

# Someone will win \$1,000 tonight

The grand prize drawing for \$1,000 scrip will be held Thursday starting at 5:30 p.m. in front of the old city hall building on Main Street. The second prize winner will take home \$100 in scrip. The last \$50 scrip Instant Winner was not claimed by Monday at 5 p.m. so that will also be drawn for Thursday.

All of those red tickets collected in participating businesses will be placed in a box and numbers drawn until someone claims the prize. It is necessary that the winner be present to claim the prize.

The drawing will be held in conjunction with the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce festivities which will include three drawings for \$100.

While the drawing will not take a long

time, people might want to consider bringing a lawn chair, maybe a blanket and a flashlight to better see the ticket numbers.

"We are trying something a little different by having a late afternoon drawing, bringing the drawing downtown," Karen Krien, Herald publisher, said. "There will be overhead and street lights and the lights on the trees which will help people to see

their ticket numbers but bringing a flashlight might be wise."

Following the drawings and the announcements of Chamber contest winners, there will be free chili served by the Chamber.

#### How it works

Throughout the Christmas On Us promotion, there have been seven winners of \$50

scrip. Their tickets matched the numbers in different sponsors' ads found on pages 1B, 2B and 3B in both the *Herald* and *Times*. Winners were Barb O'Leary, Billie Hill, Heidi Straub, Patrick Delano, Tom Hnizdil, Mary Nicklos and Robert Zweggardt, all of St. Francis. The Christmas On Us giveaway started three weeks ago, and, this is the first. **See \$1,000 on Page 7A**

## School receives money

By Karen Krien

The St. Francis Community High School has recently been awarded three memorials and, at the Monday meeting of the board of education, they accepted two of the memorials. The third memorial from Ray and Vergie Rogers was accepted at the October 14 meeting.

The two memorials accepted were a \$1,000 per year wrestling scholarship given in the memory of Dale Duncan. LeRoy and JoAnn Felzien gave \$100 in the memory of those deceased graduates of 1951 and 1952. Deceased class members included: Keith Ross, Bob Andrist, Larry Lampe and Royce Peter. Mr. Felzien said that he hoped that other alumni would see that even smaller amounts are needed and would go ahead and donate to the school.

Mr. Duncan was St. Francis' first state wrestling placer in 1934. His son said that, while reading through his father's notes, he found that Mr. Duncan had appreciated the encouragement and financial support he received from St. Francis residents. The memorial scholarship, which will amount to \$1,000 each year as long as the donor is able to do so, is to go to a senior wrestler who plans on attending a college or university. Mr. Duncan died in 1999.

The Ray and Vergie Rogers memorial was \$70,000. When the board accepted the gift, they indicated that how the money would be spent would be determined later.

At the Monday meeting, Gene Dodd, board member, suggested that part of the money be used to install new seats and air conditioning in the auditorium with a plaque recognizing the Rogers' gift placed in the auditorium. Superintendent Carl Werner said there are presently 490 seats in the auditorium and new seats would take up more space so there might be around 400 seats needed.

The Cheyenne Theater Committee recently purchased new seats for the theater at a cost of around \$30,000 for 211 seats. With new seats costing between \$100 and \$150 each, the cost to put seats in the **See SCHOOL on Page 7A**



**PATIENTLY WAITING BACK STAGE** during the Elementary Christmas Program are Ashlee Orth (left) and Mickey Geihler. They would soon be decorating the tree out on stage.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Chamber hosts Christmas drawings, chili

By Karen Krien

Plan to be in St. Francis on Thursday when the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas festivities are held.

The day begins at 9 a.m. with the Treasure Hunt numbers being posted on 19 different businesses. There will also be all new numbers so those old green Treasure Hunt numbers which didn't win a prize on Nov. 26 might be a winner on Dec. 16. (These numbers were inserted in the Nov. 25 issue of *The Saint Francis Herald*.)

St. Francis businesses will be open a little later that day to accommodate shoppers and help them fill their Christmas shopping lists.

The highlight of the day will start at 5:30 p.m. with the drawings and announcements of winners of the lighting and coloring contests followed by a free chili feed. All activities will take place in the 100 block of Washington Street.

The drawings will be held in front of the old city hall. The Chamber will be giving away three prizes of \$100 scrip. The Christmas On Us drawing, sponsored by *The Saint*

*Francis Herald/Bird City Times* and 12 businesses will be giving away a grand prize of \$1,000 scrip and a \$100 scrip. The announcements and awarding of prizes for the Chamber Christmas Lighting Contest and the coloring contests will be held in between the drawings.

Following the drawing, free chili will be served by the Chamber members. The booth will be set up in front of the old Ben Franklin building now owned by Justin Gardner. There will be benches brought in but people might also want to bring a lawn chair.

Santa Claus will be at the old city hall greeting children. Each child will be given a chance for a last visit with Santa and will also be given a candy cane.

If the weather permits, the St. Francis Volunteer Firemen will have the Elf Train running, giving rides to children.

If the weather is too cold, it is snowing and/or raining, the drawings will be held at the grade school starting at 6:30 (not 5:30) p.m. and the chili will be served prior to the drawings.

## City-wide cleanup options discussed

By Sandy Barnhart

Each year, the St. Francis City Council has two city-wide cleanups — one in the spring and the other in the fall. The cleanup options were discussed when the city council met on Dec. 7. No decisions were made.

The council wanted to help those residents who were unable to haul off their items, but at the same time, they wanted to ensure that the service is not abused.

As the council and J.R. Landenberger, superintendent, talked, several different options resulted including setting a specific quantity of items to be hauled off and being able to deny unreasonable requests. They also discussed con-

tinuing the two-times-a-year pickup or downsizing the service to one time.

The council felt like a disclaimer needed to be printed in the advertisement which is published in the newspaper and on Classic Cable Television.

The council asked that the superintendent talk over the matter with the city crew and their input will be discussed at a later meeting.

#### Kan-Step

Councilman Dale Weeks said Gary Rogers has put together an informative brochure explaining to residents what the Kan-Step Grant is seeking and process for obtaining

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## Miniature village is part of family's holiday tradition

By Karen Krien

Driving by the house on 515 W. Spencer, St. Francis, it is evident that the owners enjoy decorating for Christmas but wait until the door opens!

Ed and Anita Marin have a large Christmas Dickens' miniature village set up. The twinkling lights in the windows of the houses and businesses draw young and old to check it out.

The village, designed and produced by Department 56, consists of porcelain houses and businesses all designed in the Dickens' era. Scrooge's house sets on a hill and at the other end of the village is the Cratchett's home. There is a complete farm with barn and outhouses. One house is just getting the roof re-thatched, there is the lodge set out in the woods, the mill has a stream

running past it and the priest hands out loaves of bread to the needy.

The large pieces along with the miniature people are carefully made and details are remarkable — so remarkable that they seem to take on a personality.

The collection actually belongs to Mrs. Marin.

"Ed gave me a starter set in 1993 for my birthday and the village has grown each year — sometimes there is just one large piece and other years, there are more," she said.

"Ed is the mayor and, as we add more pieces, he has to annex more property."

The starter set included two horses, trees, people and a cobblestone sidewalk. They set it on an antique radio. As the village grew, it was moved to the top of the piano and sections have been added on to



**SETTING UP THE VILLAGE** — Ed and Anita Marin and their daughters spend many hours setting up the Dickens Village scene. The village is up from Thanksgiving until mid-February.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

almost every year.

The houses are lit by electricity so each piece has a cord which is carefully hidden and brought down beneath the table top where it is

plugged into a multiple outlet and is hidden by a Christmas plaid skirt.

Each year, the village layout is planned by the Marins and their three daughters, Sam, Kate and Aly.

"The planning takes almost as long as the actual placing," Mr. Marin said.

He said that each year, the village is different. This year, the girls de-

signed that the farm needed to be placed in front and it was necessary to annex more land — this time a half circle.

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# CLEANUP

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 a building to house the fire department and emergency medical technicians. The brochures will possibly be mailed out with the financial surveys that are to be distributed. The surveys will be sent to two-thirds of the county or those residents in the St. Francis Fire District which will include everyone west of the landfill.

### Sign

Councilman Roger Jensen showed the council a dark bronze cast alumni letter which he would like to see for the lettering on the city hall building. The lettering would be similar to that on the Methodist Church or Bankwest.

The 8-inch letters will state "City of St. Francis" and in smaller letters: "Incorporated in 1903" with the address below. Councilman Jensen plans to ask Mike Boyson of Hot Brush, Bird City, for advice as to exactly where the place for the letters would be best seen.

### Recycling

Councilman Jensen updated the council on the progress of the recycling center. Recently, the organization applied for a \$250,000 grant and have received \$100,000 with the majority of the money being used to erect a new recycling building in Gove County.

He also said that the organization has marketed 500 tons of recycling items through the hub in Colby. This tonnage was collected between the five counties involved.

He estimated that by the end of December, Cheyenne County will have hauled 100 tons to the Colby hub. This will allow the maximum payment from the commissioners of \$1,000 rebate for keeping 100 tons of items out of the landfill.

### Property

Superintendent Landenberger informed the council that he had again contacted Ed Zuege concerning the property at 610 S. Francis Street. Mr. Zuege has been attempting to acquire the signatures of his siblings

in order to sell the property. Mr. Zuege has hired an attorney in an attempt to get the property sold. Superintendent Landenberger said he will check with Mr. Zuege in January concerning the progress.

### Community Development Block Grant

City clerk Mary Lampe asked that the council approve several policies that would need to be kept on file concerning the Community Development Block Grant for the waste water treatment facility. The council approved to adopt: 1) the Fair Housing Civil Rights policy; 2) the procurement policy. (This basically will allowed the city to hire Miller and Assoc. from McCook as the engineers for the water treatment facility without putting the position up for bid, because of previous performance with the city); and 3) code of ethical conduct of council members.

Those policies needing a signature by Mayor Scott Schultz are: 4) Community Development Block Grant disclosure report; and 5) letter to extended the contract for 6 months or until June 2005.

### Municipal judge

The council approved appointment of Jolene Dodd as municipal judge for the city effective Dec. 1. The position will be re-evaluated in May of 2005. Attorney Mike Day explained that Ben Andrist, former municipal judge, was not planning on re-certifying as of Dec. 1 which his certification was due and that Mrs. Dodd, being certified, was interested in holding the position.

### Superintendent's report

Superintendent Landenberger reported:

- The seats in the Cheyenne Theater needed to be removed and the council approved for the city crew to do the work. Those wishing to obtain some of the old seats should contact Deb Harper.

- He had contacted Kip Rethke, St. Francis, to give a bid on the power plant roof to prevent the ice and snow from leaking through.

### Other Business

In other business:

- The council approved Ordinance 528 which was published in last week's paper. The 2005 budget included tax levies exceeding the total from 2004 and the city must adopt the ordinance to exceed this limit which is \$353.

- Those serving on the Transient Tax (bed tax) Committee will be: Gloria Bracelin, Kristi Guthmiller and Crissy Cooks.

- A dividend check in the amount of \$2,448.98 was received from the Kansas Municipal Utility Safety group program

- Theater seat donations came to \$31,720.45. The council discussed having a plaque with the names of those responsible for the donation drive.

- Tree service license was approved for Hickert and Scott Enterprises of Oberlin.

- US 36 membership dues of \$75 were approved. The dues are the same amount as the previous year.

- League of Kansas Municipalities dues of \$643.11 (same as previous year) were approved.

- The council re-appointed Councilman Rodney Bracelin to serve on the Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development Board.

- The council approved to give the Cheyenne County Council on Alcohol and Drug Related Problems one-half of the money which the city has collected from tax on alcohol. The other half is put into the Parks and Recreational Fund.

### Executive session

Attorney Day and Superintendent Landenberger requested 10 minutes in executive session to discuss the Sunflower demand letter. Attorney Day requested 5-10 minutes in executive session to discuss police transition personnel.



**NURSE CONNIE JENKINS shows the Junior Girl Scouts of the equipment works. Scouts (l to r) enjoying the tour are Bailey Merklin, Aly Schlepp and Krissy Harris.**

# SCHOOL

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school auditorium could add up to \$40,000 and \$60,000.

Bruce Feikert, board member, questioned the installation of air conditioning because the auditorium is only used once, maybe twice during the summer months. Board members agreed that the overhead fans helped some but it was still hot during the Junior Miss program.

Before they could make any decision, the board agreed to have the superintendent look into costs of seats and air conditioning. Any memorial money left could be used for scholarships. The matter will be discussed at a later meeting.

### Home-side bleachers

At the November board meeting, the matter of moving the home-side bleachers to the west side of the football field was discussed. Superintendent Werner had more information and drawings at the Monday night meeting.

He had contacted Heartland Seating of Shawnee who had sent a quote for aluminum bleachers which went from the 30-yard line to the 30-yard line and included 10 rows of seats

(seating 651 people) and the platform for the press box. The cost was \$72,738. The company representative suggested having a contractor in the area erect the press box as the contractor could probably build the box for \$14,000 compared to the company's estimated price of \$19,000.

The concrete which the bleacher would sit on is already there and is the correct depth. The area where the press box would sit would need to be thicker. There was also a price for installation and having the planks welded for a completed total price of \$105,000.

Superintendent Werner said stadium bleachers which are constructed out of concrete would cost approximately twice as much as the aluminum bleachers and would be deeper, taking away from the drive area between the bleachers and the school building.

The board discussed dropping 9 feet off of each end and having a set of the old bleachers added to the south end. This would place bleachers at the finish line for many of the running events in track.

They asked that the superintendent find out what the price difference would be on the shorter bleachers and report his findings at the next meeting.

Superintendent Werner said the company had erected bleachers in Belleville and he planned to check out the quality of the Belleville bleachers over Christmas break.

### English project presented

Kathy Rainbolt, junior high and ninth grade English teacher, and students Cassie Dankenbring, Sara Miller, Adam Guthmiller and Justin Sherlock demonstrated some of the commercials they had created for local businesses using the Apple Computer iLife program. Mrs. Rainbolt said that a 30-second to 1-minute long commercial could take three weeks to compile information, do interviews and then set it up. She also told how the subject English was used to create the commercials.

The students agreed that the assignment was something different for English class and they had a "blast" while making the commercials.

Mrs. Rainbolt has more plans for

her classes and, for the first year of the program, thinks she and the students are off to a good start. She also thanked the board and Superintendent Werner for approving the purchase of the equipment needed for the class.

### Resignation

Marlin Queen, speech therapy paraprofessional, submitted a written resignation effective at the end of the first semester (Dec. 21). Deb Grace, speech pathologist, recommended that someone be hired so training could begin before the first of the year.

Superintendent Werner had interviewed Charlene Fiedler, who is a certified teacher and has substituted for the school through the years. He said teachers had been happy with the thorough job she had done while substituting and recommended her to fill the position. The board approved.

### In other business

In other business:  
 • The board approved a three-year contract with the Kansas Joint Utility Management Program for the school's natural gas.

- The comments on the fiscal year 2004 audit report were once again reviewed and discussed by the board and superintendent before approving the report.

- The new Internal Revenue Service standard mileage rate has increased from 37.5 cents per mile in 2004 to 40.5 cents per mile in 2005. The board approved the 40.5 rate for the school's mileage rate.

- The superintendent reported that he would contact the county clerk later this month about the board's positions which would be up for election in April. Those terms ending are those of Bruce Feikert, Gene Dodd and Pete Raile. The filing deadline is noon on Jan. 25.

- The board reviewed the bids for three school buses from five different bidders. They felt that the bids were well below what the buses were worth and decided to reject all bids and ask for bids on the buses again in the spring.

### Next meeting

The next board of education meeting has been set for 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 10 in the board room at the high school.

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nal week. A ticket was given for each \$10 purchased in participating businesses. However, it was not necessary to make a purchase to claim a ticket.

The tickets will be picked up at noon today (Thursday). Participating merchants are advertising sales and specials or wishing everyone a Merry Christmas in the ads on the Christmas On Us pages. Without their support, the Christmas On Us promotion would not be possible.

Participating businesses include:

- Bier's Hometown Store
- Burr Liquor
- Cheyenne Bowl and Dairy King
- Duddy 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

Remember, the contest will end at noon today and the grand prize drawing will be held this evening at 5:30 on Main Street. If there is inclement weather, the drawing will start at 6:30 p.m. (not 5:30) in the grade school gym.

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Sylvia Queen was a Tuesday visitor of La Vera Beringer and Veda Orth visited La Vera on Friday afternoon.



### Request For Proposals

#### 2004 CFP Window Replacement at Cheyenne Manor Apartments

Proposal Due Date: — January 26, 2005 (Not a public Opening)  
 Proposals Due by: — 12:30 p.m.  
 Pre-Proposal Conference: — January 12, 2005 at 10 a.m. at PHA office  
 Submit Proposals to: — Saint Francis Housing Authority  
 200 North Ash Street  
 St. Francis, KS 67756

The St. Francis Housing Authority will receive proposals until the date and time stated above for the Window Replacement project referenced above. Proposals shall include all necessary labor, materials and equipment. Any reference made to "bids or bidders," in this RFP package, shall refer to the proposal or the proposers.

Beginning this date, RFP packages may be reviewed at the housing Authority, or obtained at the office of Zingre' and Associates, for a non-refundable purchase of \$35.00. Contact Richard Zingre' at Zingre and Associates, 1019 Scott Ave., Fort Scott, KS 66701, (620) 223-6030. Plans are also available for free on the internet. Point your browser to <http://f1.pg.briefcase.yahoo.com/zanda61> and open the folder called "St. Francis HA Window Replacement" Please refer to the Specifications Section titled "Supplemental Instructions to Proposers" for additional information on your proposal submission.

Attention is called to the provisions of equal opportunity, and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the specifications.

This contract is subject to the conditions of Executive Order 11246, which prohibits discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin on federal or federally assisted construction contracts.

This contract also is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

# VILLAGE

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Because the pieces are generally in different places, the houses and businesses are at different angles so different sides of the buildings are seen. This year, they noticed that there was an owl setting on the roof of the lodge. Another year, they discovered a birdhouse tacked on a fence.

"In the evening dusk, the lights shine through the windows and almost every house has a door that is slightly open," he said.

It is almost as if the light is drawing the viewer into the warmth of the home.

The village is set up at Thanksgiving and remains up until the middle of February. It generally takes about four days before it is complete.

The table has a layer of 1-inch styrofoam giving it a snow-covered look. The big pieces are temporarily placed on the table. Then it is time to start building

with the front of the village being placed first. Mrs. Marin sculpts the layers of the land out of more styrofoam which not only adds height to the village but also hides electrical cords. She sculpts a stream which runs under the porcelain bridges and beside the mill, steps are cut and hills molded.

After the houses are set, it is time to start placing the trees (and there are many from different pine and cedar trees to trees which have shed most of their leaves and have red cardinals sitting in them.

There are numerous people who are all sold separate or in groups. For instance, the roof thatchers include a man climbing up the ladder with a bundle of thatch, a man tying the bundles and a big hay wagon; the barn has horses, cattle, chickens, just to name a few; a shoemaker displays his wares and a group meets in the town square to hear the reading of the Christmas Carol. The iron

fence and gate, the stone fence and wood pile are also sold separately. They have also added Santa which circles part of the village.

Mrs. Marin said the pieces of their village have been "retired" and are no longer for sale unless there are some leftover pieces in a store or they can be found on e-Bay. She also said Department 56 (which is the name of the village pieces) also makes and designs other porcelain groups. There is a Christmas 1950s-1960s and a Nativity village who includes the stucco buildings, manger and figures.

The Marins prefer their quaint Dickens' village and plan to keep on adding businesses, houses and figures. Both being raised on farms, they say the farm setting is their favorite and they are glad to see it in front this year. However, the daughters already have something different planned for next year and, that's okay — after all, it is a family tradition.

**The Saint Francis Herald**  
 and  
**The Bird City Times**  
**Will be CLOSED**  
**Christmas Eve,**  
**Friday,**  
**December**  
**24th**

**Come & Go Baby Shower for**  
*Kari & Molly Gilliland*  
 Tuesday, Dec. 21 • 5-7 p.m.  
**Milliken Home**  
 202 W. Webster ~ St. Francis  
 Registered at: [www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com),  
[www.target.com](http://www.target.com), and **KM Clothier**

**"Disco Knights"**  
*A tribute to the 1970's*  
 presented by the  
**7th & 8th Grade Girls Annual Musical**  
**Monday, Dec. 20 ~ 7 p.m.**  
**St. Francis High School Auditorium**  
**Admission - \$2**  
*"Disco Knights" was written by Rachel Davidson, with music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur. It is produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Sedrvce, Inc., Englewood, CO.*