



Christmas tickets now given away

The tickets are out! For every \$10 people spend in participating businesses, they get a ticket. In last week's *Herald* and *Times*, there were eight numbers placed in Christmas On Us ads on Pages 1B and 2B and three people claimed three of them.



Zwegardt

Bonnie Zwegardt received \$50 in scrip. Amy Busse and Sharee Robbins matched their numbers with those having an "*" and received a prize. Amy received a can of window cleaner from Mike and Barb Grover at Republican Valley Auto Supply. Sharee received a pie from Rodney Neitzel at Uptown Market.

New numbers were drawn for this week's ads on Pages 1B and 2B. Be sure and check your numbers and, if you have a matching

number, claim it by Monday at 5. After that, those numbers will no longer be valid as new numbers will be drawn.

Save the tickets received from the purchases and bring them to the drawing on Dec. 17. You might be the winner of \$1,000 in scrip.

There are eight St. Francis businesses participating in the Christmas On Us promotion: Bier's Hometown Store, Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts, Owens True Value, Republican Valley Auto Parts, Schultz's Limited, The Saint Francis Herald, United Methodist Thrift Store and Uptown Market.

With every \$10 spent in these businesses, the customer receives a ticket. However, it is not necessary to make a purchase in The Herald office as once a week, people can come in and get a free ticket.

Each week, in the B section of *The Herald* and *Times*, numbers will be listed. The numbers without a "*" will receive \$50 in scrip.

Those with "*" mean the lucky

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SMILING GIRL AND TINY BABY, Madison and Riley Siegfried, visited with Santa Friday evening at Western State Bank. There was a long line of children waiting for their turn to talk to Santa.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Yuletide program set for Sunday

Get into the Christmas spirit by attending the Yuletide Festival on Sunday at the St. Francis Community High School auditorium. The music and dancing will begin at 2 p.m. Prior to the start of the festival, the Candy Store in the lobby will be stocked with candy, cookies and other items to help with your holiday baking and candy making.

The St. Francis Federated Music Club is sponsoring the festival. Many community talents will be presented including students from The Dance Ranch and numerous other artists, young and old.

Everyone is welcome.



DANCE RANCH STUDENTS, (l to r) Taige Weeter, Karly Bandel, Jessica Confer, Kyla Hicks and Shelby Wolff, will be among the performers at the Yuletide Festival on Sunday in the high school auditorium.

Herald staff photo by Scott Knebel

Judges pick out the best

There seems to be more Christmas lights than there were last year. Almost every block in St. Francis has some Christmas lights, trees or inflatable Santas and elves.

The Christmas Lighting contest is now open. This year, the judges are willing to travel out of town to judge lights however, those people in the country wanting their homes to be considered for the contest need to call *The Herald* at 785-332-3162. Names and addresses will be given to the judges who will be out judging the weekend of Dec. 15 and 16.

Those living in town do not have to call and leave their names. If there are lights, they are automatically judged. Judges will be checking homes out that same weekend.

Uptown Market is giving \$50 gift certificates to two winners. There will be no first or second prizes – just two winners.

Last year's winners, Tim and Robin Burr and Larry and Terry Zwegardt, will not be eligible to win this year.

For more information, call or stop by *The Herald* office.

Many people present for Christmas opening

The weather was mild on Friday evening – more like a fall evening except the sun went down much earlier. It was an ideal evening for the Light Parade which started when the 6 o'clock whistle blew.

There were eight colorfully lit floats making the 2012 Light Parade one of the best. Starting the parade was the St. Francis Police car with Wes Guggenmos driving. Floats following were the St. Francis Equity, Milliken-Gilliland-Rose, Roger and Traci Neitzel and their dog, Gertie, Kelly Lampe and crew; The Floral Shop, Donna's Gift Palace, Cheyenne Cruisers and Tri-State Irrigation. Bringing up the rear were the Cheyenne County Ambulance driven by Tyler Raby; and Santa, who rode on the fire truck driven by Clay Zimbleman.

Each float was distinctively different and unique. Kelly Lampe had a sign on the front "At some point, we all need a tow." Ian DeWall had put lights on a pivot point of a sprinkler, making a brightly-lit tree; the Cruisers had dedicated their float to Billy Samler, a Cruiser member who had died suddenly several months ago. Some floats had music and others didn't. Some handed out candy to children along the route.

Whatever the theme or the lights or the

decorations or the music, they made the Light Parade a great parade, said Karen Krien, one of the coordinators.

This year, there was no voting for the best float. Everyone was a winner, Mrs. Krien said. Without each of them, there would not have been a parade!

Red pieces of paper with Treasure Hunt numbers were seen in the hands of young and old as they walked Main Street and drove to the highway checking their numbers against those hanging in the windows and doors of participating businesses.

There were lots of people in town – lots of traffic, said Patrick Owens, owner of Owens True Value.

Save those numbers for the next Treasure Hunt to be held on Monday, Dec. 17. Some businesses posted all of their numbers but others posted only half of their numbers so there will be chances to match more numbers and claim more prizes.

The Treasure Hunt was sponsored by Bankwest, First National Bank and Western State Bank. They picked up the event after the Chamber of Commerce dissolved at the first of the year.

When you have a chance, tell them "thanks" for continuing a St. Francis Christmas tradition.



JASPER HUNT, right, helped Donna Stevens, far left Street checking their Treasure Hunt numbers, looking corner, with the float for Donna's Gift Palace. Notice for a patch with those numbers hanging in windows. the many people who were walking up and down Main

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