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St. Francis Main Street was like a Christmas Card Monday night as the Christmas lights picked up the falling snow.

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\$1,000 scrip drawing set for Monday

By Karen Krien

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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 at the grade school.

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 and soup served by the ABC Preschool supporters.

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

Throughout the last three weeks, customers have been collecting

tickets with every \$10 they spend in participating businesses. So far, there have been five \$50 (scrip) Instant Giveaways claimed along with four business gifts.

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

will win \$50 in scrip. There are eight numbers with "*" which designate there is a business gift waiting to be claimed.

Only four people claimed * numbers. Sherry Gilliland received a gift certificate from the Thrift Store; Amanda Mahon, a gift certificate from Park Hill Restaurant; Marvin Zimbelman, gloves from Majestic Service and

Dawn Miller, a rotisserie chicken, two sub sandwiches and a, Neb., pie from Uptown Meat Market and Deli. Check

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Finley



Cooks



Gienger

Chamber gives away \$300 scrip

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The last Treasure Hunt will be held all day on Monday, Dec. 14. It will give shoppers a reason to come to St. Francis to do some last-minute shopping before the 5:30 p.m. drawing in the grade school gym.

New numbers, along with the old used at the Christmas opening on Nov. 26 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 the St. Francis Elementary gym. Besides the three scrip gift certificates, the winners of the Christmas Lighting Contest and the kids' coloring contests will be announced.

The ABC Preschool parents and teachers will be hosting a chili feed/bake sale before and after the drawing of the Chamber money and the Christmas On Us giveaway. See advertisement in this issue for more information.

Salem to host Christmas service

The annual Christmas service will be held again at Salem Lutheran Church, 8 miles northwest of St. Francis.

The service is held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19, in the unique setting of the historic church. The program is titled Christmas in the Country, "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht."

Follow signs on U.S. 36 at Road 9 or on K-27 at Road R.

Prelude music begins at 4:30. Following the lighting of the Advent candles, "Silent Night" will be sung as individual candles are lit.

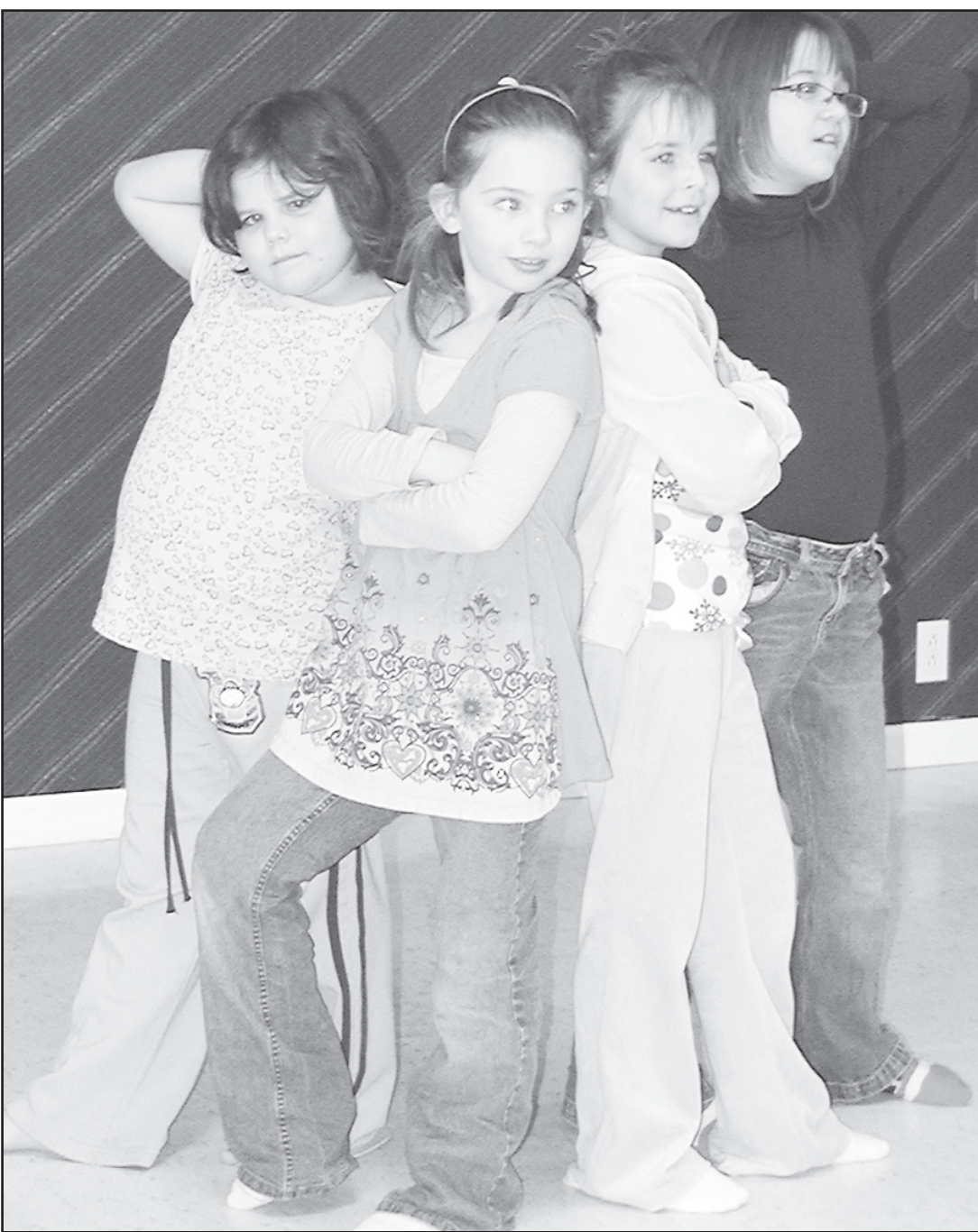
Once again, the Methodist Church handbell choir will be playing several Christmas carols. Other music includes Christmas carols played and sung by Salem Lutheran Choir, Heartland Harmony Trio, Once Again Sound Band, St. Francis Singers and a number of other talented musicians. The mass choir from the



Salem Lutheran Church

community and congregations will also be singing.

The program is being held in memory of Gordon and Betty Orth who both died this past year. Mr. Orth was a lifetime member of the church and the official bell See SALEM on Page 9A



PERFORMING SUNDAY will be (l to r) Christina Stafford, Karly Bandel, Cassidy Busse and Lindsey Johnson.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Yuletide program is Sunday

It has become a Christmas tradition. The Yuletide Festival and Candy Store is set for 2 p.m. on Sunday at the St. Francis Community High School auditorium.

The line-up of talent for this year includes all classes from the Dance Ranch dance studio as well as the Once Again Sound community band, the St. Francis Singers community chorus and many others.

The Yuletide Festival is planned and sponsored by the St. Francis Music Club and Theresa Porter of the Dance Ranch. It is a cornucopia of holiday music and fun.

Music Club members will be whipping up candy and holiday treats for the Candy Store booth which will be open during the Yuletide Festival.

The event is free to the public but a "free-will" offering will be

taken during intermission.

St. Francis Music Club has sponsored the Yuletide Festival and Candy Store as its major fundraiser since its inception. The funds are used to promote the arts in St. Francis as well as providing scholarships for those involved in the arts.

The program and Candy Store should be a highlight of the Christmas season.

Chorus sings Dec. 20

Singers from around the St. Francis area have been gathering each Sunday afternoon for several weeks, preparing for a special Christmas concert. The concert will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20, at Peace Lutheran Church, 202 N. College Street, St. Francis.

The Hallelujah Chorus Singers will be singing inspirational Christmas music under the direction of Neala Carmichael. Over 70 voices are included in the chorus and they are excited to share their music with everyone.

The concert will also feature many talented musicians including an organ and piano duet by Debbie Fiala and Sandy Bandel; vocal solos by Julie Wolters and sixth grader, Jude Faulkender; the Heartland Harmony Trio (Natalie Knodel, Tema Trumbo and Talley Morrow); a piano solo by Pastor Jeff Landers; and a violin solo by Louanne Isernhagen. Accompanists are pianists, Natalie Knodel and Tema Trumbo.

Those attending are asked to bring items for the local food pantry. Non-perishable items may also include paper products.

A festive reception will follow in the fellowship area.

Sainty sees bitter cold temps

The first day of winter is still over a week away but the temperatures indicate that winter arrived Sunday when the low was 11 degrees. But the temperatures continued to drop. On Monday, the low was -5 degrees and the high was only 12.

The sun didn't shine and there was snow falling off and on most of the day. It was so cold that there See TEMPS on Page 9A

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Page 3B for photos of the winners and businessmen.

There were three numbers matched for the \$50 in scrip. Crissy Cooks, Terri Finley and Wanda Gienger said they were going to use their scrip for Christmas shopping or Christmas foods.

Tickets

This is the last week to match your tickets with the numbers in the paper. People need to check the numbers early because the deadline for claiming them is noon on Monday. The ticket numbers are found in ads on the Christmas On Us pages in the B section of this issue. There are 11 numbers listed this week. — three without * and eight with *.

Those * tickets are drawn out after the winning tickets for scrip. They are a bonus and, if it were not for the business prizes, those * winners would not have received any prize.

"We want all the numbers matched before the drawing but, if not, they will be drawn for before the grand prize and second place prizes," said Casey McCormick, ad manager.

The contest ends at noon on Monday. No more tickets will be given away and all prizes will need to be claimed.

Participating businesses

Without participating businesses, the Christmas On Us giveaway of \$1,500 total scrip would not be possible. Throughout the season, customers have made purchases in St. Francis and, with every \$10 purchase, they were given a ticket. Last year, there were approximately 50,000 tickets given away and, take that times \$10 — there was around \$500,000 which stayed in St. Francis.

"On Monday, there will be a lucky person match their ticket with the ticket drawn, and they will have \$1,000 in scrip to spend for Christ-

mas presents, buy groceries or make a special purchase," Mr. McCormick said.

Each week, merchants have advertised sales and specials in the Christmas On Us pages (1B, 2B and 3B).

"We are hoping that, while people were looking for matching numbers, they were able to check out the specials," Mr. McCormick said.

Participating businesses in the Christmas On Us drawings are:

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

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ringer for over 40 years. Mrs. Orth directed the choirs and played the organ and piano.

Refreshments will be served in the church basement following the songfest. There will be a free-will offering.

History of Salem Lutheran

Salem Lutheran was founded by Germans from the Black Sea area of south Russia (Ukraine) in 1901. Charter members were Michael Raile Sr., Andrew Schauer Sr., Ludwig Zweygardt Sr., Jacob Zweygardt, John Zweygardt Sr., Jacob Knorr and David Knorr.

The original church was built in 1906 but, by 1925 and 1926, the congregation had outgrown the building and the current church was built on the same site.

The building is designed in a modified Gothic style and measures 36- by 66-feet with a full basement. Included in the church was a balcony, a 75-foot tower and a 2-ton bell.

The bell came from St. Louis and was transported to the church by Jacob Zweygardt on his Model T truck. All rafters, studding and joists were both nailed and bolted.

All manual labor was donated and the entire cost of the church was \$10,000. All debts were paid on the day of dedication.



SAINTY POM PON SQUAD entertained the crowd during the Gabel-Jenkins Wrestling Tournament held Saturday in St. Francis.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Beecher Island News

By Bessie Dent



There were 59 at Sunday school. The two younger classes sang a song for the special number. Mary E. Allen gave her birthday offering.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Zuellner and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways enjoyed lunch out Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Harwood and Shauna Mudd spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allen.

Darlene Strangways visited Nettie May Welton Saturday afternoon.

Mallory Rose spent the Thanksgiving break with Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and Chynna. Mr. and Mrs. Dillon Rose joined them for lunch Sunday.

Laura, Madsen and Spenser Perilla came home with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons Nov. 21 weekend to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Goodman, Brian, Ima and Weston Goodman spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Homm visited Bessie Dent Wednesday afternoon.

Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Smith, Hannah and Dale Johnson met John and Lucy Shaver of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Alicia Daniels,

Lacy and Mike of Denver in Fort Morgan. They also visited Keith Wiley.

Connie Ekberg spent Thursday to Sunday with Jacque Ekberg and other families and

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Allen and family of Colorado Springs, Ryan Allen of Parker spent Wednesday to Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen. Joining them often were Mr. and Mrs. Hurlburt and family and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Allen.

Joining Mr. and Mrs. Pete Osmus Friday after the parade of lights were Andy Osmus, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Kock and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tempy Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. John Osmus and Jacob and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Osmus.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen attended the wedding of Cody Raile and Samantha Zweygardt in St. Francis Saturday.

Announcing the death of Pete Allen. Funeral services were held at Beecher.

Thanksgiving dinners

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wieser and Katie were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strangways.

Mr. and Mrs. John Osmus and Jacob and Nettie Jane Sheldon had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Phil Osmus.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield were among the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Jackson, Jake and Ragen.

Nettie May Welton's guests were Mr. and Mrs. David Welton, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Welton, Troy and Kimberly, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kinnear, Brian and Dustin.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Rose and Chynna were Sylvia Madsen, Mr. and Mrs. Dillon Rose and Mallory Rose who were weekend guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Shaver of Hays had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Johnson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Smith and Jo Lynne Reiman were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Smith.

Jacque Ekberg and Esther Hanson spent Thursday with Nelson Ekberg in Holyoke.

The John Ekberg family gathered for Thanksgiving dinner on Friday at Calvary Lutheran Church in Wray. Present were Harry and Beulah Ekberg, Marilyn Bruffett, Ed and Linda Ingo, daughters, Andrea and Melanie and her sons, Garrett, Griffin and Gavin of Ridgway, Glenn and Carol Chapman, Thane and Betty Greene, Lori Jeurink, Ethan, Emily and El-

lie, Nelson and Jacque Ekberg, Connie Ekberg, Colorado Springs, John and Karen Willard, Jessica, Logan and Austin, Kris and Laurie Jones, Ben, Megan, Lindsey and Heather and friends, Ken and Judy Willard, Esther Hanson, Alfred Renzelman, Dennis and Jenean Hovel, Kendall and Tara Hovel, Aneria and Anaka Delts, Woodland Park; Chris and Rebecca Renzelman, Seattle, Wash., Bill and Rhonda Renzelman, Rachel and Renae, Loveland and Wilmot Klie of Hillcrest.

Violet Brown was among the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perila and family, Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons and Taya, Todd Simmons, Debbie Larson, Laura Pearl Wall, and Dwight Wall were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Chappman were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ekberg, Marilyn Bruffett, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ingo and Andrea, Malanie Hall, Garrett, Griffen and Gaven and Mr. and Mrs. Thane Greene.

Grant Brown was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brown and Riley. Bessie Dent joined them for Thanksgiving dinner.

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was little of the fluffy stuff sticking except where vehicles were stopping.

On Tuesday, the winds picked up to 20 to 25 miles per hour and it snowed most of the day. The National Weather Service reported a high of 5 degrees and the low was forecasted to be -8 degrees with wind chills as low as -25 degrees.

Throughout the week, the forecast is as high as 32 degrees on Saturday and lows in the single digits.

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@nwkansas.com titling the subject as "Christmas for the Paper."



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BRINGING IN 2010 WITH A MESSAGE TO YOUR CUSTOMERS IN THE NEW YEAR'S SECTION.



FIRST BABY CONTEST

With the oncome of the New Year comes the new arrival of that bundle of joy!

Coming in January a bundle of business ready to congratulate the new baby and the parents!

To participate in a Special Section contact Casey at:

The Saint Francis Herald

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— and —

Bird City Times

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