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Two winners each receive \$50 in scrip

Look for the ticket numbers in the ads on the Christmas On Us pages located on 1, 2 and 3B in this issue.

It is the first week of the Christmas On Us fun and people have been busy scanning the ads on the Christmas On Us pages in *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*.

There were two \$50 scrip instant giveaway prizes claimed but no one claimed business prizes. Elmer Hilt and Susan Knodel, each took home \$50 scrip.

Mrs. Knodel's ticket came from Uptown Market and she found it listed in the Majestic Service ad on Page 3B. She plans to use the scrip money to do some Christmas shopping.

Mr. Hilt's ticket came from Majestic Service and he found the number in the St. Francis Super's ad on Page 2B. He plans to spend his scrip for fuel.

Customers receive a ticket when they purchase \$10 in participating businesses. Individuals can receive one ticket, no purchase necessary, each week at *The Herald* office.

Throughout the three weeks of the Christmas On Us promotion, there are ticket numbers printed in ads on the special Christmas pages. Last week there were six numbers drawn first for the \$50 in scrip and, then six numbers were drawn for prizes given by businesses. Those six numbers are



Hilt



Knodel

marked with "*".

The business prizes are a bonus for customers as there will be 12 additional prizes given throughout the season.

"Giving prizes in the businesses builds excitement and also gives the business owners another chance to say "thank you for shopping in St. Francis," said Casey McCormick, ad manager for *The Herald* and *Times*.

"Be sure to check out the many specials located in ads on the Christmas On Us pages (1B, 2B and 3B) while you are looking for your numbers."

This week, there are even more numbers listed on the pages.

"Check out those numbers! You might be a winner!" Mr. McCormick said.

There will be a drawing for \$1,000 on Dec. 14.

Winning tickets must be brought in by Monday

"It is important that the numbers be matched by Monday at 5 p.m. because, on Tuesday, new

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ARE YOU REALLY SANTA? Reagan Milne, daughter of Travis and Jennifer Milne, was one of the children visiting Santa Friday night.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Angels ready for picking

Angel Trees have been decorated with tags listing items needed by children who might not receive a present at Christmas.

Toni Keller, St. Francis, is in charge of the Angel Trees this year.

People can select a tag off a tree at Bankwest, First National Bank, Western State Bank, Owens True Value and The Herald office in St. Francis. This year, there are 120 tags on the trees. There will be a suggested size of the child on the back of the angel for those who want to purchase clothing for their angel gift.

Once a person selects a tag and the gift is bought, both the gift and tag should be returned to the place where the tree is located.

"A lot of children benefit greatly from the Angel Tree project," Ms. Keller said.

This year, all children, 3- to 5-years-old, will receive the book, "Do Antelope Eat Cantaloupe?" written by Leigh Ann (Winston) Legere.

Last year, over 100 children received gifts delivered by Santa. These gifts averaged around \$25 each.

If someone knows of a family who is having a difficult time making ends meet and could use a little help from Santa, please contact Ms. Keller at 785-332-4565.

All gifts will be picked up on Dec. 17 so those who have selected a tag needs to make sure their gifts are back under the tree before the pick-up date. They will also be delivered that same evening.

If more information is needed for sizes, or gift ideas, call Ms. Keller.

"We are expecting letters from Santa which will help with ideas for the children," she said.

Wrestling tourney set for Saturday

The St. Francis Gabel-Jenkins Invitational, in its 49th year, will open the season for the Indians, along with Kansas teams from Norton, Rawlins County/Atwood, Colby, Goodland and Wichita County/Leoti and three Colorado teams, Wray, Burlington and Sterling.

Norton joined the tournament this year, taking the place of Scott City.

"Norton who placed third in the 3-2-1A tournament last year, will add to the competition," Indian Coach Mike Frewen said.

The eight squads will arrive in Sainty on Saturday morning to

compete with the Indians. The day is the season opener for many of the wrestlers.

Colby won the tournament last year and St. Francis placed seventh with five wrestlers, placing in the top four.

The first session will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the high school gym.

This will be an opportunity to view the new Indian team, as well as familiar athletes from other schools.

Additional information about the tournament and the Indian's season can be found on the sports page.



CINDERELLA, front, played by Randee Grover, was bored with the nagging of her stepsisters, Echo Jones and Justice Wiley.

Photo courtesy of Debbie Fiala

Junior high girls present musical

"The Ever After - A Musical" will be presented by the St. Francis Junior High girls on Monday, Dec. 7, in the high school auditorium at 7 p.m.

Is "Ever After" really as happy as everyone expected? In a parody of daytime television talk shows, host Sally Lizzie Jesse Donatello-Griffin wonders if time truly heals

all wounds. She invites Cinderella and her middle-aged "beauty-impaired" stepsisters to reconcile with each other after being estranged for 20 years.

What about Snow White and the Evil Queen? Can they begin the healing process after that poisoned apple changed Snow White's life?

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WINNER OF THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE Award was the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

Organization wins Light Parade award

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If it were not for the Christmas lights on the floats, it would have been hard to imagine Friday was near the end of November and the official opening of the Christmas season in St. Francis.

Last year, it was so cold but this year, the temperature was mild enough that only light coats and jackets were needed to watch the Light Parade on Friday evening.

St. Francis' Main Street was lined with people enjoying the parade of 12 entries plus St. Francis car club autos and a pony complete with lights and a rider. The vehicles were decorated and some were driven by the Grinch.

This year's winner of the People's Choice Award went to the Lawn Ridge 4-H Club. People voted at several businesses after the parade.

There were many people at the senior center for chili or chicken noodle soup and cinnamon rolls. The Once Again Band and the St. Francis Singers entertained both at the soup supper and at Santa's visit held at First National Bank follow-

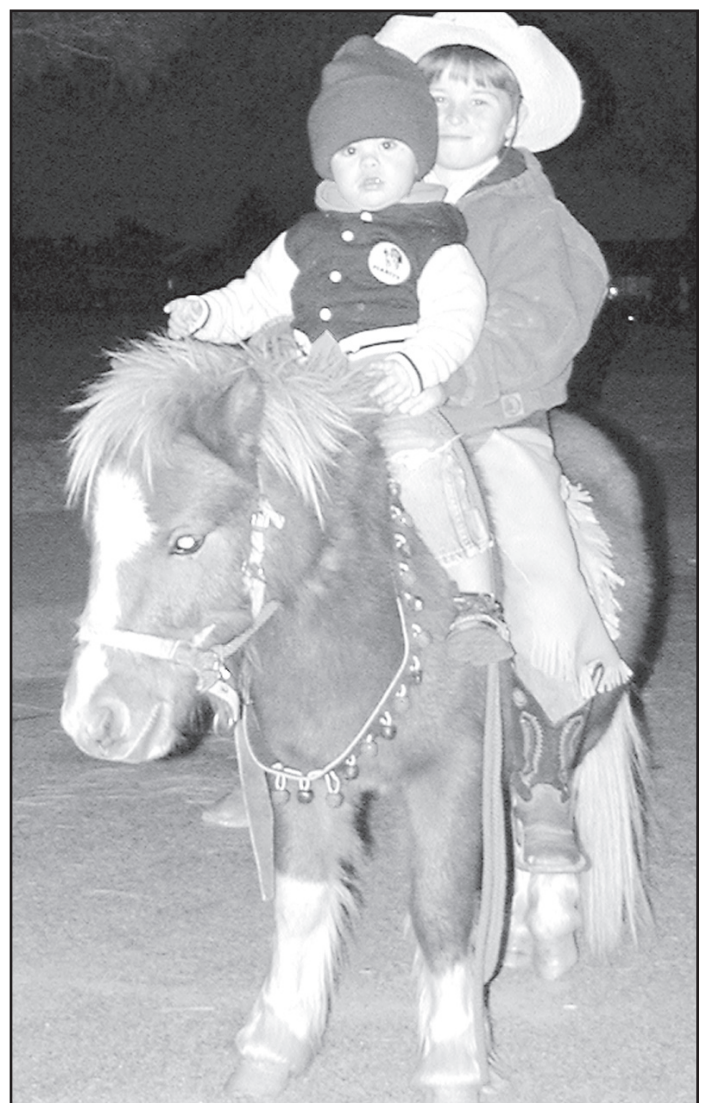
ing the parade.

Santa had over 100 children visiting him, asking for everything from a Lego town to a real baby. Each child was given a sucker.

There were people carrying their red Treasure Hunt numbers, looking at the numbers posted in participating businesses. Each of the 18 businesses had 20 numbers so, in all, there were 360 numbers posted. On Monday, Dec. 14, there will be 360 new numbers posted so people are urged to keep their number if they were not a winner on Friday night.

The Chamber is giving away three \$100 gifts of scrip money on Dec. 14. At that time, the two winners of the Christmas Lighting contest will each be awarded \$50 in scrip and the coloring contest winners will be announced.

The drawing will be held in conjunction with Christmas On Us drawing where some lucky person will have an extra \$1,000 in scrip to spend for Christmas. For more information, see the Christmas On Us advertisers on Pages 1, 2, and 3B in this issue.



BRIDGER STROH had his pony lit up with Christmas lights. His brother, Creed, was wanting to ride, too.