

Students to sing greetings

St. Francis Community High School music department students are offering a unique way of sending Christmas greetings to friends and loved ones during the month of December.

"Students will be delivering 'Singing Santa-Grams' in St. Francis for a small fee," said Debbie Fiala, music instructor. "They will deliver a card, treat and song to the Santa-Gram recipient."

Order forms are available at the high school, on posters displayed at Sainty Super Foods and at the post office or they can be obtained from any high school music student.

Most of the Santa-Grams will be delivered the week of Dec. 15 through 19 unless an earlier date is requested.

The Santa-Gram project will replace the Singing Valentine Telegrams which the high school music department has delivered for the past three years.



SINGING SANTA-GRAMS—The high school music department is delivered Christmas greetings to the Herald staff. Back row: (l to r) Emily Walz, Megan Ford, Jade Carpenter, Ale Tygart, Amanda Jones, Kali Rueb, Mandy Vanderpool, Angela VanAllen, Julie Voeller. Front row (l to r) Kelsi Dunn, Chelsi Weeden, Hailey Crabtree and Ashley Dowgwillo.

Herald staff photo by Sandy Barnhart

Hospice to honor angels

Is there an angel in your life? Is there someone whom you would like to honor or remember in a special way? Now is your chance. Hospice Services, Inc. will be decorating a tree for the holidays at First National Bank in St. Francis. In this season of giving and caring, they welcome you to help decorate their Memorial Christmas Tree.

Here's how it works. Stop by First National Bank and give a tax-deductible donation to Hospice Services, Inc. With your donation to the annual campaign, a special ornament with the name of the individual is placed on the Christmas Memorial Tree. The ornament will be displayed throughout this holiday season.

The holidays are a wonderful time of year. The sounds, smells and activities of the season all say "love", "family", and "friends."

By giving to the Hospice Services Memorial Christmas Tree you honor the cherished memories of loved ones. It is also a tradition of helping others in Cheyenne County to receive much needed care and comfort during a final illness. By giving to Hospice Services, Inc. you allow someone to share their gift of life with family and friends to the very end.

Attends meeting

Edward Dankenbring Jr., sheriff of Cheyenne County, participated in the workshop "Counter-Terrorism for Law Enforcement Executives" in Topeka.

The program was hosted last month by the Regional Community Policing Training Institute at Wichita State University.

The program went beyond the basic issues of terrorism and looked at emerging trends and local relationships of terrorism to crime in communities.

Customized firearms available at local store

By Casey McCormick

Searching for that perfect gift for that hard to buy for person? Perhaps they would love a customized firearm. Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts in St. Francis has something special.

Steve Faler of Investment Arms Inc. has designed a Ruger 10-22 which commemorates the city of St. Francis. On one side of the dark, wooden butt is the design of a buffalo and the words, "American by Birth, Patriot by Choice."

The other side has the quote, "The Good Life" and the limited edition number. On top is the city incorporation date of 1903.

Investment Arms Inc. will only make 25 copies of this weapon. Buyers can request a particular number, from one to 25, if that number has not already been used.

Not only is it an attractive rifle but the durable design makes it functional as well. It could be displayed permanently in a trophy case or taken down to be used in the field.

"It should be here before Christmas," said Roger Lauer of Bumper to Bumper, but he cautions that time is running out for orders to arrive by the holiday. The St. Francis Ruger 10-22 can also be ordered with gold plate, "If you're willing to pay and wait," said Mr. Lauer.

Bumper to Bumper has a proof edition of the rifle on display, which has already drawn several interested customers. Also a similar model of the Ruger 10-22, which was designed for the National Rifle Association, can be seen on the Investment Arms Inc. web site at www.investmentarms.com.



OWNERS KEITH DANKENBRING (left) and **Roger Lauer** (center) show Noel Rath one of the limited editions of the Ruger which commemorates St. Francis.

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