



DANCE RANCHERS performed 'Christmas In Killarney' at the annual program Sunday afternoon. Dancing, left to right, are Jessica Pacheco, Matthison Whitzel, Erika Ramos and Reagon Beims. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Winners claim prizes

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The second week of the Christmas On Us promotion has found four people each winning \$50 in scrip and five businesses have given away Christmas gifts to winners holding the winning tickets.

Victor Zwegardt was a two-time winner, winning with two tickets from a purchase made at Schultz's. He found the one winning ticket in the St. Francis Super's ad and was awarded \$50 in scrip. The second number which had an "*" was found in the Ross Manufacturing/Sunshine Travel ad. He drew the participating business and was presented a basket of Amish items from Hilltop General Store. He said he plans to buy groceries with his scrip.

Beth Maifeld, St. Francis, found



Maifeld

Zwegardt

her winning ticket number in the Equity ad and was given \$50 scrip. She received her ticket at Methodist Thrift Store and doesn't know where she will be spending the scrip.

Winning a Christmas gift from the Methodist Thrift Store was Jeanne Dunn. She found her number in the Bier's Hometown Store ad and purchased items at Goodell's Floral where she received the winning ticket.

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Dairy turnoff still on agenda

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The Cheyenne County Commissioner met on Friday, Nov. 30, where they again discussed the highway turnoff project at the Bird City Dairy, 2 miles east of the city.

Earlier they had talked about turn-off signs posted on both sides of the dairy but Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, said that the engineer for this district needs to know before the end of the

year. The state officials had agreed to widen the turnoff but have not agreed to pay for part of the asphalt, which could cost around \$60,000.

More information will be needed.

Mr. Flemming said the new grader had been purchased for \$150,000 with trade-in. It has already been brought to St. Francis.

He talked about a grinder that Sharon Springs commissioners are planning to buy. The grinder will

grind up about everything but iron and tires, and, if purchased, could be possibly be brought to Cheyenne County on a regular basis. The commissioners talked about problems associated with the grinder but it could decrease the volume at the landfill by 150 percent. More information will be available later.

They talked about recycling cardboard and possibly purchasing a trailer or two to put in specific places for collection.

Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, asked that snow tires be put on two ambulances (7B and 11B). Mark Cooper at St. Francis Tire had given her a bid for \$600 for four tires. The commissioners agreed to have her purchase the tires for the back of both ambulances.

Mrs. Bowers said Randy Teeters is moving and that is one less emergency medical technician for

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THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING going on at the Weber Barbershop. Benny Weber cuts Gary Leach's hair. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Barber still cutting hair after 50 years

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St. Francis barber, Benny Weber, will be celebrating 50 years in the barbering business. He and three of his brothers have been barbers, but today, only he and his brother Ron are still in the business.

Being one of the younger brothers, Benny was introduced to the business in his brother's barbershop as a shoe shiner. At the time, he thought he could cut hair as good, if not better, than his brother.

Following his graduation from high school in Oakley, Mr. Weber went to Parks School of Denver where he learned how to repair cash registers. But, he decided he would still like to be a barber so he went to barber school in Wichita.

He graduated in 1957 but, in those days, it was necessary to work under a licensed barber. He worked in Atwood, Winona and Ulysses, then opened his own barbershop in Dighton

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Chamber awards three \$100 prizes

St. Francis stores are stocked for Christmas shoppers. The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce is giving customers an added incentive to stay at home and shop.

Each time people purchase \$10 in a Chamber business, they can sign up for one of three prizes of \$100 scrip to be drawn for on Monday, Dec. 17.

There are many houses in town that are lit up for the holidays. The Chamber Lighting Contest will be

held on Dec. 15 and 16. People are urged to keep their lights on those evenings so they can be judged by last year's Christmas Lighting Contest winners. The lighting winners, along with the winners of the children's poster contest, will be announced at the Dec. 17 drawing. The drawing starts at 5:30 in front of Jaqua Abstract on Main Street.

For more information, check the Chamber's ad on 1B of this section.

St. Francis hires new chief of police

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St. Francis has a new chief of police.

Deborah Farland, St. Francis, accepted the job last week and Scott Schultz, mayor, swore her in on Friday, Nov. 30.

Chief Farland fills the position vacated by Troy Gardner in August. She comes to the department with experience and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration and management. She was certified in law enforcement in Colorado in 1999. She worked in the Adams County Sheriff's office where, making 30 calls a night, was nothing unusual.

She and her husband Bill, who was also in law enforcement, moved to Sterling, Colo. There she worked in the Logan County Sheriff's office. The past year, she has worked as a court service officer for the state of Kansas, traveling to Goodland.

In order to be certified in Kansas, she will attend the Kansas Law Enforcement Academy for one week.

Her first order of business is to get the staffing up in the police department. Right now, Derek Morrow, Sarah Clogston and Dave Warren have been running the department with Ms. Clogston



CHIEF OF POLICE, Deborah Farland, talks over matters with Sarah Clogston, administrative assistant. Notice the crime scene tape which welcomed the new chief.

acting as the interim chief. Ms. Clogston will be the chief's administrative assistant.

"They have done a great job of covering and filling while the

department was going through the change," Chief Farland said.

She hopes to have a full-time officer in place by the end of December or first of January. She

will still be looking for another officer.

Chief Farland does not plan to spend her time sitting behind a

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