



## Gingerbread houses create building fun



GINGERBREAD HOUSES were built by the St. Francis first grade students before school let out for the holidays. Above, Maggie Hingst was using her pastry bag to glue on marshmallows; right, Mika Killingsworth was having a great time with her house and still had candy left over; clockwise: Mahra Padgett was trying to decide what candy to put on her house; McKenzie Kinzer (left) and Sophie White are adding the final touches to their houses.



## City council approves flat fee to connect service

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Ordinance #590 was unanimously approved by the St. Francis City Council to establish that a flat fee of \$50 be paid when an application is submitted to connect electric and water service. A call to the city clerk's office clarified that the ordinance applies to new customers only.

A current customer who changes residences or businesses within the city's utility service area and has all utility accounts in good standing, would still

have to submit an application. The city would then have the option to reduce or waive the connection fee. A transfer fee of \$10 would still be charged.

### Other business

Police chief Shane Guggenmos reported that he met with the department heads from the sheriff's department, emergency medical technicians, fire department and the emergency management director. The meeting went well and they will continue with monthly meetings.

The city council is looking into

options for the floor coverings for the scout hut. Prices are being looked in to for carpet tiles with a 12- by 14-foot area of linoleum for the kitchen area.

Diamond R and Eagle Convenience store were both approved for a Cereal Malt Beverage license. A tree trimming license was approved for Hildolf Trugginn of Midwest Home and Tree.

Phisney Restoration has submitted a bill for approximately \$27,000 for work on the band shell. The council is concerned about making a payment on unfinished labor and would like a

breakdown of costs. Mike Day has been requested to contact the architect to get copies of invoices before any payment is made.

A committee consisting of Janet Carman, Sondra Bracelin, Eddy Schultz and Carla Lampe, representing the city, has been formed to see about raising private funds to help purchase some of the Glenn Zweygardt's art work on display in the park.

A list of bad debts was submitted and the council voted to write off the bad debts.

Building permits were approved for the following: Ruth Milliken, roof; Wade Krien, fence and greenhouse hoops; Eric and Kasey Harper, fence; Alan Rose, carport and fence.

The hospital request that the city pay for half of the repair cost of the asphalt where the MRI machine parks was turned down. The council felt that it was the hospital's responsibility to fix the street.

The next city council meeting will be on Dec. 30 at 5 p.m. in the city office.