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\$1,000 scrip given away Monday

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It has arrived!!! The Christmas On Us drawing will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday and one lucky person will be taking home \$1,000 in scrip to spend in St. Francis participating businesses. The drawing

will be held in front of Jaqua Abstract on Main Street.

The drawing is held in conjunction with the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce's drawings and the St. Francis Christmas celebration which includes shopping, the Treasure Hunt, Santa's visit

and soup served by the ABC Preschool supporters.

The person holding the second prize ticket will claim \$100 in scrip.

Throughout the last four weeks, customers have been collecting tickets with every \$10 they spend in participating businesses.

There have been four \$50 (scrip) Instant Giveaways claimed along with six business gifts.

In the Christmas On Us ads located on 1B, 2B and 3B in *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*, there were four ticket numbers, which, if the numbers were

matched, would have provided each ticket holder with \$50 in scrip. There were seven numbers with "*" which designate there was a business gift waiting to be claimed.

However, only two people claimed * numbers; Roger McQuigg and Living See DRAWING on Page 7A



CINDERELLA IS UP TO BAT while the royal court cheers her on. The junior high musical will be presented Monday night in the high school auditorium. Pictured: (l to r) Hayley Brown, Ka-

tie Lambert, Sara Whitmore, Caitlin Northrup and Chauntell Peter. The play is entitled 'Twinderella — A Musical.'

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Chamber gives out many prizes



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The last Treasure Hunt will be held all day on Monday, Dec. 17. It will give shoppers a reason to come to St. Francis to do some last-minute shopping before the 5:30 p.m. drawing on Main Street.

New numbers, along with the old used at the Christmas opening on Nov. 23 will be posted. The numbers, written on red paper, were mailed out that week in both *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*. People were to save their numbers as one might match the new numbers up in participating business' windows.

The cold, snowy weather has put

shoppers in the holiday mood and many of the stores have been busy. With each \$10 of items shoppers purchase, they receive a chance to have their name drawn from the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce's tickets and a chance to win one of three \$100 scrip prizes.

The drawing, coordinated with the Christmas On Us drawing, will be held at 5:30 p.m. in front of Jaqua Abstract on Main Street. Besides the three scrip gift certificates, the winners of the Christmas Lighting Contest and the kids' coloring contests will be announced. The Cheyenne County Historical Soci

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Lights judged Saturday, Sunday

The Christmas Lighting contest will end this weekend when last year's winners judge resident's well-lit homes. Everyone is urged to have their lights on and any mechanical ornaments in working order.

People should have their lights lit on Saturday and Sunday evenings when the judges will be checking them out.

There will be two winners of \$50 scrip. Homes will be judged on lights and decorations.

No entries are needed as every house with lights is automatically entered and judged. Last year's lighting contest winners, Tom and Kathy Roelfs and Steve and Connie Jenkins, will be the judges.

The winners will be announced at the Dec. 17 Chamber drawing and featured in *The Saint Francis Herald* on Dec. 20.

For more information, call or stop by *The Saint Francis Herald* office or call the Chamber office.

Junior high presents annual musical

The St. Francis junior high girls will be presenting their annual musical entitled, "Twinderella — The Musical" on Monday. Showtime is 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The story of Cinderella has been heard a thousand times, but we've never heard about Bob, her long lost twin brother.

Living in the same kingdom with different wicked stepfamilies, Cinderella's cruel stepmother and

evil stepsisters make her rotate tires and polish bowling trophies while Bob's evil stepfather and cruel stepbrothers force him to make dried herb wreaths and organize their sock drawers.

When Lou, the UPS Guy, arrives with invitations from the Kingdom of Wychwood-under-Ooze, Cinderella and Bob are both thrilled but forbidden to attend the festivities. With the help of the Fairy Godmother, the Godfather (he ain't no

fairy!), two enchanted gerbils and a lot of luck, they find a way!

On the night that Cinderella crashes Princess Petunia's birthday ball, Bob has similar designs on Prince Percy's kingdom-wide baseball game. When the two strangers disappear at midnight after Cinderella hits a game-winning homerun, the search is on to find the feet that fit the glass slipper and the muddy cleat!

Members of the cast include

Tilyn Bell, Hayley Brown, Kaitlin Figgins, Allison Grice, Jenna Hill, Lexi Hilt, Tiana Hunter, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Ashlynn Lambert, Caitlin Northrup, Trista Orth, Stephanie Perry, Chauntell Peter, Christina Schoenrogge, Taylor Archibald, Laura Brunk, Jandy Dunn, Nariah Hamilton, Krissy Harris, Katie Lambert, Chloe Miller, Aubrey Mills, Clarice Neitzel, Ally Northrup, Mercedes Ritchey and Sarah Whitmore.

Council discusses housing

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Additional housing in the city was talked about when the St. Francis City Council met on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at city hall.

Loyce Schamberger, a representative from the Northwest Housing Commission, Hill City, presented new housing ideas for Cheyenne County. The firm is looking into building units in Bird City but, in

order to get the grant, more units need to be built. If St. Francis would consider building additional units then it would be considered a county project and it would be easier to get a grant. A survey needs to be made before going any further.

The commission has built units in Norton, Phillipsburg, as well as in other areas. The board has agreed to have the commission start the survey.

New chief of police

The new chief of police, Deborah Farland, gave her report. She said she has hired a new police officer, Shane Guggenmos from Sterling, Colo. Mr. Guggenmos has been a police officer in Sterling for several years. He will start on Dec. 26.

The council purchased a different car for the new chief and it will be here this week. The car is a 2006 See COUNCIL on Page 7A

Theater history reviewed

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St. Francis has had a theater for many years, the first one being built sometime in the 1930's. With the first theater being called the "Electric Theater."

The first theater, many may remember, was on the corner of Washington and Quincy and was run by the parents of Vera Roshung for many years.

After Vera and J. B. Roshung were married, J. B. became the owner. At that time it was used for many types of movies. Some of them were the silent movies, and, of course, all of them were in black and white.

Mr. Roshung, was a musician. He would go to the theater and play the piano for the audience before the movie. Mr. Roshung even wrote some of his own music, such as

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MARLO JENSEN whispers in Santa's ear at the Christmas opening.

Herald staff photo by Betty Winston



MIKE MARINO, owner of Goodell Greenhouse and Floral, checks the plants to see if they have enough water. The greenhouse has a 'sea' of poinsettias. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Keeping poinsettias longer

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Christmas is generally the time when people think of poinsettias. They start appearing around Thanksgiving and are around for the holidays.

However, Mike Marino, Goodell Greenhouse and Floral, says they can live and stay beautiful much of the year.

To begin with, he said, don't put the poinsettia in direct or hot sunlight but a bright indirect light is good.

Watch the heat. Don't set the plant on the television or beside the fireplace.

Then, water only when needed. Mr. Marino said check the weight of

the plant. If it is heavy, it probably doesn't need water. However, if it feels light, give it a drink and make sure it is saturated. Poinsettias do well if watered from the top or from the bottom. Be sure and provide adequate drainage.

The staff at Goodells grow floral-quality (a better variety) of poinsettias. He noted that there are hundreds of varieties, ranging anywhere from the better-known red, to pink, to burgundy to white. The flower of the poinsettia is actually the little buds in the middle of the plant but, it the "bracks" or the leaves that make the plant beautiful.

Mr. Marino said each year, they bring in new varieties that are more

superior each year.

"Every year they improve the quality of the plant and its shelf life," he said.

He noted that more poinsettias are grown in greenhouses than in any other plant.

The Marinos buy the poinsettia cuttings when they are only 2- to 3-inches tall, planted in a wedge of "rubber" dirt. After a few weeks, probably in late July or early August, the plants are "pinched" to remove the tops so they will have more branches as they grow. These plants will have multiple colored bracks. Mr. Marino said they use their fingers to pinch the plants, as there is less See POINSETTIAS on Page 7A