



Christmas opening starts Friday

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The city crew strung Christmas lights across Main Street with care, in hopes that Saint Nicholas soon would be there. The kids will come Friday all snug in their coats, to the Parade of Lights to watch all the floats!

Nothing says Christmas quite like a hometown parade. This Friday, the Parade of Lights will go down Main Street and Santa Clause will come out to hear all the boy's and girl's wishes.

Christmas opening in St. Francis has always been held the Friday after Thanksgiving. It 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.

This year's Christmas opening will be held Friday, Nov. 29. There will be the Treasure Hunt, soup supper at the Senior Center, the Parade of Lights, and Santa will visit with children at Bankwest.

This year Western State Bank is sponsoring the St. Francis Area Christmas Celebration Treasure Hunt, which will be held on Nov. 29 and then again on Dec. 16.

The Treasure Hunt numbers will be inserted in this week's issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and

Bird City Times. The insert will be a list of participating businesses along with a number. Look to see if your number matches the numbers posted on the windows and doors of the participating businesses. Hang on to the insert, because even if they do not match this week, you have another chance to win on Dec. 16.

Participating businesses will be giving out prizes to those who have a matching number. This year, there are 21 businesses joining in on the Treasure Hunt fun.

Parade of Lights

The Parade of Lights is set to begin at 6 p.m. sharp on Friday, Nov. 29. Spectators can expect a spectacular surprise at the

beginning that you won't want to miss! So be sure to get downtown around 5:30 and get a good spot.

Floats and individual entries are needed to make this year's Parade of Lights light up Main Street for everyone to enjoy. Anyone can enter and they are easy to make! Dress your children up and let them participate in the parade as well. Just remember, there is only one Santa Clause... The real deal. Santa will be at the end of the parade in his firetruck.

Santa Claus will be at Bankwest following the Parade of Lights so that all the children can let him know what they would like for Christmas.

Please do not bring candy to throw during the parade. The lights on Main Street will be shut off so that everyone can enjoy the floats. Children will be difficult to see.

There will be live piano, violin and vocal music at Quincy Gallery for the public to enjoy before and after the Parade of Lights.

Soup Supper

There will be a Soup Supper before and during the parade from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. They will be cooking vegetable beef and chili soup with cinnamon rolls. Be sure to stop by and warm up with some soup!

Christmas On Us

Throughout the Christmas

season, there are other activities planned. The Herald and participating businesses will once again hold Christmas On Us. For every \$10 in items purchased at these businesses, customers will receive a ticket with a number. There will be drawings throughout the season with a big drawing for \$1,000 held on Monday, Dec. 16. See related article for more information.

Lighting contest

In years past, there has always been a lighting contest in the community. If anyone is interested in running the contest this year, please contact The Herald 785-332-3162.



SAMANTHA BEESON, new Cheyenne Theater manager, works on a piece of equipment.

Herald staff photo by Amanda Miller

Local resident takes over management of theater

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The Cheyenne Theater board hired Samantha Beeson as the new manager of the theater.

Samantha started managing the theater the last week in October. She is in charge of the day to day operations at the theater, and attends all theater board meetings.

Sam grew up in Bird City, and graduated from Cheylin. After graduation, she moved to Lindsborg and attended Bethany College. She now lives in St. Francis, and works at the Cheyenne Theater and at Fresh Seven Coffee in the mornings.

Sam said she has always loved films. While in college, she and her friends used to travel to Salina to watch indie films at a smaller theater. Sam said her favorite movies are action films, but she really enjoys all genres.

Her favorite part of managing the theater is getting to see the behind the scenes aspect of the films. Sam said she really enjoys watching movies and seeing how everything works is a lot of fun. She took me on a little tour of the theater and showed me the projector, and some of what her job entails.

When I asked if she got an input on deciding what movies will be shown, Sam said that there is a booking agent that makes those decisions. However requests can be made. The theater tries to show a wide variety of movies so that there is something for everyone.

Samantha is excited about having this opportunity and said, "I am really happy to be entertaining everyone in Cheyenne County!"

This week the Cheyenne Theater will be showing *Thor: The Dark World* in 3D and in 2D on Sunday.

Angels on trees ready for taking

Angels are flying through and off the trees in Bankwest, First National Bank, Western State Bank and Owens True Value. The angels will make their first appearance on Friday. The angels are just waiting for someone to take them off the tree so a child may have a better Christmas.

There are around 50 angels this year. On the back of each angel is written the age and a suggested size of the child for those who might want to purchase clothing.

Once a person selects a tag and the gift is bought. Both the gift and tag should be returned to the place where the tree is located by Monday, Dec. 16.

Janet Jensen, along with Jennifer Milne, both of St. Francis, are in charge of coordinating the Angel Trees this year.

"A lot of children benefit greatly from the Angel Tree project," Mrs. Jensen said.

Last year, their were around 50

children who received gifts. These gifts averaged around \$30.

If someone knows of a family who is having a difficult time making ends meet and could use a little help from Santa, please contact Mrs. Jensen at 332-2145 or Mrs. Milne at 785-332-5023.

Each year, the Angel Tree receives generous support, said Mrs. Jensen, which helps give kids a merrier Christmas.

The St. Francis Firemen donated \$650 last week. The majority of the money was raised by selling smoked hams. Mrs. Jensen said this money will be used to purchase gift certificates at the United Methodist Thrift Store and each child will receive a certificate. If more information is needed for sizes, or gift ideas, call either Mrs. Jensen or Mrs. Milne.

"We are expecting letters from Santa which will help with ideas for the children," she said.

Christmas contest begins; winners claim \$50, prize

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The Christmas On Us contest has officially kicked off this season! After the first week two winners have emerged, and there are sure to be many more that will win some holiday cheer this year.



Orth

More stores are participating this year, and there are lots of Christmas On Us tickets to be claimed. All of the ticket numbers in the ads can be found on 1B and 2B in this issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*. Be sure and check your numbers against those listed in the ads. You could be a winner for \$50 in scrip or a prize at one of the participating businesses.

With last week's winning ticket numbers, one \$50 scrip was claimed and one "*" ticket winner claimed a prize.

Terri Orth received tickets with her purchase from Schultz's, and matched one lucky number to the ad in the paper from St. Francis

Supers. She received \$50 in scrip money to spend at any of the participating businesses in town.

This week, one "*" was claimed by Rita and Dan Stephens. Their winning ticket came from Bumper-to-Bumper, and after drawing Schultz's name, Rita claimed her prize at the furniture and gifts store.

New numbers were drawn for this week's ads on Pages 1B and 2B. 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.

Everyone will want to save their tickets received from purchases and bring them to the drawing on Dec. 16. You might be the winner of \$1,000 in scrip or \$100 in scrip.

There are nine 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, St. Francis Super's and Eagle Convenience Store.

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. Do not go to the business where the number was placed in the ad - come to The Herald office.

The numbers without a "*" will receive \$50 in scrip. Those with "*" mean the lucky person with the matching number will receive a gift in one of the businesses. When matching the * numbers, cards will be drawn at The Herald office and the winner and a photographer from The Herald will go to the business where they will be photographed receiving the prize.

There will be a drawing for the next three weeks, and winning ticket numbers can be found in the B section ads. The big drawing for \$1,000 and \$100 scrip, along with any leftover \$50 and gift prizes will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 16.

Everyone is urged to collect their tickets and mark Dec. 16 on their calendar. Along with the drawing, there will be entertainment for the whole family! Look for more information in the coming weeks. Plan to attend and win!

County chorus performs Christmas music Dec. 15



Once again, the Community Chorus of Cheyenne County will be bringing a collection of beautiful Christmas and inspirational music to celebrate the season.

"Christmas Memories" will be presented at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15, at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis. Under the direction of Neala Carmichael, the 60-voice chorus, vocal and instrumental soloists and small groups will help bring the Christmas spirit to those present.

Mrs. Carmichael said there will be some surprises. There is always a little humor to accompany the musical presentation.

There is no admission, but everyone is urged to bring two items for the Food Pantry.



THE LOST ART OF MAKING CHEESE was explained by Tiffany Poet, standing, middle. Kaye O'Brien, culinary arts teacher, was draining the cheese while Matt White, Gaten Cooper and Scott Warren listened. Ms. Poet, the vo-ag teacher, was an exchange student in Switzerland so was quite knowledgeable.