

# Christmas season coming to an end

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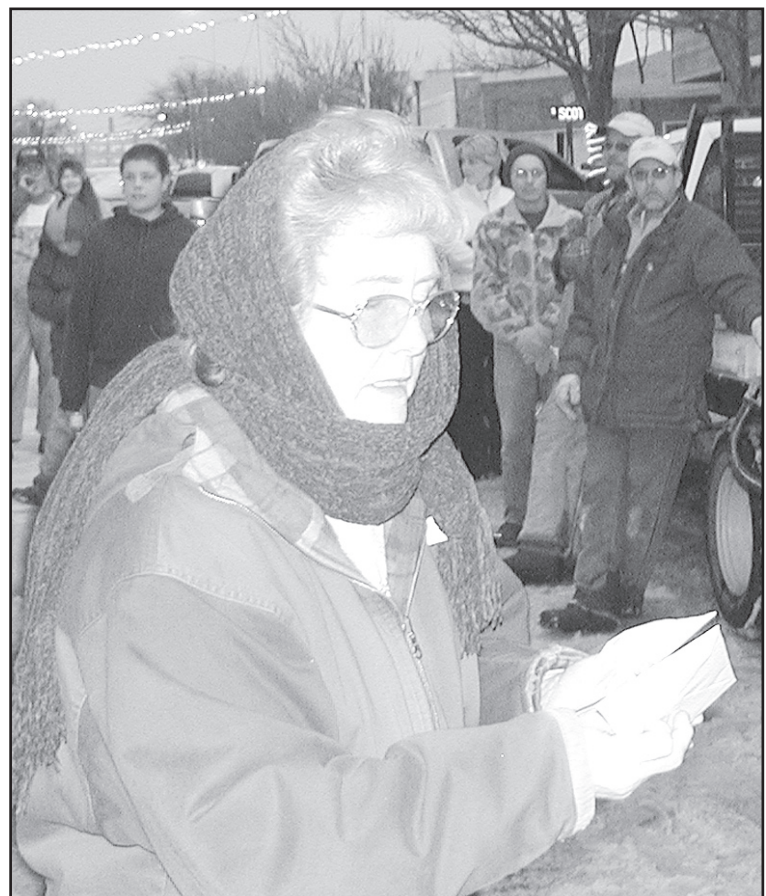
The final day of the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Season was held Monday.

Participating businesses had their Treasure Hunt numbers up all day. There were several lookers checking their numbers in the morning but, by 5 p.m., there were many people looking for their numbers. If people found their numbers, a prize awaited them in the business.

By 5:30, there were around 500 people waiting for the drawings. The Chamber gave three \$100 scrip prizes. (See related article.) The winners of the Lighting Contest were Mike Stafford and Art Krueger.

### Santa

Santa was there to draw out the winners. He then went to First National Bank where children were lined up to tell him their last-minute wishes for Christmas. Each child also received a package of candy.



**IT PAID TO BUNDLE UP — Bonnie Struab is one of the winners of the Chamber of Commerce \$100 scrip drawing.**

## Player's name omitted on letter winners list

The St. Francis Community High School has notified the Herald office that Grady Brunk's name was inadvertently missing from the list

of 2007 football letter winners sent to the Herald. Grady has received a football letter this year.

## Book Review

Book review from St. Francis Public Library

Sophie's Delimma  
By Lauraine Snelling

She couldn't wait to leave the Red River Valley.....Certain she can't live without Hamre Bjorklund, the impetuous Sophie Knutson rejects her father's request to postpone her marriage until after graduation and convinces Hamre to elope. But far from her family, Sophie finds that life as a fisherman's bride in Ballard, Washington, is not all she had envisioned. Pregnant and lonely while Hamre is away at sea, she hires on at a fish cannery, only to be fired after

fainting on the job.

When tragedy strikes, heart-broken Sophie can think only of returning home to Blessing. But will her family welcome her after the way she's hurt them by her defiant behavior? Will she ever open her heart to love again?



## SEASON'S GREETINGS



During this holiday season and every day of the year, we wish you all the best.

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**KELLY DOYLE is one of the winners of \$100 scrip from the St. Francis Chamber during the drawing.**



**BAKE SALE — Shara Johnson, Tracy Neitzel, Penny Krien and Hanna Bracelin brave the cold weather to sell some goodies for the ABC Preschool.**

Herald staff photos by Lauren Ross and Lezlie McCormick

## Ag Talk With Jeanne

By Jeanne Falk



### Timing of Nitrogen Topdressing on Wheat

By Jeanne Falk

K-State Multi-County Agronomist

The time is now for topdressing the winter wheat crop. The nitrogen (N) in top-dress applications must be moved into the root zone with precipitation before jointing next spring in order to be most efficiently utilized by wheat.

According to Dale Leikam, K-State soil fertility specialist, if sufficient precipitation is not received to move the applied nitrogen into the root zone, wheat plants may be unable to utilize it when they need it most. Since about one-third of total nitrogen utilized by wheat is in the plant by jointing, it is best to apply topdressed nitrogen early — preferably December through February — in order to maximize

the probability of receiving enough moisture to move the nitrogen into the root zone.

In some areas like northwest Kansas, there has been no significant moisture since wheat planting. Where nitrogen has already been topdressed on wheat this winter in those areas, there may not have been enough moisture to move the nitrogen into the root zone. While some may worry about nitrogen volatilization loss or immobilization, the bigger concerns are the effect of dry soils on wheat growth and the fact that the applied nitrogen has not yet reached the root zone.

Generally, the most important factor in getting a good return on topdress nitrogen is usually timing. It is critical to get the nitrogen on early enough to have the maximum potential impact on yield. While some producers often wait until

spring just prior to jointing, this can be too late in some years. For well-drained medium-fine textured soils that dominate wheat acres, the odds of losing much of the nitrogen that is topdress-applied in the fall or winter is low since we typically don't get enough precipitation over the winter to cause significant denitrification or leaching. For these soils, topdressing can begin anytime now, and usually the earlier the better.

A popular practice with topdressing nitrogen is to tank-mix the fertilizer with a herbicide. This affects application timing. These

products are best applied in either fall or early spring, when the ground is not frozen and the weeds are actively growing. According to Dallas Peterson, K-State weed scientist, residual sulfonylurea herbicides (such as Finesse, Glean, Amber, and Rave) that provide both foliar and residual broadleaf weed control are the best candidates to apply with topdress nitrogen applications.

**Time to winterize!!**

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