

Christmas giveaway set for Sunday

Christmas is almost here and, on Sunday, there will be some lucky people who will have some extra money to spend.

The Christmas On Us giveaway festivities will start at 2:30 a.m. with chili sold by the cup in Sawhill Park, St. Francis. Santa will be there to talk to children, the firemen's Elf Train will be running, there will be caroling and to top off the afternoon, the St. Francis Herald's Christmas On Us promotion

which involves 15 business and the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce will be giving away a total of \$1,400. The Chamber will be giving away three prizes of \$100 in scrip and the Christmas On Us drawing will find one winner taking home \$1,000 in scrip and another will win \$100. If there are any \$50 instant winner prizes not claimed by those looking for their numbers in the ads in the Christmas

On Us pages, they will also be given away. People are urged to bring their tickets and be prepared to claim one of the prizes. Winners must have the matching red ticket to claim the prize.

The Chamber drawing is different from the red ticket drawing. People have been signing up at participating businesses since the Chamber's Christmas Opening on Nov. 28. Three tickets with the winner's name

will be drawn and the winner must be present.

Last year, the weather was excellent for drawings and everyone is hoping for another day of great weather. However, if the weather is bad, the events will be moved to the St. Francis Elementary School gym, just across the street.

Sponsors for the Christmas On Us giveaway are: Bankwest, Bier's Hometown

Store, Cheyenne Bowl and Dairy King, Cheyenne Pharmacy Plus, Goodell Greenhouse and Floral, Tim Poling DDS, Owens True Value, Parkhill Restaurant, P & L Ideal Meat Market, Saintry Super Foods, Schultz's, St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, St. Francis Equity, The Saint Francis Herald/Bird City Times, Tri-State Lumber and Tubing/Paints Plus



Most Lights and Decoration prize went to Mat Moberly, 536 E. Third.



Fantasy division prize went to Mike and Cindy Henderson, 621 S. River.

'Golden shovels' mark homes of Lighting Contest winners

By Karen Krien

The "golden shovels" are marking the homes of the three winners of the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Lighting Contest.

This year, anyone with lights was considered "in the contest." There were three categories and the homes were selected by last year's judges.

Winners included: Fantasy - Mike and Cindy Henderson, 621 S. River Street; Religious - Mike and Michelle Stafford, 223 W.

Emerson Street; Most Lights - Mat Moberly, 536 E. Third Street.

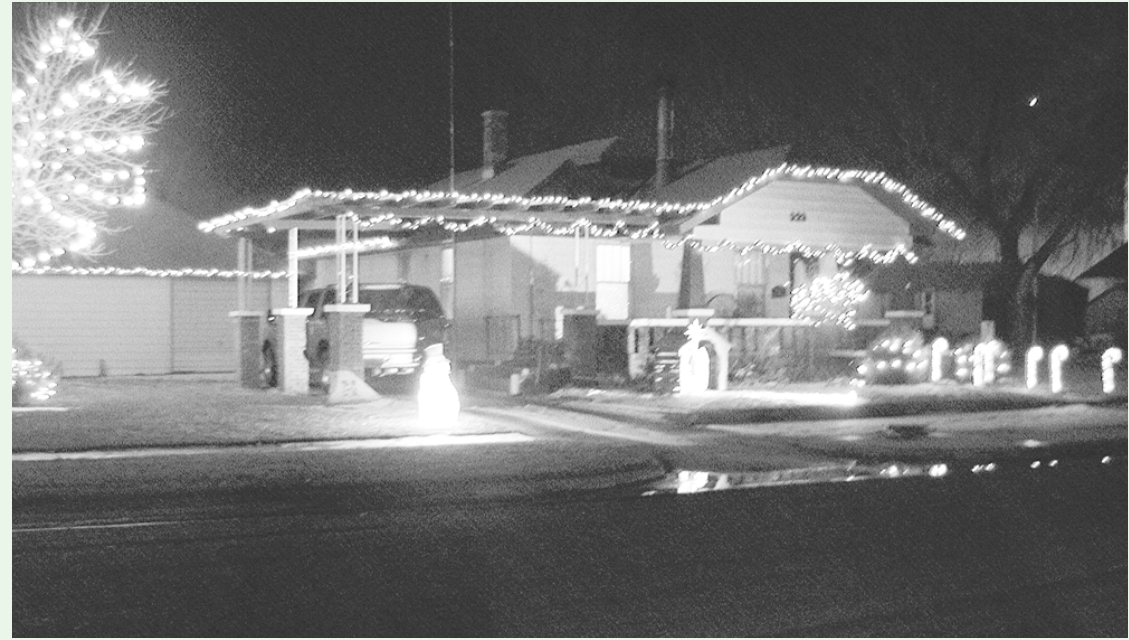
There were many, many homes to choose from as St. Francis is known for it's many homes decorated with lights, large cards, angels, deer, snowmen.... there are just too many to list. This year's judges (last year's winners) were Rick and Dawn Lucas, Jennifer Boyles, Travis Milne and Larry and Terry Zweygardt. Just because they were judges didn't tempt them to skimp on the decorations this year. Actually, it looks like they may have

added a few more lights.

Many others have also added lights this year and their homes glow with the warmth of the holidays and Christmas spirit.

Each of the winners will receive \$50 in scrip.

Before the season ends, everyone should plan to take a ride around town to see the lights. They are almost breathtaking. Also, don't forget to go to the edges of town as there are also the Johnny Schorzman and Tom Roelfs homes which have lots of lights.



Religion division prize went to Mike and Michelle Stafford, 223 W. Emerson

Third winner claims \$50 scrip

Esther Confer, St. Francis, claimed her prize on Monday and reported she was going to finish her Christmas shopping in St. Francis with the \$50 scrip. She said that the ticket came from Park Hill Restaurant where she had purchased a dishwasher. The last two week's winners were Gladys Owens and Tammy Grice, both of St. Francis. Each receive \$50 in scrip.



Confer

This week, there will be five numbers listed in different ads sponsored by businesses participating in the Christmas On Us Promotion. These ads are found on 1, 2, and 3B of both *The St. Francis Herald* and *Bird*

City Times. Through Friday, there have been a total of eight Christmas giveaway chances for \$50 scrip prizes. Those giveaway numbers unclaimed by Friday evening at 5 p.m. will be given away at the Dec. 21 drawing held at between 2:30 and 3 p.m. at the band shell in Sawhill Park. The Christmas On Us promotion has joined forces with the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce giveaway and fun. There will be chili, Elf Train rides, Santa, caroling and, lastly, the giving away of lots of money in the form of scrip.

Those holding winning numbers from this week's issues of *The St. Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* will have until Friday to claim their prize.

Anyone over 18 years old may See WINNER on Page 6A

Oberlin man shot Sunday in Saintry

A 43 year old Oberlin man died in St. Francis Sunday night when an officer's firearm discharged while he was wrestling with the man.

William Joseph Schwab died at the Cheyenne County Hospital Sunday night from what preliminary reports called an accidental shooting.

On Monday Cheyenne County Attorney Kevin Berens issued a press release, which stated there had been an ongoing undercover felony investigation on Mr. Schwab by the

police department in St. Francis and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Schwab attempted to avoid arrest on Sunday in the Dusty Farmer Restaurant parking area and as the suspect fled the scene a St. Francis officer tackled the man.

At that time the officer's gun went off shooting Mr. Schwab.

Attorney Berens had no further comments about the incident.

The incident is under investigation by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.



HEY, BIG GUY!! Lucas Hopper took his first look at Santa this Christmas and wasn't sure what to think of him. Lucas is the son of David and Sarah Hopper, Olathe.

State mandates computer system for District clerk

By Karen Krien

The state of Kansas has mandated that the county's clerk of the district court update the present computer system. However, the cost of the system is not in the county's budget and the state is not funding the mandate. At the end of the Monday Cheyenne County Commissioners' meeting following some time studying the budget, the commissioners agreed to take as much of the needed money for the computer out of the clerk of the court's budget and the

rest would come from other county funds.

Sharon Elliott, clerk of the district court, reported that the two computer systems which will allow for better transfer of data across the state, cost either \$14,360 (IBM) or \$12,954 (Dell). She thought the Dell would be satisfactory and had opted to use the present printer.

"The judicial (system) has done this (made mandates) before. They have no consideration about our See MANDATES on Page 6A

Snow, wind hits northwest Kansas

Snow and wind caused roads to close in Colorado and schools to close. Both the Cheylin and St. Francis schools were closed Monday after the storm moved in.

Richard Grace at Grace Flying Service reported the wind speeds at a steady 35 to 40 miles an hour most of the day with gusts measured up to 60 miles per hour. However, there was not much moisture recorded and most of the snow ended up in drifts and in the ditch.

The temperature on Monday was 34 degrees and, with the sun, it was warm enough to slightly melt the snow but by early evening, the temperature had dropped to below freezing and streets and walks were a sheet of ice.

Temps had warmed and the sun was shining Tuesday morning. The weather forecaster is predicting 40 to 50 temperatures throughout the rest of the week.

Kathy Woodcox, St. Francis weather observer, reported .07 inch of moisture that came with 1 inch of snow and a low temperature of 7 degrees on Friday. Other temperatures were as follows:

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Dec. 9	34	14	
Dec. 10	35	9	
Dec. 11	34	8	
Dec. 12	39	7	
Dec. 13	50	6	
Dec. 14	61	9	
Dec. 15	34	21	.07