



Eleven numbers remain unclaimed

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Last week, there were five people matching their numbers in the Christmas On Us special promotion. This week, there were no matches. That leaves two \$50 scrip prizes and nine gift prizes.

There are only two weeks left of Christmas On Us and this week, in the ads on Pages 1, 2 and 3 of the second section, there are 11 numbers. That is a number in each ad.

While you are looking for number, said Tim Burr, ad manager, check out the specials being offered in the participating businesses.

How it works

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 Tim Burr, ad manager for *The Herald* and *Times*.

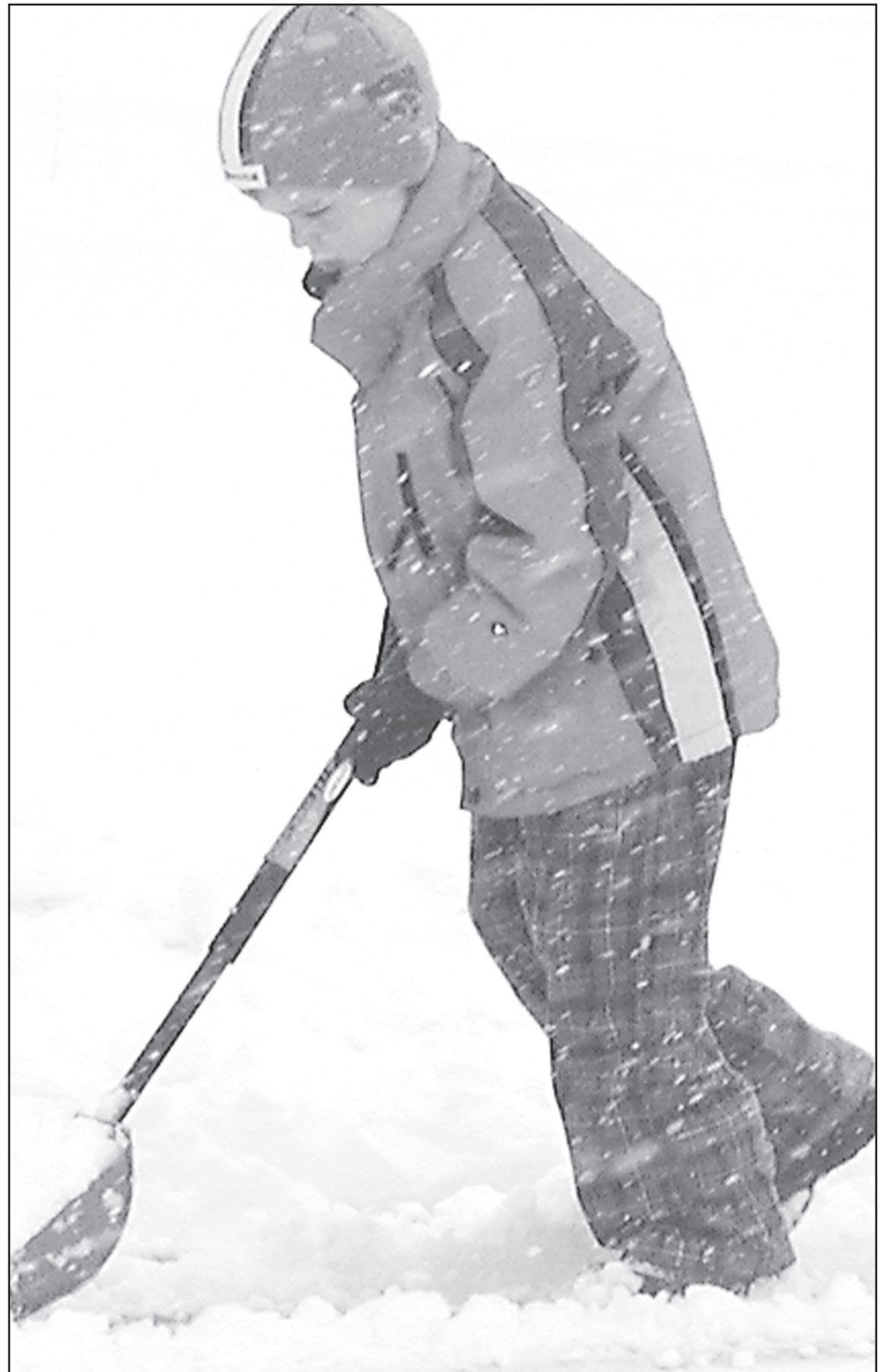
"Check out those numbers! You might be a winner!"

Winning tickets must be brought in no later than Monday

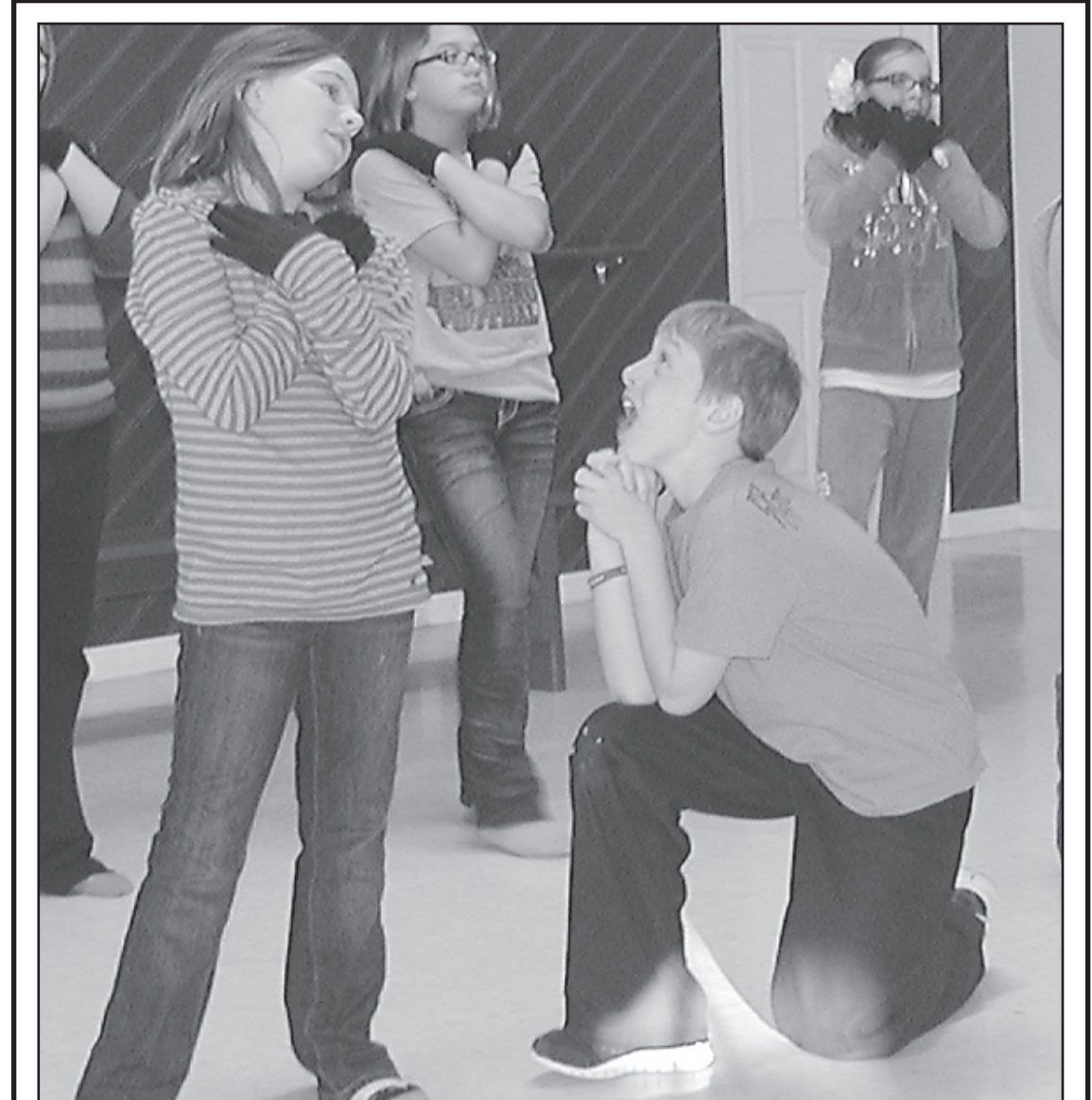
"It is important that the numbers be matched by Monday at 5 p.m. because, on Tuesday, new tickets will be drawn and there will be new numbers," said Karen Krien, publisher. "The numbers from the week before will no longer be good to claim a prize."

If a ticket number is unclaimed, a new number will be drawn and it will be added to the next week's

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SHOVELING SNOW on Saturday was Ben Busse. The snow was falling about as fast as he could clear the way. Herald staff photo by Tim Burr



YULETIDE FESTIVAL, sponsor by the St. Francis Music Club, will start at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the high school auditorium. The Candy Store will be open in the lobby. Some of the entertainment will be the Dance Ranch students. Above, Karly Bandel and Brady Dinkel practice one of the numbers. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Blizzard stops tournament

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After several false alarms that snow was on the way, the weather forecasters hit it! People work up to snow Saturday and it continued through the day and into the night. Roads and highways were snow packed and icy, especially the north-south roads. I-70 near

Goodland was closed.

The storm canceled the Gabel-Jenkins Wrestling Tournament that was planned that day. Because of the tight schedule of the season, the administration doesn't plan to reschedule it. However, the Lions Pancake Feed which is always held the day of the tournament had many supporters who braved

the storm.

There were reports from 3- to 5-inches of snow but it was hard to tell as the wind was putting much of it into drifts. Kathy Woodcox, weather observer, reported a little over .3-inch of moisture.

A cold front set in and temperatures have been extremely cold.

St. Francis man follows his dream to NASCAR

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A St. Francis man is living his dream.

Nick Keller said, since the age of 10, he has enjoyed the sport of racing including NASCAR. After several years, he was a member of the Stewart Hass Racing pit crew when Tony Stewart clinched his third cup series title at the Homestead-Miami Speedway on Nov. 21.

Stewart won the biggest game of winner-take-all in the history of NASCAR, rebounding from a succession of setbacks, he took the checkered flag in Sunday's rain-interrupted Ford 400 in a tie-breaker over race runner-up Carl



Keller

Edwards.

There has always been something that intrigued me about the speed and strategy that goes into running a NASCAR race, Keller said. I made up my mind that I was going to chase this "dream" in high school.

His family, he said, was a little skeptical of it in the beginning but they have been very supportive of anything he did.

He graduated from St. Francis high school, then went on to graduate from Kansas State University. It was then that he made his move to the racing capital of the world in Charlotte, N.C.

Earlier he had met Aaron Shields from Goodland who was on a NASCAR pit crew.

"He helped me out a lot, helping to meet the right people and getting my foot in the door," Keller said. "It is a very hard sport to get See DREAM on Page 9A



CHRISTMAS TREE at Salem Lutheran Church was decorated by Christina Hilt, Shayla Hilt and Ashlee Orth. Hanging the star is Trista Orth. Herald photo by Deb Patton

Christmas service set

The annual Christmas service will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, at Salem Lutheran Church, 8 miles northwest of St. Francis. Follow signs on U.S. 36 at Road 9 or on K-27 at Road R.

Prelude music begins at 4:30 p.m. Following the lighting of the Advent candles, "Silent Night" will be sung as individual candles are lit. The service is held at 5 p.m. in the unique setting of the historic church. The program is titled "Christmas in the Country, Candles, Bells and Carols."

Once again, the Methodist Church handbell choir will be playing several Christmas carols. Other music includes Christmas carols by Salem Lutheran Choir, Once Again Sound Band, recorder duets, Holiday Community Choir and congregational singing.

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.

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