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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

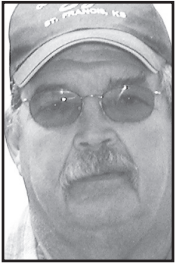
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Look for the ticket numbers in the ads on the Christmas On Us pages located on 1, 2 and 3B in this issue. Four winners had matching numbers from those in The Herald and Times last week.

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.

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## Parade promises bright entries

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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.