

PRIZES

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"There are still four \$50 scrip prizes and seven Christmas gifts given by businesses left to be won before the Dec. 17 drawing," said Casey McCormick, ad manager.

This week there are 11 numbers listed in the Christmas On Us ads on Pages 1B, 2B and 3B in *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*.

Any prizes not claimed by matching numbers in the ads will be drawn for at the Monday, Dec. 17 drawing. The drawing will be held at 5:30 p.m. in front of Jaqua Abstract on Main Street.

How to get a ticket

Customers receive a ticket when they purchase \$10 in participating businesses. Individuals can receive one ticket, no purchase necessary, each week at *The Herald* office.

Throughout out the four weeks of the Christmas On Us promotion, there are ticket numbers printed in ads on the special Christmas pages. Last week there were four numbers drawn first for the \$50 in scrip and, then six numbers were drawn for prizes given by businesses. Those six numbers are marked with "*".

The business prizes are a bonus for customers as there will be 12 additional prizes given throughout the season.

"Giving a prizes in the businesses builds excitement and also gives the business owners another chance to say "thank you for shopping in St. Francis,"" said Mr. McCormick, ad manager for *The Herald* and *Times*.

"Be sure to check out the many specials located in ads on the Christmas On Us pages (1B, 2B and 3B) while you are looking for your numbers."

Also check the winners of the business prizes located on 3B.

This week, there are even more numbers listed on the pages.

"Check out those numbers! You might be a winner!" Mr. McCormick said.

Each week, merchants 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 the Christmas On Us drawings are:

- Bier's Hometown Store
- Goodell Greenhouse and Garden Center
- Hilltop General Store

POLICE

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desk.

"I want to be seen by the citizens of St. Francis," she said, noting that means sharing her time patrolling with the other officers.

"I have really missed being on patrol and having a helpful impact on the people."

She thinks that it is important that the youth of the community know the officers. She will encourage her staff to stop by the school and make their presence known, even if it is just a "hi" in the hall, watching a ball game or eating lunch with them.

Those officers on the night shift will be checking doors of businesses to see if they are locked and check to see if there are any questionable circumstances.

Chief Farland has set her standards high going back to her schooling.

"Officers are taught to have 'PRIDE' which means: P-professionalism; R-respect; I-integrity; D-discipline and devotion; E-excellence.

"However, my main goal is to have a helpful impact on the people."

Chief Farland and Bill, now retired, came to St. Francis several times to attend the annual Car Show. They were looking for a place outside the big cities and St. Francis seemed to fill the bill. They bought a house and spent vacations and weekends making repairs. When Chief Farland was hired as a court service officer, they packed up and moved to town.

Mr. Farland purchased a shop on Main Street where he enjoys fixing up antique vehicles.

When Chief Farland came to work Monday morning, she was met with crime scene tape blocking the doors to the office and cherry and peach pie, baked by Officer Warren, in her honor.

"I am happy to be working in St. Francis and I'm looking forward to meeting the residents," she said.



- Owens True Value

- Parkhill Restaurant

- Ross Manufacturing

- St. Francis Super's

- Schultz's

- St. Francis Equity

- The Saint Francis Herald

- United Methodist Thrift Store

- Video Kingdom

Remember, the contest will end at noon on Monday, Dec. 17, and the grand prize drawing will be held at 5:30 that afternoon on Main Street.

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the county.

She invited the commissioners to attend the emergency medical service Christmas party. She said the cost would be taken out of the donations given to the service.

She again asked that the commissioners consider raising the meal limit for technicians to \$12 each. She said that if they get something to drink, it goes over the \$30 limit for three technicians (which it usually takes to make a run). The commissioners again made no decision.

Sheriff's report

Sheriff, Craig Van Allen, said he had added Norvin Anderson as a part-time officer. He had previously worked for the St. Francis Police Department.

He then turned to the matter of purchasing an additional car for transporting prisoners. He said that having a prisoner in the front seat of the pickup beside the driver was not a safe way of transporting. He was looking at a used state patrol car which has under 50,000 miles and, when purchased will be ready to use when it arrives with the exception of lights. The cost is estimated to be between \$15,000 and \$16,000. He has \$12,000 left in his budget but the car would not be available until after the first of the year and money in the 2008 budget will be used. The car will also be used for patrolling.

Andy Beikman, commissioner, said he had heard complaints about having too many sheriff vehicles but he was convinced that officers need the vehicles to do their jobs.

The commissioners agreed that the safety of officers was important and that the sheriff should get the county's name on the list to purchase one of the state cars.

911 system

Carol Gamblin, 911 communications director, asked for an executive session to discuss personnel for dispatchers. No decision was made.

She said that wiring will be pulled into the new dispatch office on Monday, Dec. 3, and she is hoping the new dispatch equipment will be here by Dec. 10.

When the new 911 system is installed, dispatchers will be dispatching for the entire county including both Bird City and St. Francis. Dispatcher training will start sometime after the first of the year.

Health insurance

Tim Carson, representative for Corporate Plan Management, the county's health insurance, went over the insurance plan. The commissioners agreed to pay \$775 for employees, going from \$750 paid last year for full time employees. Employees on the family plan will pay \$35 for \$1,000 deductible and \$85 for \$500 deductible.

In other business

In other business:

- The employees voted about being paid every two week instead of monthly. Seventeen voted no, six didn't care and two wanted it.

- Justin Barrett, county attorney, asked that since his secretary, Danielle Gardner, was already a part-time employee, that benefits be started now. She will not begin full time until the first of the year. The commissioners agreed to follow policy and the benefits when she begins full time.

- The county treasurer asked that,

during tax time, employees park on the east and far southeast side of the courthouse. The commissioners agreed to send a letter to department heads asking that employees use the designated parking.

- The commissioners again discussed a \$15,000 bill from the city of St. Francis for officer training expenses for Mike Blehm. Officer Blehm has been employed by the county sheriff and had worked for the for under a year. In these cases, the next employer is responsible for the cost of the training. No decision was made.

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He moved to St. Francis in 1963 and opened a shop. He well remembers the day he was getting ready to open as it was the day that President John Kennedy was killed.

At that time, there were five other barbers: Shorty Carrol, Sonny Angel, Rex Confer, Elmer Conner and Art Lueschen. For the last 20 years, Mr. Weber has been the only barber in St. Francis.

Besides cutting hair and shaving, Mr. Weber also sharpens clipper blades, knives, scissors and lawn mower blades, as well as repairing cordless razors.

No appointments needed

Mr. Weber has never made appointments. Customers would often wait and visit or tell jokes. Farmers coming to town, especially on Saturday nights in the 50s and 60s, would stop in when they came to town. If there were already customers waiting, they would take care of some of their business and then come back.

Even now, Mr. Weber doesn't take appointments.

"It's walk in only," he said.

He has gone to the rest home or made house calls to cut customer's hair. The longest trip he took was to Denver to cut Haddon Holzwarth's hair. Mr. Holzwarth was in the hospital and, while Mr. Weber went to visit his very good friend, he also took his barbering tools with him.

"I always cut Haddon's hair — he wouldn't let anyone else cut it," Mr. Weber said.

And, when Mr. Holzwarth died, Mr. Weber trimmed it one last time.

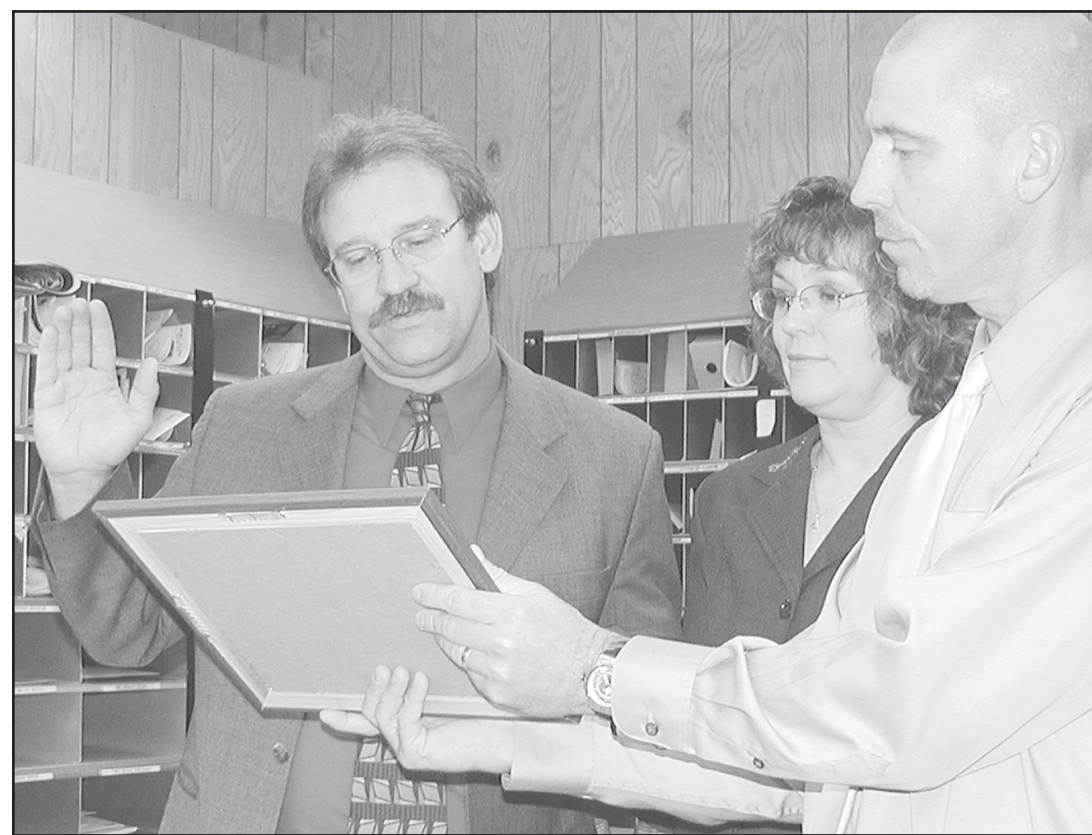
Famous customer

Mr. Weber said he cut Shea Hillenbrand's hair and figures Mr. Hillenbrand is the most famous person to have his hair cut at the shop. Mr. Hillenbrand, grandson of Albert and Bessie Burr, has played baseball for the Boston Red Sox, Arizona Diamond Backs, Toronto Blue Jays and is now with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Changes

Mr. Weber has seen a lot of changes in the last 50 years. One change which has been gone for many years is the fact that Bud Boardman came into the shop every other day where he had a shave with the straight-edge razor. Though the years, there have been many people who preferred this type of shave but when AIDS came onto the scene, the inspectors advised barbers to put away the straight edge as it was too dangerous to the barber as well as his/her customers.

Many men have used his hair tonic (Jeris) and some still use it today. Mr.



SWORN IN — Dewayne Lalicker was sworn in on Wednesday, Nov. 28, as the new postmaster for St. Francis. His wife Lori looks on as the officer swears him in.

BARBER

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Weber bought it by the gallon, which he used in the shop but also refilled the customer's bottle if he brought it back. When he first started a bottle of Jeris tonic cost about 50 cents but, today, it is \$5.

One little customer, Martin Beikman, wants only Mr. Weber to cut his hair so he can have the tonic — he says "he wants to smell good." One year, before the school Christmas program, Martin came specially to have Mr. Weber cut his hair so he would "look nice for the program," he said. His mom said he wouldn't let her touch it because she might mess it up.

Besides cutting hair, Mr. Weber used to give mud packs. These were used to help get rid of acne. After the mud pack was applied, an ultra violet ray was used to dry it. When the mud pack was pulled off, the black heads came with it. When medicines came into use for acne, the mud packs were seldom used.

One of the biggest changes in barbering came with styles. One of the more difficult styles to cut but one that Mr. Weber enjoyed working with was the flat top boogie. The hair was flat on top and the sides were combed back.

Mr. Weber said he had an excellent instructor, which helped him, but it was something he enjoyed doing.

When long hair became the style, Mr. Weber said it was bad for the barber. Often times, when the hair

needed trimmed, the customer went to a beauty shop instead of to the barbershop.

Through the years, he cut hair for both boys and girls but, eventually, he cut girls' hair less and less.

First cuts

He gave many "first" haircuts but the cut for the youngest was for his very first granddaughter, who was born with long hair. Often kids would come in for a cut with their parents paying for it. They just wanted a "little" cut off. However, one time, a father came in and said, "I'm paying for this and I want the hair cut off!" The kid came in and Mr. Weber told him what he said. Reluctantly, he had his haircut to suit his dad but Mr. Weber didn't like the job of telling him.

Mr. Weber enjoys his customers and always tries to make them smile at least once during the hair cut. If nothing worked, he would end the cut with "got ya looking pretty now!"

There was one kid who, after he heard those words, got up, looked in the mirror and said, "Yea, I know!"

Building history

Weber Barbershop's building has a long history of barbering. It was moved from Wano. In 1927, the business was known as the "Roberts Barbershop." Another building was attached to the rear and there were four chairs. Customers could also get a bath along with his haircut and shave.

Mr. Weber once had a tall barber pole on the front of the building. Every year at Halloween, he took it down and took it to the lot in the back of the building. Then, one year, someone stole it. Replacing would have been very costly so he eventually replaced it with a much smaller pole.

No retirement

Mr. Weber doesn't plan to retire. He likes what he is doing and can't imagine just sitting around.

He and his wife Kathy do anything but sit around when they are dancing. They love to polka and have even been seen on Big Joes Polka television show and also in the RFD magazine. They traveled to Minnesota as well as Branson, Mo., to dance on Big Joes' show.

Mrs. Weber is a first and second grade teacher at Cheylin, Bird City. Since Cheylin has a four-day school week, they are able to take three-day weekends where they travel, not only to dance, but also to see their children (Lenny, Joyce and Mike) and their nine grandchildren.

Besides running a barbershop, Mr. Weber has also owned a putt-putt golf course, a pool hall and was in the dog racing business. He said that for 12 years, he raised, sold and raced about 600 dogs, which were sent back to the track. One dog still holds a record at the Colorado Springs track.

Herald And Times Happenings:

Christmas seen through

the eyes of a child is priceless

This year, as in the year's past, the Special Christmas and New Year's sections will be published before the holidays. The sections will feature letters from Santa, answers of questions asked of school children, memories and recipes.

The Saint Francis Herald and *Bird City Times* staffs welcome participation from children to adults. All items must be received by Dec. 7 in order to get them into the special section.

Send letters, special memories, articles and recipes to *The Herald* at P.O. Box 1050, St. Francis, KS 67756 or fax 785-332-3001.



FIRST BABY CONTEST

With the oncome of the New Year comes the new arrival of that bundle of joy!

Don't MISS BRINGING IN 2007 WITH A MESSAGE TO YOUR CUSTOMERS IN THE NEW YEAR'S SUPPLEMENT.

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