

# COUNCIL

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Dodge Charger for \$15,900. It is from the Kansas Highway Partners Program. Kevin Butts from Goodland will install the lights and siren for \$1,000. The car will be unmarked. The council also agreed to purchase a cell phone for Chief Farland.

An open house to introduce the new chief will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday at the city hall.

### KanStep

Dale Weeks, council member, reported on the KanStep. He said they are now working on the interior structure of the building. The joists have been installed and volunteers are beginning to put down plywood for the decking on the second level.

The committee is asking that anyone that can help with electrical, plumbing and heating and air conditioning to please volunteer. The installations need to be completed before the next step of dry walling can begin.

As of the Dec. 4 meeting, there are 101 days until March 15 when the building is to be completed, so they are urging anyone who can give their time to please step forward.

Bills were presented from Sam's

Electric for \$17,349 and Rasure Lumber for \$4,276.

### Theater

Councilwoman Natalie Knodel gave a report on the theater about the declining attendance. See theater story for the details.

### Keller Pond

Keller Pond is now closed until the trout fishing contest is held by the Cheyenne County Wildlife Inc.

# PRIZES

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ety will be holding a drawing for a county Veterans' Book, a \$43 value. Santa Claus will be seeing children at First National Bank on Monday. This is the last time Santa will be in St. Francis so those children who missed seeing him the last time, need to stop by the bank. The ABC Preschool parents and teachers will be hosting a chili feed/bake sale before and after the drawing of the Chamber money and the Christmas On Us giveaway. In case of inclement weather, the drawings and soup supper will be held at the St. Francis Grade School.



**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** sparked at the home of Deloy and Janette Rogers home on North Cedar Street. There are many homes decorated for the holidays and the lights twinkling through the snow makes them even more lovely.

## Idalia News

By  
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### New Address

Betty J Moellenberg's new address is Hillcrest, 360 Canyon Drive, Wray, CO 80758.

### Hospice on the Plains

Once again this year, Hospice of the Plains will be sponsoring their annual Tree of Lights celebration. Hospice of the Plains is a non-profit organization fulfilling the need for end of life care for the people of Northeastern Colorado. The Tree of Lights celebration is observed in a variety of ways throughout the communities of eastern Colorado. Idalia's Tree Of lights is on display in the school lobby. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, forms may be found at the Idalia Post Office bulletin board, Prairie Vista Cafe, SunWest Bank, Carpenter's Mini Mall, and in the school lobby.

### Introducing

Justin and Melissa Pfeiler announce the birth of their baby girl weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and measuring 18 1/2 inches long. She was born a little after 7 on Nov. 15 in Wray. Her name is Eyona Brenay. Jim and Diana Pfeiler are the proud grandparents.

shots include many community children acting out the nativity story. All the children attending this program are welcome to join the actors in the final scene of the play. They will sing "Away in a Manger" and "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" so alert your visiting relatives to plan to participate. The two times to catch this service for Christmas Eve will be at 2 and 7 p.m.

### Gribben Benefit

The Tim Gribben Benefit will be held Dec. 31 at the Burlington Community Center. The Burlington and Idalia communities are sponsoring a benefit to help curb their expenses after the first of the year. There will be a dance, silent auction, bingo, auction for bigger items and refreshments. Any organization, individuals, students or other members of the Idalia community can donate items for the silent auction, auction or bingo prizes. If you wish to donate items please call Sheryl Wudtke at 354-7270. Time will be announced.

### Meetings

The school board meeting is also at 6:30 p.m. on a Wednesday.

Family Community Education Christmas party will be Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. at the church.

Dec. 21 is when Idalia school students get out to begin their Christmas break. They return to school Jan. 7.

### Lions Club

The Idalia Lions Club will hold its Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m., at the Homestead. There will be a potluck meal and bingo. Couples are encouraged to bring a wrapped, white elephant gift to contribute to the bingo prize pool.

On Sunday, Dec. 16, at 10:30 a.m., the St. John choir will offer the gift of Christmas music during the morning worship service. The choir will share songs from a variety of Christian traditions. They will be joined by young musicians from the Idalia school.

### St. John's Christmas Service

The United Church of Christ Christmas Eve program will combine live action with backdrop scenes which are being prepared in advance. These

## THEATER

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*Western Kansas Farm.*

His ushers and concession girls remember many of his piano solos. They worked for \$1 a week and got to see the movie free.

In 1951, the Roshung's built the current theater building at 104 E. Washington and remained the owners for a number of years before selling it to Mr. and Mrs. James Edmondson. In 1992 it was purchased by the community and, with donations of both money and labor, the theater was renovated.

A stage was built and new equipment was added. Many high school students painted murals on the walls. In May of 1992 it was opened for business.

After a large fund raiser in 2005 the old seats were replaced with new cushy ones.

Now, in the last six months, there is a decline of people attending the movies.

"We feel the decline is due to several different reasons," said councilwoman, Natalie Knodel, who is one of the theater's board members. "One of which is due to the lackluster movie schedule. Although we are showing very current movies they just aren't the type that draws a large crowd."

Mrs. Knodel added that the board thinks that some upcoming movies will provide greater entertainment, and they ask everyone to attend the movies and enjoy the new seats.

They would also remind everyone that movie tickets make great gifts all year round, and are especially good Christmas stocking stuffers.

"Movie tickets can be purchased at the city office," said Robert Grace, committee member. "In addition to providing a welcome gift, the giver has the joy of knowing that they are supporting their hometown theater."

"Let's all work together to keep our theater going!"



**BIG SCOOP** — Seth Hart helped his dad clear the sidewalks after the first snow on Monday. Residents woke up to more snow and it snowed much of the day on Tuesday. Cold temperatures and ice have made roads and sidewalks a hazard.  
*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## DRAWING

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Waters Fellowship. Mr. McQuigg found his number in the Chamber of Commerce ad. His ticket came from a purchase made at the St. Francis Equity. He drew St. Francis Super's where he claimed a certificate for a gift basket.

Living Waters Fellowship is a church located in Bird City. The ticket number, which was received from a purchase at Owens, was found in the St. Francis Equity ad. Owens True Value was the business drawn and they presented Rhonda Born, church member, with an angel ornament. Check Page 3B for photos of the winners and businessmen.

There were no numbers matched for the \$50 in scrip. This week, there are new numbers. People need to check the numbers. Those not claimed by noon on Monday will be drawn for at 5:30 p.m.

### Tickets

People are reminded to check their ticket numbers with the ones found in ads on the Christmas On Us pages in the B section of this issue. There are nine numbers listed

this week. — four without \* and five with \*.

"We want all the numbers matched before the drawing but, if not, they will be drawn for before the grand prize and second place prizes are drawn," said Casey McCormick, ad manager.

For every \$10 spent in businesses, the customer could receive a ticket.

The contest ends at noon on Monday. No more tickets will be given away and all prizes will need to be claimed.

### Participating businesses

Without participating businesses, the Christmas On Us promotion would not be possible. Throughout the season, customers have made purchases in St. Francis and, with every \$10 purchase, they were given a ticket. Last year, there were approximately 50,000 tickets given away and, take that times \$10 — there was around \$500,000 which stayed in St. Francis.

"On Monday, there will be a lucky person match their ticket with the ticket drawn, and they will have \$1,000 in scrip to spend for

Christmas presents, buy groceries or make a special purchase," Mr. McCormick said.

Each week, merchants have advertised sales and specials in the Christmas On Us pages.

"We are hoping that, while people were looking for matching numbers, they were able to check out the specials," Mr. McCormick said.

Participating businesses in the Christmas On Us drawings are:

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



**ICE SKATING RINK** is once again being installed at the Steve and Connie Jenkins' home. Doing the work (l to r) Roger Orth, Milton Lampe, Dale Patton and Tony Howard.

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