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COLD TEMPERATURES found a large crowd gathered in the grade school gym for the drawing. Many were standing or sitting on the floor after the seats were filled.

Many attend the Christmas drawing

The sun was shining on Monday however, the temperature was only 7 degrees by mid afternoon — cold enough to move the Chamber and Christmas On Us drawings to the grade school gym.

As people filed in and had their numbers out in front of them, the Christmas music played. The ABC Preschool moms and staff had hot cider, chili and a bake sale going on. People enjoyed a cup of chili or cider while they waited for the drawings to begin.

Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary, urged everyone to purchase something because the “door will be locked until everything is gone,” she jokingly said. People must have believed her as there was only a small amount of chili and a few baked items left.

The Chamber of Commerce gave away three \$100 scrip prizes and the Christmas On Us drawing, sponsored by 11 businesses, gave away \$1,000, \$100, three \$50 scrip prizes as well as four business Christmas gifts. The winners of the Chamber’s Lighting Contest and coloring contests were announced.

The big winner for the evening was Jerry Whitmore, St. Francis, who took home \$1,000 in scrip. He had received his winning ticket from St. Francis Super’s.

Mr. Whitmore’s daughter, Sarah, was present to help her dad go through the numbers. We had just laughed, Mr. Whitmore said, and accused her of holding out for the “big one.”

He said he will be talking to his wife, Lila, about where they will spend the money.

Winning the Christmas On Us second prize of \$100 was Tammy Grice. She had received her ticket at St. Francis Super’s.

Chamber winners

The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce had three \$100 scrip prizes and, like the Christmas On Us drawing, the winners had to be present to receive their prize. Those claiming their scrip money were Mary Walz, Debbie Fiala and Angie Berens. Warren Cook’s name was also drawn but he was not present.

Winning the Lighting Contest were Larry and Terry Zwegardt, 501 W. First Street; and John and Jenny Larson, 509 S. Scott Street. They each received \$50 in scrip. Look for photos of the winning houses and others next week.

The Christmas coloring contest



JERRY WHITMORE HAS FOUND the winning ticket. His daughter, Sarah, was helping look. Also pictured in front is Sharon Penton.

is listed elsewhere in this issue.

Other winners

Throughout the season, the Christmas On Us promotion had eight \$50 Instant Winner prizes which were claimed by readers matching their ticket numbers with those printed in ads in the Christmas On Us pages in both *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*. Five of the prizes had been claimed but there were three \$50 Instant Winner prizes left.

Those having the matching numbers for the remaining \$50 scrip Monday evening were Sherolyn Pittman, Joan Gienger and Charlene Fiedler. Their tickets came from Bier’s Hometown Store, St. Francis Equity and St. Francis Super’s, respectively. Unclaimed numbers were for the \$50 scrip were: 541816 and 541887, both came from Hilltop.

Winning the four business Christmas gifts were Glenda Rieger, who won a \$25 gift certificate from Bier’s Hometown Store; Heidi Yonkey won an Amish gift basket from Hilltop General Store; Brandi Jones won a \$40 gift certificate from Park Hill Restaurant; and Barb Holzwarth won a one-year subscription to *The Herald*. They were all from St. Francis. Their tickets came

from: Mrs. Rieger, Hilltop; Ms. Yonkey and Mrs. Holzwarth, St. Francis Equity; and Mrs. Jones, St. Francis Tire and Service.

To claim a prize, the winner had to be present. Some of the numbers drawn for gift prizes but were not claimed were: 014804, 3483560 and 031236.

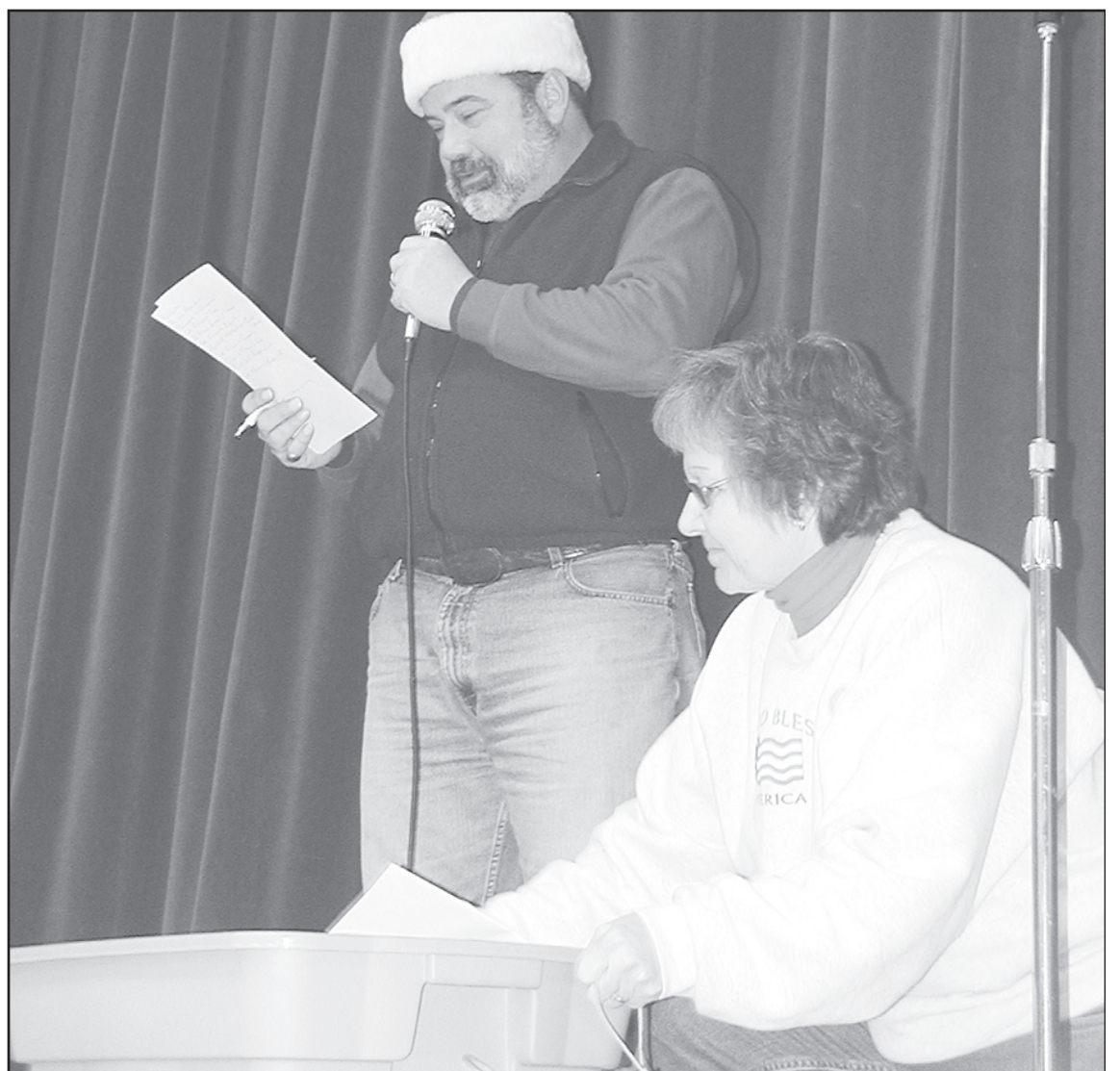
“The Christmas On Us promotion continues to grow each year,” said Casey McCormick, ad manager. “This year, there were approximately 45,000 to 50,000 tickets given away — that means \$450,000 to \$500,000 stayed in St. Francis.”

- Participating businesses were:
- Bier’s Hometown Store
 - Bumper to Bumper
 - Hilltop General Store
 - Owens True Value
 - Parkhill Restaurant
 - Schultz’s
 - St. Francis Equity
 - St. Francis Super’s
 - St. Francis Tire and Service
 - The Saint Francis Herald
 - United Methodist Thrift Store

“These businesses helped bring the Christmas spirit and excitement to St. Francis,” said Karen Krien, publisher. “It also helped a lot of money stay in town that might have been spent out of town.”



OPENING THE GIFT with help from daughter Cloey, Brandi Jones had a gift waiting for her at Parkhill Restaurant. Daughter, Jayce, watches.



DRAWING THE WINNING TICKETS — Casey McCormick and Gloria Bracelin were getting ready to start the drawing.

Dealer offers scholarships

By Casey McCormick

Two FFA scholarships are being offered by Yost Ford Mercury. An eligible student will be chosen from St. Francis Community High School and Cheylin High School.

As part of the Built Ford Tough college program, two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to a member of each school’s FFA group. The program, started in 1997, has awarded more than \$5 million in scholarships to over 5,000 students.

“We’re pleased to be able to support the local FFA chapters,” said Justin Haislip, who is with Yost Ford Mercury. “These scholarships will help kids attend the college of their choice.”

Students who are interested in applying for the scholarships should visit Yost Ford Mercury to pick up the information.

“Enrollment began in December, but the students need to apply by Feb. 15,” said Mr. Haislip. Ford Motor Company’s 2009

commitment includes support of National FFA events, and \$1,000 college scholarships for up to 700 FFA members.

“FFA develops students’ leadership, business skills and community service in preparation for a career in agriculture,” said Mr. Haislip, “which accounts for one out of five jobs in the United States.”

For more information, contact Mr. Haislip at Yost Ford Mercury, 785-332-2188.

St. Francis woman wins \$50

Monday morning, St. Francis woman, Kary Meyer, brought in her winning ticket for \$50 in scrip. Her ticket was found in the Hilltop General Store ad on Page 1B of *The Herald*. Her ticket had come from *The Saint Francis Herald* office.

Mrs. Meyer said she wasn’t sure what she was going to spend the scrip on but it would sure come in handy at Christmas.

The Christmas On Us promotion has come to an end. The drawing for \$1,000 found Jerry Whitmore with the winning

ticket. Tammy Grice took home the second place prize of \$100 in scrip.

The Christmas On Us is sponsored by businesses in an effort to help bring Christmas spirit to town and also keep the money from going out of town. In addition, each business furnished a special gift for people with “*” by their matching number.

A list of those sponsoring businesses can be found in the Christmas drawing article on this page.



Kary Meyer