

# Resident continues to decorate



**DELOY ROGERS** knows just where every decoration goes and, even though he has trouble seeing, he enjoys putting the lights and trees up for the holidays.

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For 62 years, there have been Christmas decorations at the home of DeLOY and Janet ROGERS. This year is no different!

However, there is a difference in how Mr. ROGERS does his decorating and Mrs. ROGERS is unable to enjoy the results. You see, Mr. ROGERS has had macular degeneration for 5 years and has trouble seeing to decorate. Mrs. ROGERS has Alzheimer's as well as having macular degeneration.

"I decorate from memory," he said.

On their house at 205 N. Cedar, St. Francis, he said he starts with the red lights around the door and goes from there. He knows that the icicles and garland go on the top of the bricks and the trees on either end of the house have lights lit by the ends of the icicles. The rest of decorating for Christmas is also a matter of remembering just where the lights plug in and where certain strings and curtains of lights go because he can't see well enough to know exactly where everything is supposed to be.

The big tree in front goes up and the lights on the bush are put in place. The deer are the center of attention. After placing them, the cords are placed under a mat and held in place by logs.

This year, getting the electrical work and lines run took a couple hours. Setting up the decorations, stringing the lights and making sure they worked took about six hours. Angie Hankins, Mr. ROGERS said, helped with some of the lights.

After everything is lit, he can kind of see the results as his eye disease allows him to better see items further away.

"I love to decorate for Christ-



**THE ROGERS HOME** at 205 N. Cedar, St. Francis, has a variety of Christmas decorations in the yard.

*Herald staff photos by Karen Krien*

mas," he said.

Several years ago, his neighbor then, Margaret Stasser, called and asked when he was going to start decorating for the Christmas season. She was going to be out of town and so enjoyed seeing his deer lit up in the backyard.

I told Janet, I needed to get those decorations up for Mrs. Stasser and, the next day, they were lit and moving. Mrs. Stasser has since died and he was happy that he had them up for her to see.

Two years ago was a difficult year for decorating. Mrs. ROGERS was still home and Mr. ROGERS would work for 10 minutes, then would go into the house to check on her, then

would head out to work some more. He had all decorations but the second deer set up when a snowstorm hit the area.

"I decided there would be only one deer that year," he said.

This year, he took advantage of the nice days, hauled the decorations out of the attic and managed to get it all out. He also added the tree on the north side of the house. It took some drilling before he attached it and, even with his disability, it is straight and screwed tightly into the house.

The ROGERS lived at 212 Jackson Street 15 years ago. Mr. ROGERS said this house was especially fun to decorate and, the results always turned

out beautifully for the season.

The inside of their home was always decorated by Mrs. ROGERS. This year, she is living in a nursing home so it was a sad time as Mr. ROGERS found the decorations and tried to remember where she had each of them placed. His favorite is a large Nativity set which was given to them by Robert and Barb Van Allen.

I would like to have a larger Nativity scene for outside, he said, but noting that, every year, he thinks it may be his last year for decorating.

However, this year, the lights and decorations are up and people are urged to take a drive by the house on Cedar Street and enjoy them.



**ST. FRANCIS GRADE SCHOOL** students are practicing good manners and being helpful. Each time they are recognized, they are given a kindness coupon. Hoagie Carmichael, principal, Cody Baxter, left, and Emmanuel Fierro, watch as Mason Schmid puts up his coupon.

*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## Good students recognized

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For the last month, there were many students with exceptionally good manners and were doing kind thing for others. When recognized, they received a kindness coupon to be hung on the bulletin board in the school.

At the end of the month, 46 students were recognized with five students receiving two coupons and two students receiving three coupons. Receiving two coupons were Jesse Baxter, Garin Cooper, Kattie Wurm, Kylie Sherlock, Carl Fabre and Chris Hoard. Connor McBride and Katie Schmid each received three coupons.

The sixth graders did exceptionally well with 16 receiving coupons. The teachers are encouraging positive attitudes, good manners and kind behavior toward teachers, staff and other students, said Sandy Smull, coordinator.

The month of November's "best citizen" was Travis ROGERS, a sixth grader.

Others recognized with November Kindness Coupons were:

Kindergarten: Caleb Todd.  
First grade: Jesse Baxter, Lu-

kas Zweygardt, Garin Cooper, Stephanie Meyer, Kattie Wurm, Seth Prentice, Colton Neitzel.

Second grade: Alondra Gomez, Perla Yanez, Brady Dinkel, Dakota Morris.

Third grade: Bob Havel, Mason Schmid, KC Krien, Emmanuel Fierro, Wyatt Hilt, Joslyn Ketzner, Cody Baxter.

Fourth grade: Trayton Doyle, Devin Patton, Kenny Adams, Hannah Bracelin, Nick Paulson, Martin Beikman, Reagan Beims.

Fifth grade: Connor McBride,

Jeremiah Neitzel, J.R. Landenberger, Katie Schmid.

Sixth grade: Kylie Sherlock, Austin Patton, Travis ROGERS, Kayla Reed, Blake Meyer, Carl Fabre, Frances Fernandez, Chris Hoard, McKenzie Taylor, Sydney Sundstrom, Jakob Church, Hannah Stafford, Philip White, Jason Owens, Lane Hobrock, Justin Pacheco.

Look for the "Best Citizen" list for December in *The Herald*. At the end of the year, the top citizens will be honored.

## MUSICAL

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This fractured fairy tale has it all: a trash-talking mirror, an unfortunate prince who is turning slowly back into a frog, and even Jimmy Cricket...now an occupational therapist and author of the book, "My Life As Your Conscience."

There are questions from obnoxious studio audience members and ridiculous infomercials for fairy tale related products, such as the Practical Princess Crown and Prince Wake-Me-Up.

Cast members include Randee Grover, Jacy Hilt, Bailey Merklin,

Hannah Rider, Aly Schlepp, Kyla Bandel, Mariah Beikman, Brianna Cooks, Aby Fernandez, Echo Jones, Ashlee Orth, Dallas Reed, McKayla Taylor, Justice Wiley and Valerie Wurm. They are directed by Debbie Fiala.

There will be and admission charge at the door (check ad in this issue).

"The Ever After - A Musical" was written by Nathan Harswick, with music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur. It is produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colo.

## WINNERS

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tickets are drawn and there will be new numbers," said Karen Krien, publisher. "The numbers from the week before will no longer be good to claim a prize."

Those winning a \$50 scrip prize will be photographed for next week's papers. They will also need to tell how they plan to spend the money. Those winning a prize at a business will be accompanied by one of the staff from *The Herald* to the business where they will be pictured with the owner and the gift they won.

The Christmas On Us promotion will go on for the next two weeks and will end on Monday, Dec. 14, with the grand prize drawing for \$1,000 scrip, and \$100 scrip, second prize. Any remaining \$50 weekly giveaways and business prizes that have not been claimed will also be given away at that time.

Remember the deadline for matching the ticket numbers! Anyone with a ticket matching a number in the Christmas On Us ad pages must claim their prize before 5 p.m. the next Monday by bringing it into *The Herald* office. There is an exception to the deadline the week of the Christmas On Us drawing and, then winners must claim their prize by noon on Monday.

A total of \$400 in scrip will be given to Instant Winners and 12 business prizes will be given away.

"Each week, participating merchants will be advertising sales and specials in the ads on the Christmas On Us pages so while you are looking for matching numbers, be sure to take a good look at the specials," Mr. McCormick said.

Participating businesses in the Christmas On Us drawings are:

- Bumper To Bumper
- Hilltop General Store/Uptown Market
- Majestic Service
- Owens True Value
- Parkhill Restaurant
- Republican Valley Auto Supply
- St. Francis Super's
- Schultz's
- St. Francis Tire and Service
- The Saint Francis Herald
- United Methodist Thrift Store

Be sure to mark the calendar for Dec. 14 for the grand prize drawings held in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce's activities. The drawing starts at 5:30 p.m. in the gym at the St. Francis Grade School.



## Herald And Times Happenings:

*Christmas seen through the eyes of a child is priceless*

This year, as in the year's past, the Special Christmas and New Year's sections will be published before the holidays. The sections will feature letters from Santa, answers of questions asked of school children, memories and recipes.

The *Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* staffs welcome participation from children to adults. All items must be received by Dec. 8 in order to get them into the special section.

Send letters, special memories, articles and recipes to **The Herald** at P.O. Box 1050, St. Francis, KS 67756 or fax 785-332-3001, or drop them off or e-mail to [sfherald@nwkans.com](mailto:sfherald@nwkans.com) titling the subject as "Christmas for the Paper."



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