



KIM QUEEN shows the gift baskets organized by members of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization.

Group to raffle gift baskets

Cheyenne County Big Brothers Big Sisters will once again be holding the "Festival of Trees" fundraiser. This year, however, there is a major change in the annual fundraiser.

The local organization will be selling tickets for gift baskets instead of the silent tree auction. Baskets will be comprised of items donated by businesses in St. Francis.

Local businesses have generously donated over \$600 in merchandise and gift certificates. Baskets will be on display at Donna's

Gift Palace, United Methodist Thrift Store, Bankwest of Kansas and Western State Bank from Nov. 19 to Dec. 13.

The Big Brothers Big Sisters board members will also have a table set up at Bankwest of Kansas for the Christmas opening in St. Francis on Nov. 26 and at the St. Francis Invitational Wrestling Tournament on Dec. 4.

Items making up the gift baskets include: gift certificates to Donna's Gift Palace, Park Hill, Main Street Java, Cheyenne Bowl and Dairy King, Diamond R Bar and

Grill, Pizza Hut, St. Francis Tire, Video Connection, and Cheyenne Theater as well as merchandise from Schultz's, Krien Pharmacy, Saintry Liquor, Owens True Value, Hilltop General Store, Avon, Pampered Chef, Prairie Rose Floral, St. Francis Auto Parts, Republican Valley Auto Parts, Supers, United Methodist Thrift Store and St. Francis Equity.

Winners will be drawn at the board meeting on Dec. 13. Winners need not be present to win. All donations received will remain in Cheyenne County.

Red Kettle campaign starts

The holiday season has arrived and the Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle campaign kicked off on Monday. It will continue through Dec. 24.

The goal for Cheyenne County is \$3,600. Of the money collected in Cheyenne County, 88 percent will support the local Salvation Army programs throughout the coming year. Programs, said Dolores Jenik, coordinator, includes rent, utilities and food assistance, emergency disaster assistance and youth and senior programs.

Anyone wishing to donate by credit card may call 1-800-SAL-ARMY. Checks can be mailed to The Salvation Army, PO Box 462, St. Francis, 67756.

Envelopes for donations will be in the newspaper next week, Nov. 24.

New this year is the "virtual kettle" program. Go to the internet site, onlineredkettle.com, click on find a kettle and check individual and enter:

First name: Cheyenne Co Last

name: Kansas. Then click on the kettle to donate by credit card. Your name can be posted or you may select to be anonymous.

Cheyenne County continues to see higher numbers of people turning to the organization for help than ever before, said Steve Burpee, service extension field consultant. They need basic needs like food and shelter.

Any amount people can give to the Salvation Army this holiday season will help provide assistance to those in the community who are struggling, day in and day out, to make ends meet.

Other programs

Other programs Salvation Army supports include the Kansas Lifeline Program where eligible people can receive up to \$17.77 off their local telephone bill through the program. Those who don't have phone service may also be eligible for a discount on the connection charge through Link Up America.

For more information about

Kansas Lifeline or Link Up America, call the local telephone company located on the phone bill or in the front part of the telephone directory.

Also The Salvation Army is the Utility Assistance funding source. County residents can contact Midwest Energy's "Midwest Customers Care" hotline 877-566-2769, Ext. 401. Qualifying applicants will receive a \$200 one-time grant per program period (January through April).

Eagle Communications' "EagleCares" hotline is 877-566-2769, Ext. 417. Qualifying residents may receive a \$50 grant up to three times in the calendar year (January through December).

Check out KWM Service Extension on Facebook to see what is happening with the Kansas & Western Missouri District.

Businesses participate in Christmas giveaway

By **Karen Krien**
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The Christmas season is almost here and people are asking when the participating businesses will start giving away the Christmas On Us tickets. Well, the first tickets were given away last week and winning numbers can be found in ads on pages 1, 2 and 3B of this issue.

Because of those businesses who chose to join with the holiday promotion, there will be some lucky people taking home money to help during the Christmas season. Each time a shopper spends \$10 in a participating business, they will get a ticket and that \$10 is spent in St. Francis, not in surrounding towns.

Businesses wanting to participate can still do so. Contact The Herald office, 332-3162.

There will be a \$1,000 grand

prize drawing along with a \$100 second prize. There will be the eight \$50 drawings throughout the season. Like last year, most Christmas On Us business will be giving away a prize. Numbers will appear in the ads, the same as the numbers for the \$50 prizes. When one of these numbers is matched with a ticket number, the person will draw a business, then they, along with a Herald staff member, will go to the business for the prize and a photo with the owner for the

next week's Herald. People should plan to do their Christmas shopping in participating businesses and collect tickets. It is also a great time to pay that bill and get extra tickets for the drawing.

By Dec. 13, there should be eight \$50 scrip Instant Winners and nine in-store prizes. If all of the \$50 tickets have not been claimed, they will be drawn for at the Christmas On Us and Chamber celebration on Monday, Dec. 13.

Obituary

Gladys Marie Thomas
Nov. 21, 1933 - Nov. 6, 2010

Gladys Marie (Palmer) Thomas was born on Nov. 21, 1933, in St. Francis, Kan., to Olive Belle (Kirkendall) Palmer and Ralph Orville Palmer. She died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010, at the age of 76 years, of natural causes at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Gladys was married to James William Monroe Thomas, Nov. 25, 1955, in St. Francis. James died in 1993.

Gladys was a homemaker for many years. She enjoyed writing letters, taking photos, reading the Bible, and listening to music.

Survivors include two daughters, Melinda Durfee of Texas, and Charlene Eaves of Wichita; one son, Jody Thomas; two brothers, Harold Palmer of Colo-

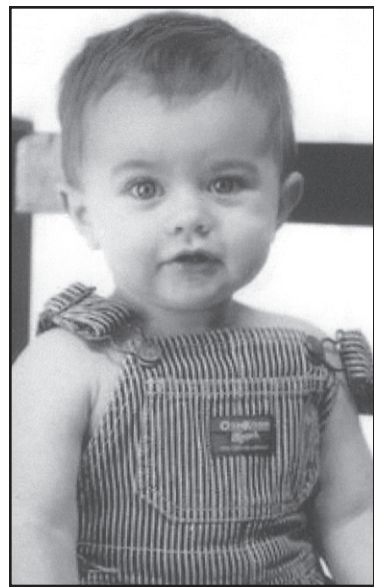
rado Springs, and Eldon Palmer of Goodland; two sisters, Vera Beneda of Goodland, and Valeria Coleman of Bird City.

Those preceding her in death were her parents, Olive Belle (Kirkendall) and Ralph Orville Palmer; her husband, James William Monroe Thomas; and one sister, Ila Theye.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Burlington Church of Christ with Pastor Greg Smith officiating. Visitation was held on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Love Funeral Home. Burial followed at the Fairview Cemetery in Burlington.

Memorials are made in Gladys's name to the Burlington Church of Christ, Pikes Peak Church of Christ, or to the Diabetes Foundation and may be left at or sent to the Love Funeral Home in Burlington.

Friends may go to www.lovefuneralhomes.com to leave a message of condolence for the family and to sign their register.



Brown

First birthday celebrated

Rhett Mathew Brown

Rhett Mathew Brown turned one on Nov. 3. His parents are Mat and Amber Brown of Elizabeth, Colo.

Rhett's grandparents are Kent and Marsha Kechter of St. Francis and Phil and Caren Brown of Redmond, Wash. Great-grandparents are Billy and Sue Kechter of Vona, Colo., and Carol Haley of Manchester, Mo.

Rhett had a family and friends party on Saturday, Nov. 6.



Haigler Country Cafe

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Thursday, Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving

Breakfast served 8 - 11 a.m.

Serving Holiday Menu 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Happy Thanksgiving

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Free-will Offering

gives you choice of:

Chicken Noodle or Chili Soup
with cinnamon roll,
coffee or water

Ranchland Livestock Auction, Inc.



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Recap Of Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010

Steers:

Longhorn x 300-400# — \$128 - \$129
Longhorn x 400-500# — \$114 - \$118.50
Longhorn x 500-600# — \$103 - \$114
Blk 500-600# — \$112.50 - \$118
Blk 600-650# — \$106 - \$112

Heifers:

L.H. 300-400# — \$115 - \$117
L.H. 400-500# — \$79 - \$83
Blk 300-400# — \$118.50 - \$121
Blk 400-500# — \$115 - \$118

Weigh cows: high yielding \$50 - \$56.25
low yielding \$43 - \$48.50

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