

RUDOLPH'S LITTLE RED NOSE REINDEER could be found at the Yuletide Festival held Sunday at the high school. Members of Teresa Porter's Danch Ranch preschool class were: (l to r) Christina Stafford, Karley Bandel, Lindsey Johnson and Lauren Johnson. Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Sainty grocery store has new owner

The Odell family announced their retirement and the sale of their stores Monday. The Odell's added St. Francis Super's to their chain in August, 2004.

Odell's Super's has established itself as one of the largest full-service independent grocers in Colorado. The company has con-

tinually grown with the focus of delivering high quality big supermarket products with small town service.

Perk and Betty Odell, the original founders, began operating Odell's Super's in 1957 in the rural northeastern Colorado community of Akron. After 10 years in op-

eration and noticing the need for full service supermarkets in surrounding communities, Mr. and Mrs. Odell decided to expand with the help of their two children Tammy Webster and Tab Odell.

As the number of locations grew, the outstanding reputation that Odell's was well

known for in Akron also grew throughout the communities in which they were expanding. The mission they envisioned was rapidly becoming a reality.

Today Odell's Super's owns and operates service retail supermarkets in rural communities throughout northern Colorado and

western Kansas. From the humble beginnings of a small grocery store sharing space with a leather and shoe shop, Odell's Super's now employs approximately 200 people and is the regions largest full-service independent grocer.

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Names still remain on Angel Trees

Three Angel Trees are up and decorated with tags listing the age and sex of children who might not receive a Christmas present unless someone picks up a tag and purchases a present.

People can select a tag off a tree at Bankwest, First National Bank, and The Herald office in St. Francis. Once the gift is bought, both the wrapped gift and tag should be returned to the place where the tree is located.

"A lot of children benefit greatly from the Angel Tree project," said Jennifer Milne, coordinator.

Last year, over 100 children received gifts delivered by Santa. These gifts averaged around \$25 each.

The Angel Trees are sponsored by the Association to Benefit Cheyenne County.

If someone knows of a family who is having a difficult time making ends meet and could use a little

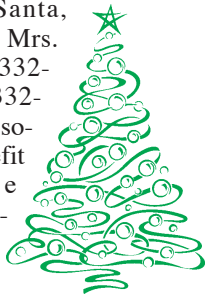
help from Santa, please contact Mrs. Milne at 785-332-2344 or 785-332-2566 or any Association to Benefit Cheyenne County member.

Mrs. Milne said that each year, the Angel Tree has received generous support and members appreciate the help so they can give kids a merrier Christmas.

All gifts will be picked up on Dec. 21 so those who have selected a tag needs to make sure their gifts are back under the tree before the pick-up date. They will also be delivered that same evening.

If more information is needed for sizes, or gift ideas, call Mrs. Milne.

"We are expecting letters from Santa which will help with ideas for the children," she said.



SHAPING THE SPOKES — Dona and Mike McGilvray shape the ends of the spokes with a tennon machine. Some of the equipment is a copy of a machine made before the turn of the century and has an 1870 patent. Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Colorado couple brings Clydesdales, carriage-making business to county

By Karen Krien

Need a custom-made carriage or wagon? Maybe a team of Clydesdales?

Michael and Dona McGilvray, now living north of Bird City, can fill the order.

They were recently one of the entries in the St. Francis Parade of Lights and created quite a stir as the team of Clydesdales pulled a brightly lit wagon (the first the McGilvrays made) down the street.

The McGilvrays started moving

from Woodrow, Colo., in August and were pretty much moved by October. Earlier, they had been looking for pasture land to buy and after checking out Colorado and Nebraska, settled on the old McGowan place 17 miles southwest of St. Francis. However, they decided to purchase the Childers place north of Bird City to make their home.

The McGilvrays have a business that is unusual for this area. Not only do they raise Clydesdales but they

make carriages, hitch wagons, chuck wagons and farm wagons, just to name a few. They also restore horse-drawn wagons and wagon wheels.

About 10 years ago, they needed a hitch wagon but found it would cost a fortune to buy. So they made one. That was the start of the business.

A hitch wagon is a freight wagon like the Budweiser horses pull. Since making their first wagon, they have made four more.

They figure it takes three to four months to build a hitch wagon. Other wagons take less time.

They began to advertise their business nationally and in an area publication. The calls started coming in.

Mr. McGilvray's favorite wagon is a black hitch wagon. He told that it had 3-inch deep shadow panels and \$6,000 to \$8,000 in chrome work. To achieve the right look, Mr. McGilvray applied 27 coats of black

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Temperatures drop to chilling 8 degrees

Those not in the Christmas spirit before will definitely think cold before the week is through. And, winter is still days away.

Kathy Woodcox, weather observer, recorded a low of 6 degrees on Sunday. However, on Tuesday, the National Weather Service was forecasting a low of 7 degrees but the windchill was supposed to be a -20 degrees. There was light snow throughout the day and some was sticking on the highways. Highway crews were out early in the day.

Wednesday is supposed to be even colder but, by the weekend, people should see some more normal temperatures with the highs in the low 40s. Those tem-

peratures are predicted to continue into the first of the week.

People need to stay indoors when they can. If going out, bundle up with several layers.

Take care of pets and animals, making sure they have plenty of food, water and a warm place to stay.

If traveling, place an emergency kit with food, candle and blankets in the vehicle.

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Dec. 3	30	13	
Dec. 4	30	06	
Dec. 5	38	11	