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ST. FRANCIS FIRST GRADERS were pilgrims and Indians as they gathered around the fire for the Thanksgiving photo. Pictured: back row (l to r) were Isaac Hathaway, Eli Mills, Amanda Neitzel, McKenna Poling, Joshua Berens; middle row: Hayley Robbins, Bailey Workman, Taiya Hicks, Shannon Semler, Vivian Yanez, Lyden Lampe, Kaden Lee, Alvaro Fernandez, Caleb Todd; front row: Cutter Neitzel, Mia Morrow, Hadleigh Hilt, Jordyn Faulkender, Kara Mayberry and Dawn Rice.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Four people match numbers

By Karen Krien

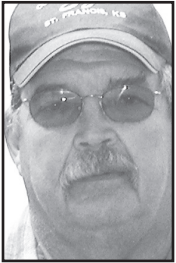
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Look for the ticket numbers in the ads on the Christmas On Us pages located on 1, 2 and 3B in this issue. Four winners had matching numbers from those in The Herald and Times last week.

Randy Andrist, St. Francis, claimed \$50 scrip from the number found in the St. Francis Tire and Service ad. His number came from Bier's Hometown Store. He plans to spend his scrip money purchasing food for Thanksgiving dinner.

Jean Buffington, St. Francis, claimed \$50 scrip on Monday. Her ticket had come from making a purchase at Bumper To Bumper and the number was found in the Republican Valley Auto Supply ad. She plans to spend her scrip on holiday dinners or purchasing Christmas gifts.

St. Francis resident, Glenda



Andrist



Buffington

Krien's ticket number matched an "\*" and she received a \$15 gift certificate from Majestic Service. Mrs. Krien's ticket came from Hilltop General Store and was found in the Chamber ad in the Nov. 18 issue.

Marvin Zimbelman claimed his "\*" number on Monday. His ticket came from Uptown Meat Market and was also in the Market's ad in the Nov. 18 issue. He drew the prize from The Herald which was a year subscription.

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## Christmas officially opens on Friday

By Karen Krien

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Friday is the official Christmas opening in St. Francis. The stores have been decorated for the season and the shelves are stocked with special items at special prices. Many people have their homes and yards decorated and more taking advantage of the warmer weather to finish their decorating.

At 4 p.m., the annual Treasure Hunt will start. People will be checking their numbers with those hanging in the windows of participating businesses. Some have special places inside to draw customers into the store.

The Treasure Hunt numbers were inserted in this week's issue of The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times. If the numbers do not match any of those in businesses on Friday, save those numbers for the Treasure Hunt on Monday, Dec. 13, when new numbers will appear.

Check out the coloring contest pictures hanging in First National Bank. The winners will be announced at the drawing held at the grade school on Monday, Dec. 13.

The Senior Center will be the place for soup and cinnamon rolls on Friday night. Seniors will begin serving chili and chicken noodle soup at 4:30 and will end at 7:30 p.m. or whenever the soup runs out. This is a great time to take the Thanksgiving cook out to eat.

At 6 p.m. sharp (when the whistle sounds), the Light Parade will begin. People, organizations and businesses have been making floats, some only beginning on Thursday for the parade.

Entries are to line up at the high school preferable before 5:30 p.m. It is best if those in charge of the float have time to make sure the lights and other mechanics work before the parade begins.

The parade is led by the city police. See PARADE on Page 8A



ST. FRANCIS CITY CREW strung the Christmas lights across Main Street before bad weather came and the Christmas season opened on Friday.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Parade promises bright entries

By Karen Krien

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The city crew has the Christmas lights strung across Main Street, a sign that the Christmas season is about to open. They will officially be lit on Saturday, the night after the Christmas Light Parade.

The highlight of the Christmas opening is the Light Parade. People line the street, no matter how cold or snowy it might be, just to see the lovely and fun entries make their way down the street.

Entries for this parade are easy to build. Held at dusk, all that is needed are lights — lots of lights and a way to light them — maybe some music, maybe a Christmas theme or

just Christmas stuff — just a little creativity and imagination and a float has been created.

People creating and riding the floats say they have as much fun as those standing on Main Street.

Since no advanced entries are needed, floats and other entries need to just show up at the high school around 5:30 p.m. Entries can be planned and made on Thanksgiving Day and finished up by dusk on Friday. This is a great activity for house guests and families from out-of-town looking for something to do after eating all that turkey.

There are just two rules: 1) The only Santa is the "real" Santa who will be visiting with children at

Bankwest following the parade; and 2) throwing candy is not recommended as it is dark and children cannot be seen if they are darting in the street to retrieve candy.

There will be a "People's Choice" award. Voting places are at Owens True Value, Stuart's Jewelry, Schultz's and Donna's Gift Palace. The traveling plaque will be kept by the winner until next year's parade.

Last year, the People's Choice Award went to the Lawn Ridge 4-H float which had a large bubble along with the 4-H'ers. "Lawn Ridge" was in lights at the rear of the float.

People are urged to start planning their float today and make it one of the best Light Parades ever.

## Dinner set for Sunday

A benefit dinner to show the appreciation of the community for the Good Samaritan Village staff will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday at the St. Francis Community High School cafeteria.

The dinner is hosted by the Community Builders, Northwest Kansas Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, the senior class, 4-H Junior Leaders and a host of grateful citizens.

The menu will consist of fried chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans or corn and apple crisp.

In conjunction with the meal, a silent auction and a bake sale will be held.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will provide supplemental funds to assist with this endeavor.

Net proceeds will be divided among the 64 Village employees.

## Farmer is overcome by fumes

Cory Busse, Cheyenne County farmer, was overcome by a cloud of anhydrous fumes on Tuesday, Nov. 16. There was no wind that day which generally breaks up the cloud and when he stopped his tractor he didn't realize the danger he was in.

Brian Miller was also in the field and saw what was happening. He took Mr. Busse to the Cheyenne County Hospital where he was treated until he was able to be transported.

He was flown to Northern Colorado Burn Center in Greeley where he has been in the intensive care unit. At this time, the family reports that doctors are not seeing any long-term damage but he will need plenty of rest to recover.

Mr. Busse returned home on Monday but friends and well wishers are asked not to stop by for at least two weeks until his condition has had a chance to improve. He said he did appreciate all the concern shown by everyone.



# Commissioners agree county cannot give bonuses

By Karen Krien

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Most of the Cheyenne County Commissioners meeting on Monday was spent talking about the concerns for the county after a part of the Good Samaritan Village burned on Oct. 19. However, there were a few other matters of business including the agonizing fact that they were not going to be able to give Christmas bonuses to the county employees.

Last year, Dale Patton, commissioner, said, we overspent when we gave bonuses. Now, with the financial condition of the county along with the fact that 60 employees from the Village lost their job because of the fire, giving bonuses doesn't seem like the right

thing to do.

The board voted unanimously to not give bonuses this year. Possibly, the county will be in better shape next year and bonuses can once again be handed out.

The employee benefits has been one of the reasons that the county is in financial trouble. For years, Mr. Patton said, the employees have been covered well – better than most.

Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, and Mr. Patton had discussed lowering the cap on the health insurance from \$35,000 to \$20,000. It was noted that the employee's cost would not increase. No decision was made.

#### In other business

- The commissioners signed the

Memorandum of Agreement for Vulnerable Needs registry, noting that Ryan Murray, emergency manager, and Mila Bandel, county health nurse, will be in charge of this information.

- Executive session was called by Clerk Miller to discuss paying overtime. When coming out, the commissioners agreed that, as in the past, no overtime would be paid.

- Dave Flemming, road and bridge department supervisor, talked about the work done by the crew. He noted that the Kansas Department of Transportation had reimbursed the county \$7,682 for the overlay on the River Road and \$4,965 on the Olofson bridge project.

# Eleven apply for position

The district clerk's position was one of the main topic of the St. Francis Board of Education meeting on Thursday evening. There were 11 applications received by the superintendent.

Ten minutes of executive session was called to discuss non-elected personnel which was for the position now held by Sharon Olofson. When the board came out of the session, they agreed to start the process of interviewing five of the 11 applications as soon as appointments could be scheduled.

#### Assessment awards

Superintendent Rob Schiltz reviewed the 2010 Kansas Assessments Standard of Excellence Awards that had been received from the Kansas State Department of Education. St. Francis schools had received the Standard of Excellence Awards in reading in grades third, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and 11th. In math, grades third, eighth and 11th received the award.

Students and their teachers who received the awards will be recognized in the near future. Plans are

being made but were not set when the meeting ended.

#### Terms running out

Election for board of education members will be held on April 5. Positions held by John Knodel, District 3, position 3; Dr. Mary Beth Miller, District 1, position 1; Bonnie Zweygardt, District 2, position 2; and Sherry Weeks, member at large, will be up for election.

#### In other business

- Mr. Schiltz reviewed the emergency plan that had been put into place last year for the elementary school and the junior-senior high school.

- Mr. Schiltz reported on the Kansas Association of School Boards Legislative Finance Committee meeting that he had attended on Nov. 5 in Topeka.

- The board reviewed five policies: Disruptive action to the school, problem solving, gifts, solicitations in the school building and advertising. No changes were made in the five policies.

*Editor's note: The above article was taken from the unapproved minutes of the Thursday St. Francis Board of Education meeting.*

## NUMBERS

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It is the second week of the Christmas On Us fun and people need to read the ads on the Christmas On Us pages in *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*.

This week, there are six \$50 scrip instant giveaway prizes to be claimed as well as six business prizes.

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

Throughout the Christmas On Us promotion, there are ticket numbers printed in ads on the special Christmas pages. The \$50 give-away numbers are included along with "\*" numbers which are prizes given away by businesses. Winners will have their pictures taken whether they receive \$50 in scrip or a prize in a business.

The business prizes are a bonus for customers as there will be nine 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.

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

There will be a drawing for \$1,000 on Dec. 13.

**Winning tickets must be brought in no later than Monday**

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

If a ticket number is unclaimed, a new number will be drawn and it will be added to the next week's numbers on the Christmas On Us pages.

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.

"It is a merry time of the year and giving away money and prizes makes it even more fun," said Mr. McCormick.

A total of \$400 in scrip will be given to Instant Winners and nine 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 are:

- Bier's Hometown Store
- Bumper To Bumper
- Hilltop General Store/Uptown Market
- Majestic Service
- 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. 13 for the grand prize drawings held in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce's activities. The drawing starts at 5:30 p.m. at the grade school in St. Francis.

## Idalia News

By Angela DeLeon  
St. John news

- Men's Bible study is weekly on Thursday mornings from 7 to 7:30 at the St. John Church. All men are welcome.

- Idalia young adults are invited to gather at St. John on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m. to share in a meal and to decorate the sanctuary Christmas Tree in preparation for the "Hanging of the Greens" on Dec. 5. Contact Kim Hall for more information.

- St. John United Church of Christ annual Sunday School auction will take place on Sunday, Dec. 5, following the worship service. The soup luncheon will be served by the St. John Christian Education Committee. Proceeds will benefit the 2010 Community Vacation Bible School.

#### School news

The Christmas program is Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. Enjoy the holidays with

the students. Contact 354-7298 for more information.

#### Recycling jeans

Recycle those old jeans! The program is called "Blue into Green." Habitat for Humanity is now turning worn-out denim jeans into insulation that will go into the homes it builds for people in need. The jeans are shredded and worked through the normal process. They are non-toxic, give off no gases and are completely safe to install in homes.

The Bicentennial Family and Community Education Club has placed collection boxes at the Outback Fuel and Feed Station, the Prairie Vista Cafe and the Idalia School.

#### Idalia Exercise Hour

There will be an exercise hour on Mondays, beginning Nov. 8 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Cornerstone Building.



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# Ticket winners receive prizes



WINNER OF A GIFT CERTIFICATE at The St. Francis Herald was Marvin Zimelman. Karen Krien, publisher, presents the gift. Mr. Zimelman's matching number had an "\*" behind it.



GLENDIA KRIEN, left, was the winner of the \$15 gift certificate at Majestic Service. She is holding Aiden Meyer. Holding the prize is Audrey Meyer. Majestic owner, Bud Erskin is also pictured.

## Haigler News

By Floy Fisher



#### Commemorative afternoon tea

Sunday, Nov. 21, a commemorative afternoon tea honoring Haigler Woman's Club Members was held at "The Roach House" in Haigler. Organized 88 years ago in 1922, a group of 26 women met that year in "The Roach House." The preamble to their constitution of that first meeting stated, "In pursuit of happiness, it is necessary to develop the best within ourselves, then reach out and help others. Therefore, we the women of Haigler and vicinity, for our mutual improvement do form ourselves into an organization by the name of The Haigler Woman's Club."

On Nov. 30, 1926, the club joined the National Federation of Woman's Clubs. For 73 years, the Haigler Woman's Club members and their projects helped make and develop Haigler history. Today, the Haigler Woman's Club is no longer; but still many past members and/or their daughters

and granddaughters continue to serve the community.

The commemorative tea was held to recognize and honor those women who did so much for Haigler. Three past club presidents attended the tea: Laura Pearl Wall, Helen Woods, and Marilyn Bannister. Several other past members and/or a member of their family were also in attendance. The tea was hosted by the Collicott sisters: LaNeta Carlock, Myrna Mulligan, and Galena Webster.

The Haigler Woman's Club archives have been donated to the future Haigler Cornerstone Museum.

#### Graveside service

A graveside service was held, at the Haigler Cemetery, Nov. 10, for LeRoy Rathbun of Denver, Colo. LeRoy died Nov. 14. He spent most of his growing up years in the Haigler area, graduating from the Haigler school in 1950. He married Virginia Wall, also of the Haigler area. They

had two children, Mike and Deanna, both living in Denver.

After the graveside service, with Pastor Glen Kline of Wray, Colo., officiating, the family and friends were served dinner by ladies of the Haigler area at the Golden Inn.

LeRoy was the brother of Shirley Ridgeway of North Platte, Neb., and Delores Faylor of St. Francis, KS.

## PARADE

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The last entry in the parade is Santa and he is the only Santa allowed in the parade.

When the parade ends, people are asked to cast their vote for the "People's Choice." Voting places are Owens True Value, Stuart's Jewelry, Schultz's and Donna's Gift Palace.

Santa will stop at Bankwest

where he will visit with children. This is a time for parents to snap that picture for an everlasting memory with their child and Santa.

This is a great time to meet friends and neighbors, especially those who have come to spend the holiday with family living in St. Francis. It is also a traditional way to welcome in the holiday season.

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