

\$1,000

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prizes. Those three prizes were given away with Aimee Northrup winning \$50 in scrip; Matt Smull, a gift at Schultz's and Cindy Neitzel, a gift at Owens True Value.

Margaret Hilt had the winning ticket to claim the second place prize of \$100 scrip.

Mrs. McAtee had received her winning ticket from Owens True Value; Mrs. Hilt's ticket came from Majestic Service; Mrs. Northrup's, from Park Hill Restaurant and Lounge; Mr. Smull's, from Hilltop General Store; and Ms. Neitzel's, Bier's Hometown Store.

This week's 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*. Seven of the prizes had been claimed with Aimee Northrup claiming hers Monday at the drawing.

Those having the matching Instant Winner numbers the past week were Carla Schiltz and Amy Busse. Their tickets came from St. Francis Tire and Service and Parkhill Restaurant and Lounge.

Besides the two gift winners at the drawing (listed above), winning the six business Christmas gifts by matching their numbers in the newspaper were Kim Boyer who received a snuggie and a toy from St. Francis Tire and Service; Darlene Feikert, who received gloves from Bumper To Bumper; Vance White, who was the recipient of a turkey from St. Francis Super's; Becky Roberson, who took home a \$25 gift certificate



HAPPY WINNER — Hannah Boyer and her mother, Kim, were winners of a gift at St. Francis Tire and Service.

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from Bier's Hometown Store; Victor Zwegardt won a first aid kit from Republican Valley Auto Supply and Bing Stinnette, who won a year's subscription to *The Herald* from The Saint Francis Herald. They were all from St. Francis. Their tickets came from: Parkhill, Bier's, Hilltop, Majestic, St. Francis Tire and The Herald.

Tablecloth drawing

The drawing for the table cloth

embroidered by Phyllis Roelfs was held and the winner was Tina Kehl. She said that she has relatives in England, several who have suffered with cancer. Since the money raised for the tablecloth went to the Relay For Life cancer walk, she thought it would be fitting that the tablecloth be sent to England and used for another cancer fundraiser.

BOARD

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said that he understands that academics are important but academics and sports need to be interconnected. It is, he said, what the students learn overall that is important.

Derrick Tice, board member, pointed out that the community gathers around sports more than anything involved with the school.

Mr. Schiltz went on to say that if all programs that are not required by the state were cut and kids could still graduate, the school would gain \$462,175.

Eliminating certain personnel would save the school \$178,000.

Making these cuts, Mr. Schiltz said, would be bad for the kids and bad for the school. He also pointed out that the legislature has an obligation to fund schools and the legislators are not meeting that obligation.

They talked about cutting back the base salary of teachers and cutting the salary of other staff versus to cutting staff. Mr. Carmichael said he would rather take a cut in his salary as to cut staff.

Mr. Tice asked if there were ways the school could raise money? The wind turbine at Wray was mentioned but that, it was said, was not working. Mr. Schiltz said the best thing for the school and the town would be to attract young families, thus bringing in more kids to attend school.

He also encouraged board members as well as residents to contact Rep. John Faber (jfaber@ink.org) and Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer (rostmeyer@ink.org) asking them to adequately fund the education system in our state.

Yuletide dancers



YOUNG DANCERS entertained the audience at the Music Club's annual Yuletide Festival held Sunday at the high school. Pictured are, left, Kylee Reiser and McKenna Poling.

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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 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.

The community is urged to attend the service of music and fellowship.



Thank you to the grade school administration, staff and maintenance crew for the use of the grade school gym so the Christmas On Us and Chamber drawings could be held out of the freezing temperatures.

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