



Students present music on Monday

The grade school music department will present their annual Christmas program on Monday. The program begins at 7 p.m. and will be held in the grade school gymnasium. Kindergarten through fourth grade music students will be featured.

Themes for this year include: "We Are Santa's Elves," kindergarten; "Rockin' Christmas Eve Party," first and second grades; and "Radio Station 'XMAS' Christmas Countdown," third and fourth grades.

The program will feature a wide variety of Christmas songs, choreographed dance numbers, speaking parts, and fun! Santa, Rudolph, Frosty and the whole North Pole gang will be on hand to get everyone in the Christmas mood!

A dress rehearsal will be held on Monday morning at 9:30 for those interested. Everyone in the community is welcome to come and support these young musicians.

There is no admission charge.



Kindergarten students as Santa's elves, practice their part for the Christmas music program to be held on Monday night. In the middle, Santa (Ryan Grover) and Taylor Rogers (Rudolph) have become the best of friends.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



WINNING FLOAT in the Christmas Light Parade held Friday was the courthouse gang's creation. It has 10,000 'twinkling' lights with a Candy Land theme. Below, the runner up was the Griswald Family Christmas entered by Schultz's.

Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

Many attend Light Parade

By Karen Krien

It was cold and earlier, there had been rain, but it had stopped before the Christmas Light Parade down St. Francis' Main Street began. Many people had parked their cars on Main Street, anticipating the cold but wanting to see the parade, many were standing along the sides of the street to get a better look at the entries.

This year, the People's Choice Award was given. People were to pick up ballots and turn them back in with their choice of the best float/



entry of the parade. The winner was Cheyenne County Courthouse which had 10,000 twinkling lights and a Christmas Candy Land theme. Schultz's was a close second with Griswald Family Christmas float.

In all there were 19 entries in the

2004 Light Parade.

"We had some great floats with many, many lights despite the cold temperatures," said Gloria Bracelin, Chamber secretary, reminding everyone to start thinking about next year's entry.

The People's Choice Award plaque with the winner's name inscribed will be displayed at the courthouse throughout the year and will be brought back for the 2005 parade.

Three people are winners

By Karen Krien

Three people were \$50 instant scrip winners in the Christmas On Us promotion which started last week.

Winners were Tom Hnizdil, Mary Nicklos and Robert Zwegygart, all of St. Francis, had matching numbers.

Mr. Hnizdil and his daughter picked up the scrip money on

Wednesday and were on their way to purchase a birthday present for Marilyn Hnizdil, wife and mother.

Mrs. Nicklos was the second instant winner. She said she was going to buy a gift for the Angel Tree.

Mr. Zwegygart said he had lots of places he could spend his money but, one thing for sure, he was going to take his wife Gertie out to eat.

The Christmas On Us giveaway

started last week, and, for the next two weeks, five more people will be instant winners of \$50 scrip if they have the matching ticket of the numbers found in the Christmas On Us pages of advertisements on 1, 2 and 3B of this issue.



Hnizdil



Nicklos



Zwegygart

The grand prize drawing will be held Dec. 16 on St. Francis' Main Street. The person holding the first See WINNERS on Page 6A

Sainty tourney is Saturday

By Betty Jean Winston

Wrestling season has arrived!! At 9:30 a.m. Saturday, wrestlers will be called to the mat for the opening match of the St. Francis Invitational Tournament and the season will be underway. This is the 44th year of the annual event.

The same 11 teams as last year will be competing and St. Francis fans are excited. The Indians took the title in '03 after Colby had claimed the team championship in '01 and '02. Attending again this year from Kansas are Colby, Scott City, Goodland, Rawlins County-Atwood, Wichita County-Leoti and Quinter. Colorado teams include Wray, Pine Creek, Sterling and

Holyoke.

The Indians will have eight wrestlers returning who placed in the top three in the Invitational last year. Dylan Loyd and Gabe Smull were first place winners at 125 pounds and 160 pounds respectively. Placing second were Trevor Richard, Jordan Gienger, Derek Ross and Seth Swihart, who wrestled for Team X. Gabe Gienger and Gabe Walz placed third.

St. Francis coach Larry Gabel has stated there will be a number of quality teams and quality individuals so the competition will be strong.

"Scott City was the 4A champion last year and they have some good

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Permission given to block off street

By Sandy Barnhart

The St. Francis City Council gave permission to the Chamber secretary to block off Main Street between Milliken Law Office and Bankwest on Dec. 16.

Gloria Bracelin, St. Francis Chamber of Commerce, was present to ask that the council allow that area to be closed for the Chamber drawing and chili feed. The council approved the request.

She also explained that the Chamber would be decorating the old city hall building for Santa's Hut and was given a key to the building.

Fire department

The council approved to allow the fire department around \$500 toward the purchase of respiratory masks. Although the masks are primarily used for grass fires, Mayor Scott Schultz noted that the firemen would use the masks in the city where there are structure fires and

the smoke make breathing difficult. The county will be responsible for the other half of the costs.

Superintendent report

• Superintendent J.R. Landenberger reported that he would be replacing the tires on the New Holland skidster for \$552.

• The company where the swimming pool boiler was purchased will be repairing the boiler at no cost to the city.

• City employees Mike Meyer and Eric Fiala have attended the first out of possibly three classes which are required to become certified in pesticide control.

Attorney report

Attorney Mike Day reported that, at the request of the post office and the Good Samaritan Village, the physical addresses that the council suggests for naming the street running north of U.S. 36 would be

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Open house planned

By Casey McCormick

The holidays are upon us and the crew at Goodell Greenhouse and Garden Center are having a celebration during their open house this Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3 and 4.

"We'll be serving cookies and refreshments," owner and operator Shirley Marino said, "and a free drawing for poinsettias."

The greenhouse is filled with over 1,200 brightly colored poinsettias. Goodell's features a large variety of the plants: whites, pinks, burgundies, combinations of colors, and of

course, many of the traditional reds.

"We plant the poinsettias in the first week of August to have them ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas," Mrs. Marino said.

In addition to festive poinsettias, Goodell's also has a large selection of Christmas decorations and during the open house they will have special discounts on Christmas hard goods, concrete statuary and Fall wreaths and silks.

The open house will be held the afternoon of Friday and the morning of Saturday.

Result of survey are interesting

The first part of May, the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce ran an ad asking for people to respond to two questions: 1) What types of businesses and/or services are needed in St. Francis? and 2) Are there any buildings in town or along the highway that would be available for businesses and have workable space?

The Cheyenne County Development Corporation coordinator compiled the questionnaires, noting that the majority of the people gave several answers, with the most suggestions being given for question of needed businesses and services. The responses are grouped into various categories. For example, all restaurant responses are included in one category; comments from the actual questionnaires are occasionally included in this tabulation.

By far the most responses indicated a need for a variety store. Often Dollar General was specifically named, but Target, Alco, Duckwalls, a craft/novelty store, and a variety store were also indi-

cated. The response for a store of seasonal items is also included in this category.

The second most responses were for items usually found in a department store. The most suggestions were clothing for the whole family, shoe store and linens. The suggestions for a bookstore, a one-hour photo shop, a music store and computer parts and supplies could also be included in the department store category.

The third most responses were in the restaurant and food services category. Several responses suggested a bakery and sandwich shop on Main Street. Other responses also indicated a new restaurant should be on Main Street. The generic fast food restaurant or a Subway on Main Street had the most responses. Applebee's was specifically named, as were Quizno's, and Long John Silver's. A need for a recreation place for the whole family with a restaurant was indicated. A caterer and a bed and breakfast were also suggested.

A few suggested a shuttle service to Denver International Airport. Three responses suggested a second grocery store with the produce section emphasized. Other suggestions were: western factory outlet, farm service store such as Orscheln's, dry cleaners/laundromat, a wind farm, optometrist, obstetrician/gynecologist, a dairy and a GMC dealership.

Some of the comments added to the questionnaires were that the community needed to clean up and to provide easy accessibility to businesses. Other comments were: "We need any kind of business." The business community needs to disregard "imaginary obstacles."

Any comments or questions may be directed to Gloria Bracelin at the Chamber of Commerce (785) 332-2961, or to Carol Redding at the Cheyenne County Development Corporation (785) 332-3508.

Christmas Jubilee planned

"The Group" of Burlington and Mike and Lorraine McCullough of Vona, Colo., will team up for a Christmas Jubilee Concert at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday in the Burlington Old Town Heritage Hall.

The Group has traveled all over the area doing concerts at churches, fund raising events, banquets, funerals and other functions. Their music persuasion is up-beat gospel with a message. Occasionally they mix a touch of gospel bluegrass, swing rhythm, a Jamaican feel, a taste of country and patriotic music.

Added to the agenda is a spicy attraction, comedian Connie Grimm, director and producer of her own Moonstrings Stage Productions. The "Little Carolers" will sing. Kennedy Stegman will be crooning some Christmas numbers. Vi Clark will provide prelude music.

The Prairie Chicks, known as Burlington's Red Hat Ladies, will serve refreshments at halftime.

There will be no charge to the event.



PARADE OF LIGHTS Friday night brought a large crowd to town to enjoy the opening of the Christmas season. Neitzel Insurance's float was decorated with an abundance of snowmen. Two of the snowmen took on the resemblance of Lane Hobrock and Jeremiah Neitzel.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Sunday's storm closes schools

There was rain on Friday — not a lot, but enough to keep the streets wet and leaving puddles. The rain didn't dampen the spirit of the people watching the Light Parade and looking for Treasure Hunt numbers. Besides, after five years of drought, rain is welcome.

By Saturday, the temperature had dropped and continued dropping through the day. Around midnight, the snow was beginning to accumulate and the wind was blowing.

Snow fell most of the day on Sunday and by Monday, most of the schools including Cheylin and St. Francis, had closed for the day. In fact, most of the schools in the northwest corner of Kansas, northeast corner of Colorado and the southwest corner of Nebraska were closed. Roads and highways were icy and snowpacked and traveling was not encouraged.

There were some wrecks but no major highways in the area were closed.

On Sunday afternoon, Eddie Dankenbring, sheriff, reported one accident on K-27 which resulted in the driver being taken to the Chey-

enne County Hospital by emergency medical technicians. Michael Orth, 20-year-old male from Prairie Village, was driving a 1995 Ford pickup north on K-27 north of St. Francis when he lost control, spun round and went into the ditch, then rolled onto its top.

Kathy Woodcox, St. Francis weather observer, reported the temperatures to be cold, dropping to a low of -2 on Monday and only reaching 24 degrees that same day.

Weather forecasters are talking about cold lows throughout the rest of the week and highs only into the 40s.

Precipitation is still needed and Observer Woodcox said the snow and rain had only measured .27 inch (3 inches of snow). Moisture for the month of November was 1.64 inches.

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Nov. 22	58	25	
Nov. 23	41	22	
Nov. 24	48	22	
Nov. 25	62	30	
Nov. 26	36	28	T.
Nov. 27	42	26	.08
Nov. 28:	28	20	.19
Nov. 29	24	-2	



SNOW REMOVAL was necessary Monday morning. Don Keeker was removing snow from the Equity station and around the office early Monday morning. The weather observer reported 3-inches of snow.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

STREET

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Dennison Street. The road running east and west by the Village apartments is named Village Road. Before the names are official they must first be approved by the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Village.

Police report

Police chief Troy Gardner informed the council that since being elected sheriff he is required to attend a training course in Hutchinson for new sheriffs.

He also noted that since there has been more of a patrolling presence on U.S. 36 through town, he felt that the traffic had slowed down.

Chief Gardner also informed the council that the state's program of "Click It, Or Ticket It" had notified him concerning a state-wide incen-

tive to slow down traffic on the highways. The program includes reporting to the state the number of tickets, warnings and contacts the police department makes with traffic on U.S. 36 on Nov. 24. In return the State will offer \$250 to be used toward the purchase of equipment.

Executive Session

Attorney Day requested 5 minutes in executive session for legal matters; Superintendent Landenberger requested 5 minutes in executive session for legal matters; Chief of Police Gardner requested 20 minutes in executive session for personnel matters. There were no decisions.

Building permits

A building permit was approved for Kary Zwegyardt, to replace concrete in his backyard.

Other Business

In other business:

- The council approved to accept Resolution 2004-6 which basically will give employees the option to acquire an additional insurance plan called Optional Group Term Life. The insurance is under Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs). The insurance's premium is being based on each employee's age. The retirement insurance now pays one and one-half times the employee's salary. The employees are responsible for the premium.

- The council approved for payment to Community Development Block Grant for the sewer project. The amount was \$112,080 and payment of \$99,224 on the city's loan

- Clerk Lampe reported that

\$31,089 had been received toward the purchase of theater seats. Councilwoman Natalie Knodel reported that the seats have been ordered and the tentative date for them to be in St. Francis is sometime in February.

- The council discussed erecting a sign in front of the new city hall building. After some discussion Councilman Roger Jensen will check into the cost of lettering and Superintendent Landenberger will check into lighting for the sign.

- A representative from Miller and Associates, McCook, met with the council to update them on the water treatment facility progress. He estimated that the project was approximately 60 percent completed.

TOURNEY

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wrestlers returning, and Goodland placed in the top three in 4A so they will be strong," he said. "Pine Creek has 53 wrestlers out this year. Wray is usually good and Sterling is good in the lightweights. Atwood (Rawlins County) has graduated their big weights but Migchelbrink is a good wrestler from there."

Some of the first place winners from last year expected to return are Brett Bahe of Goodland, Wenger of Pine Creek, Anderson of Sterling,

Finley and Garcia of Colby and Eisenhour of Scott City.

"The Indians will be doing their best," Coach Gabel said. "The wrestlers want to win a championship."

"I think the St. Francis fans will like what they see. I am as excited this season as any year since I have been here."

Fans wishing to cheer the Indians on should note the first session will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the second session stating at 1 p.m., and the finals will begin 15 minutes after the second

session (approximately 5:30 p.m.). Consolation and finals are on two matches.

"This is traditionally one of the toughest tournaments around," Coach Gabel said.

First and second place team trophies will be given with medals to the first three placers and the consolation champion. Coaches will be selecting the "Outstanding Wrestlers" at the end of the tournament.

Be at high school on Saturday for the opening of the Indians' season.

WINNERS

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place ticket will leave the drawing with an extra \$1,000 in scrip to spend in the participating St. Francis businesses. The second place winner will have \$100.

A ticket will be given for each \$10 purchased in participating businesses. However, it is not necessary to make a purchase to claim a ticket. Those coming to *The Saint Francis Herald* office may each receive one ticket per week.

Each week, participating merchants will be advertising sales and specials in the ads on the Christmas

On Us pages so while people are looking for matching numbers, be sure to take a good look at the specials.

Those finding matching numbers will need to bring them into *The Herald* office to claim their \$50 in scrip and it is necessary to bring tickets in on or before Monday because if the scrip is not given away by that evening, the scrip money will be carried over to the next week when other numbers will be drawn and placed in a Christmas On Us ad. There is \$300 more in scrip to be given away during the holiday season and can be spent in one of the following partici-

pating businesses:

- Bier's Hometown Store
- Burr Liquor
- Cheyenne Bowl and Dairy King
- Dusty Farmer
- Goodell Greenhouse and Floral
- Krien Pharmacy
- K-Store
- Owens True Value
- Parkhill Restaurant
- St. Francis Super's
- Schultz's
- St. Francis Equity
- Saint Francis Herald

The contest will end at noon on Dec. 16.

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