



More prizes added to giveaway



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Tis (almost) the season and people are already asking when the businesses will start giving away the Christmas On Us tickets. This year, the fun and giveaways will be even better.

There will still be the \$1,000 grand prize drawing along with a \$100 second prize. There will still be the eight \$50 drawing throughout the season. But, this year, each Christmas On Us business will be giving away a prize. Numbers will appear in the ads, the same as the numbers for the \$50 prizes. When one of these numbers are matched with a ticket number, the person will draw a business, then they, along with a Herald staff member, will go to the business for the prize and a photo with the owner for the next week's Herald.

Starting today (Thursday), there will be tickets in participating businesses. Each time someone purchases \$10 in merchandise or services, they will receive a ticket.

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

"It is a merry time of the year and giving away money and prizes makes it even more fun," said Casey McCormick, ad manager.

By Dec. 17, there should be eight \$50 scrip Instant Winners. If all of the \$50 tickets have not been

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Newspapers staff sets early deadline

The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times will have an early deadline so people will be able to receive their newspaper before the Thanksgiving holidays. Included in the papers will be the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Treasure Hunt numbers, just in time for the Christmas Opening on Friday, Nov. 23. (Hold onto that number as, if it is not a winner on Nov. 23, it may be on Dec. 17, the second day for the Treasure Hunt.)

For the Thanksgiving issues of the newspapers, the ad, photo and copy deadline will be 5 p.m. on Friday. The papers will be going to the printer on Monday and in the post office boxes on Tuesdays. People getting their mail on the rural routes should have their paper on Wednesday.

The Herald office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and open again Friday morning. Have a happy Thanksgiving!



SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS — The St. Francis Indians Guthmiller, 42, with the help of Sam Sowers, 74, is on his way meet the Redmen at 7 p.m. in Smith Center on Friday. David down the field.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick



MEHRIC DURBIN was born at the Cheyenne County Hospital on Wednesday. He was the first baby born in the new birthing facility. Pictured with his mother Dawn, Mehric was not too happy about being hungry.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

First baby to use new facility

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A baby was born at the Cheyenne County Hospital on Wednesday, Nov. 7, to Phil and Dawn Durbin, St. Francis. It was the first mother and baby to use the new obstetric room at the hospital.

Mehric Myles Rye Durbin weighed in at 6 pounds 10 ounces and was 18 3/4-inches long. He has dark hair and was ready to eat.

The baby was not due until Nov. 14, but Mrs. Durbin said Mehric decided not to wait. Dr. Rebecca Allard

delivered the baby emergency cesarean section and, on Thursday, the mom and baby were doing well. He has a brother Gavin and sister Kylee.

This is the first baby born in the hospital since February 2003 when Shawn and Shawna Blanka arrived at the hospital in a snowstorm. Shadryon was scheduled to be born in Goodland but weather conditions made it impossible to get there.

Dr. Allard began practicing at the hospital Aug. 6 and, in just a few months, has 10 mothers expecting babies.

Work continues on building

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"The Kan-Step project has made big strides the past two weeks," stated councilman Dale Weeks at the Nov. 6 meeting.

As many as 30 volunteers have shown up each day and have worked on the building non-stop. The roof

is on and almost complete.

The approaches have been sealed. Tom Rhor, Goodland, helped with the garage doors. All of them are up and one door is completely done.

"You can open and close it," Mr. Weeks said.

In a week all of the doors will be usable. Volunteers can begin work-

ing inside in the evenings as soon as the lights are installed.

Roger Jensen, councilman, has been working on the walls at his shop and most of them are completed. They will start moving them and get the walls set into place at the firehouse. Billy Krien will begin See WORK on Page 7A

Christmas opening planned for Nov. 23

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The Christmas opening in St. Francis and the annual Light Parade are just a little over a week away but there is still enough time to build an entry for the parade.

Sponsored by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, the plans have been set. Each year, the town opens the Christmas season the day after Thanksgiving. Stores are open extra hours and are stocked with items for Christmas giving.

The Treasure Hunt will be held two times during the Christmas season, once on Friday, Nov. 23, and again on Monday, Dec. 17. Numbers will be inserted in the Nov. 22 Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times only one time. However, the numbers may match those posted

in participating businesses on both occasions.

"In other words, if you don't find your matching number on the 23rd, save it to see if there is a match on Dec. 17," said Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary.

If the number matches, there will be a prize waiting inside the business. Treasure Hunt numbers are only located in participating businesses. It should be noted that Krien Pharmacy is listed but not one of the participants.

Santa

Following the Light Parade, Santa will be at Bankwest to visit with children and hear what they would like for Christmas. It is also a good time for parents to snap a special photo of their child with

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Baskets delivered Nov. 17

The St. Francis Food Pantry, under the direction of Janet Jensen, will soon be providing boxes of food to people in the community and area.

Mrs. Jensen said the Thanksgiving boxes will be delivered between 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday, Nov. 17.

Volunteers wanting to help deliver the boxes are welcome... just show up at the courthouse.

The Christmas boxes will be delivered on Dec. 15. Again, volunteers to help deliver are needed. Talk to Mrs. Jensen at First National Bank.



PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, Tyler Raile and Krystle Neufhalfen, visit with Mila Bandel, the hospital. Dr. Mary Beth Miller and Rebecca Allard, along with Patrick Delano, physician assistant, were also present.