!" she said. "Ah, the memories of Christmas was skating on a little rink my father made in our backyard."

She said that five years ago, her

family decided they were done with the financial stress of buying presents for everyone and decided they would begin to "create memories."

"Creating memories will last longer than that tie you never wore," she said.

"We bring a memory at Christmas instead of a present and our time together is full of songs, adventure and imagination.

"This year, my memory is the skating rink and I am excited to share the fun with the whole town."

Milton Lampe and Roger Orth built the frame for the rink. The special liner came from Canada. Goodell Greenhouse let the Jenkins use their

pinetrees for a backdrop.

The ice needs to have a 3-inch freeze on the top. There will be times when the skating could be dangerous so Mrs. Jenkins ask that skaters please follow the rules.

First of all, enter on the south side which is the shallow end. Then don't get too close to the deep end on the north side.

The ice will need to be resurfaced so there will be "Skate" and "No Skate" signs posted.

Lastly, skate on the ice with ice skates only — no shoes.

She said the rink will be available to all skaters (at their own risk) as long

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ICE RINK IS FILLED — Before the temperatures lowered to freezing, the liner was filled with water. If the weather forecaster is right, the ice should be set sometime this week. Pictured (l to r) are Milton Lampe, Connie Jenkins and Roger Orth. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien