

Chamber to give away \$300 at the drawing on Dec. 18

By Karen Krien

The Christmas season is underway. Stores are stocked for shoppers and the cold weather last week reminded people that they needed to get their Christmas gifts.

Each time people purchase \$10 in a Chamber business, they can sign up for one of three prizes of \$100 scrip to be drawn for on Dec. 18.

There are many houses in town that are lit up for the holidays. The Chamber Lighting Contest will be held on Dec. 16 and 17. People are urged to keep their lights on those evenings so they can be judged by last year's Christmas Lighting

Contest winners. The lighting winners, along with the winners of the children's poster contest, will be announced at the Dec. 18 drawing.

Chamber Christmas activities on Dec. 18

Monday, Dec. 18, will be a big day in St. Francis. The second night of the Treasure Hunt will be held. The numbers posted in businesses on Nov. 24 will be listed with a new bunch of numbers. Each participating business will have a total of 40 numbers displayed.

Some of the numbers are being displayed on the windows and doors but some businesses, like

Sainty Stitches, has the numbers hung on a tree just inside the store. Be sure and check out all of the 22 businesses listed on the Treasure Hunt number page.

Santa Claus will be seeing children at Bankwest on Dec. 18. This is the last time Santa will be in St. Francis so those children who missed seeing him the last time, need to stop by the bank.

The ABC Preschool parents and teachers will be hosting a chili feed before and after the drawing of the Chamber money and the Christmas On Us big giveaway. The drawing starts at 5:30 p.m. in front of Jaqua Abstract.

Athlete receives honors

All-Area volleyball players, as chosen by the *Salina Journal*, were featured in the Sunday, Dec. 3 issue of the *Journal*.



Zimbelman

Honors went to the All-Area Volleyball First Team, All-Area Second Team, All-Area Third Team and those receiving Honorable Mention.

Among those receiving honorable mention was Alecia Zimbelman, a member of the St. Francis Lady Indian squad.

Lighting contest to be judged

By Karen Krien

More lights have gone up around St. Francis and even some north of town. Don and Jennifer Krien and Roger and Teri Orth have put up decorations.

"We put up some decorations and Roger said he had better get some more up," Mrs. Krien said.

So, there are two farms with many, many lights — well worth driving a few miles to see them.

There appears to be more lights this year and there is hardly a block which doesn't have at least one house lit up for the holidays.

People have until Dec. 16 to get all of the decorations up because the lights will be judged on either Dec. 16 or 17.

There will be two winners of \$50 scrip. Homes will be judged on lights and decorations.

No entries are needed as every house with lights is automatically entered and judged. Last year's lighting contest winners, Roger and Traci Neitzel and Hurb and Lola Graves, will be the judges.

The winners will be announced at the Dec. 18 Chamber drawing and featured in *The Saint Francis Herald* on Dec. 21.

For more information, call or stop by *The Saint Francis Herald* office or call the Chamber office.



SHERRY SCHULTZ is holding the antique collar box that was left in the bin. The box will be going up for silent auction.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Antique collar box is discovered at store

By Karen Krien

Once in a while, a treasure is found where it is least expected. That is what happened when the volunteers at the United Methodist Thrift Store opened a box of stuff that had been left in the bin.

They discovered an antique collar box which is in excellent condition. The top is hand painted with a horse and rider. There is a brass clasp and the lined inside is formed to keep the collars in shape.

Collars came into fashion in the 1830s and it is believed that the boxes soon followed. Some were

more elaborate than others, some were leather and others were cardboard.

Sherry Schultz said the collar box will be put up for silent auction with \$75 being the starting bid. Bidding will end in February. For more information or to see the collar box, stop by the Thrift Store on Main Street, St. Francis.



KENT KECHTER is checking out the new website to make sure everything is working.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

New website is developed with many helpful links

For the past few months, the St. Francis school has been working to develop a new website. Time was spent researching various possibilities to improve the school's website presence.

The new website is hosted on a server by The Foundation for Educational Services in Lincoln, Neb. The school is using a software program called Simplified Online Communication System (SOCS) to control the content of the site.

The URL for the new website is "http://www.usd297.org."

During the last few weeks, Kent Kechter, technology director for the school, has been training, experimenting and learning how to ad-

minister the site. Training has also been given to a few faculty members as well as administrators so that they can also have input into the site.

The new site is also a location for many helpful links such as the school calendar, PowerSchool, Kan-Ed, the school menu, activities, faculty/staff, student handbook, board minutes, photos, as well as other items.

"We plan to be continually adding information to the site, so it should be much more dynamic than the old site," Mr. Kechter said. "We hope you keep checking for new information, and we will do our best to keep the information relative and accurate."

"We hope you will visit the site and enjoy it. We would be happy to entertain suggestions and comments regarding the site."

"You will find links to do just that on the site. You might want to add a bookmark/favorite on your browser to make access easier."

The old website was housed on a server at the high school and was created using Microsoft FrontPage. The old site (<http://www.usd297.k12.ks.us>) has served the school well for several years and is still functioning today.

Present plans are to keep this old site updated for a while, but plans are to take the older website offline sometime in the future.

Local woman has recipe published in the Wal-Mart family cook book

A St. Francis woman has had a recipe published in the Wal-Mart Family Cookbook for the second year in a row.

Deanna Forsythe's recipe "Olive and Cheese Tortellini" was published in the 2006 cookbook.

Her recipe was selected from thousands of entries across the country by a panel of professional home economists. She said she enjoys experimenting with different ingredients to create new recipes. She tried this hearty dish on some of her co-workers and they loved it.

As part of what has become an annual tradition, Wal-Mart invited their 1.3 million associates nationwide to share favorite recipes and enter in the recipe search. As a result of the unique recipe entries, the Wal-Mart Family Cookbook becomes the ultimate collection of delicious, family-tested favorites.

Last year, Mrs. Forsythe's recipe "South-Of-The-Border Eggplant"

was in the Wal-Mart book. She said she was surprised that a second recipe had made it into the Wal-Mart Cookbook.

The cookbook is on sale at Wal-Mart stores.

Winning recipes are published in five regional editions of the Wal-

Mart Family Cookbook, each reflecting the flavors and favorites of local communities. Each regional edition features 100 recipes, some of which have been in families for generations; others have been recently created and are budget-conscious and easy to prepare.

Book Review

The Christmas Candle

By Max Lucado

In a tiny town straight out of a Dickens novel, the citizens believe in miracles. Every 25 years the candlemaker is visited by an angel, and when one single candle is lit, miracles aren't far behind.

But this year it seems that the age of miracles is past. The new reverend is uncomfortable with the villagers' belief in angels and miracu-

lous candles. Yet a string of miracles is just what the village needs this Christmas. And no one could use one more than the cynical young reverend. *The Christmas Candle* explores the mystery of faith and the wonder of love. It's a reminder that when hope and forgiveness meet, miracles are always possible.

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is hosting a
Card Shower
for their
65th Anniversary ~ Dec. 11
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ABC PRESCHOOL
CHILI FEED & BAKE SALE
Monday, Dec. 18
During the Christmas On Us Drawing
Beginning at 5:30 p.m.
in front of Jaqua Abstract

Chili & Hot Apple Cider Meal \$3.00
Hot Apple Cider Only \$1.00

Also available will be a variety of baked goods for you to purchase your last minute Christmas Goodies!

Happy Birthday RJ !!!



Travis & Brooke

Trey & Sawyer

We have read it many times, but you never realize how true the words are until you are the one writing them! What a wonderful town we live in and how kind and gracious and giving are the people of St. Francis! So many people have reached out to Kary and our family in the loss of his father, Alvin Zweggardt. The number of cards, memorials, flowers, food, phone calls and kind words have been a little overwhelming but so appreciated. Thank you for caring for our family in such kind ways. Thank you to Salem Lutheran Church for the wonderful service and fellowship meal after the funeral that we know was a labor of love from you to Alvin. He would have been so pleased. Thank you to Pastor Chris Farmer for your visits to Alvin as well as words of comfort at the service. It was a blessing to have friends like John and Natalie Knodel caring for us and taking care of all the details so that we didn't have to. Thank you so much. Thank you to Gertie Zweggardt and Louanne Isernhagen for the wonderful music and Uncle Harvey for playing for Alvin one last time. We have been so blessed during a hard time. For each of you, for all you did, thank you and God bless you.
~ Kim and Kary Zweggardt, Jordan, Britt and Lauren