

\$1,000 drawing set for Monday

By Karen Krien

It is just days until Christmas and one lucky person will win \$1,000 in the big Christmas On Us giveaway on Monday.

The Christmas On Us drawing will be held in conjunction with the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce drawing. Santa will be on



Keller

hand at 5:30 p.m. in front of Jaqua Abstract to start the activities.

Rachael Keller, St. Francis, claimed a \$50 Instant Winner prize by matching her ticket number with the number in the Chamber's ad on page 1B. She said her ticket came from Bier's Hometown Store.

"This week we have eight new numbers the Christmas On Us ads on Pages 1, 2 and 3B," said Casey McCormick, advertising manager. "There are only six Instant Winner prizes left but we want everyone to have

a better chance to claim the remaining numbers."

The first six people to match their tickets will be the lucky winner. People are urged to check their numbers as soon as they get the paper and, if they are a winner, they need to bring it down to *The Herald* as quickly as possible (the deadline for claiming the Instant Winner tickets is noon on Monday).

"We have already given away around 32,000 tickets so that means there has already been \$320,000 spent in St. Francis,"

Mr. McCormick said.

Any Instant Winning scrip dollars not claimed by Monday at noon will be drawn for that evening.

Besides the \$1,000 grand prize, a second prize of \$100 will be drawn.

"This grand giveaway would not be possible if it were not for the St. Francis businesses who have supported the Christmas On Us promotion."

Those businesses who have offered specials and tickets through the season are:

- Bier's Hometown Store
- Cheyenne Bowl and Dairy King
- Goodell Greenhouse/ Garden Center
- Hilltop General Store
- Owens True Value
- Parkhill Restaurant
- St. Francis Super's
- Schultz's Ltd.
- Stuart's Jewelry
- St. Francis Equity
- The Saint Francis Herald
- Video Kingdom

Chamber gives away \$300 scrip

By Karen Krien

Monday will be a big day in St. Francis as the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce is starting off the day with the Treasure Hunt. Numbers have been distributed to 22 businesses and the new numbers will go up in stores and on windows.

Besides the 20 new numbers, there will also be the old numbers from Nov. 24. Those people who were unable to match their numbers during the Christmas opening will have a second chance.

This is the last day for Chamber businesses to give out chances for the three \$100 in scrip. The drawing

will be held at 5:30 p.m. that evening in front of Jaqua Abstract.

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

The ABC Preschool parents and teachers will be hosting a chili feed before, during and after the drawing of the Chamber money and the Christmas On Us big giveaway.

People are urged to eat while they wait!

Santa will be visiting with children at Bankwest following the drawing.

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Emergency system receives grant

By Sandy Barnhart

The Enhanced 911 emergency system was discussed at the Dec. 5 St. Francis City Council meeting but no decisions were made and probably won't be made until a grant is received.

Chief of Police Troy Gardner told the council that he had been notified that the Enhanced 911 system for the county will receive \$200,000 in grant money. Originally he had applied for \$378,000, but he thought the amount would be adequate to proceed with the system.

At an earlier council meeting, Chief Gardner had discussed the cost-share between the cities of St.

Francis and Bird City and the county. The dispatchers are now located in the city's power plant and, at the time the cost-share was established, the dispatchers were also used for power plant personnel. Presently the job is requiring 24-hour, seven-day-a-week employees.

St. Francis pays approximate \$140,000 a year to dispatchers in salary and benefits. The county contributes approximately \$9,000 and Bird City \$3,000.

The county claims 39 percent of the population; St. Francis, 48 percent; and Bird City, 13 percent. The

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DECORATING THE 12-FOOT tree were Bill and Tommie Peter.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Tall tree sparkles

By Karen Krien

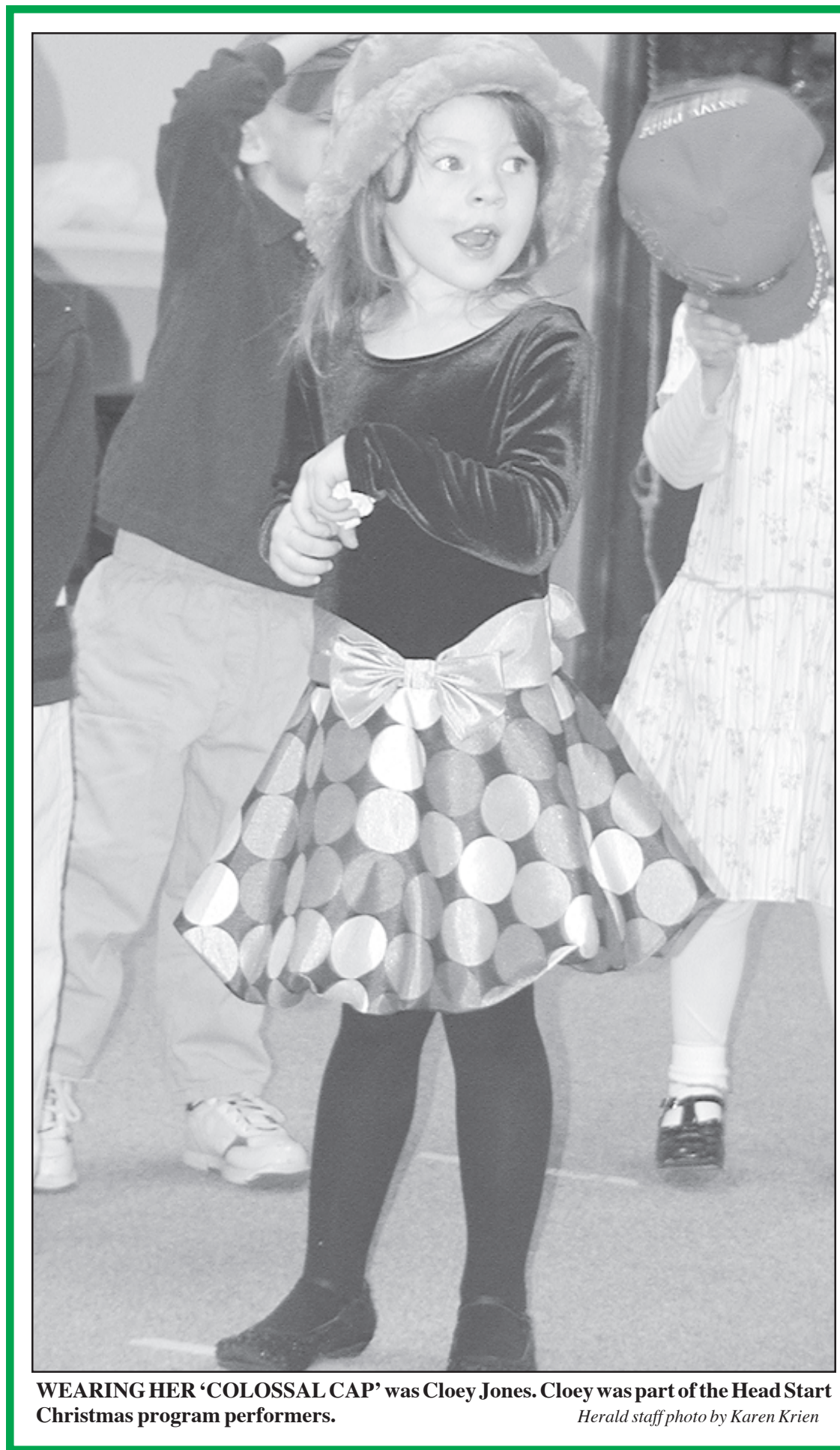
Not everyone has the room for a 12-foot Christmas tree but Bill and Tommie Peter, who live north of St. Francis on Roads RS and Q, have a great room with a 12-foot clearance.

Mrs. Peter said they bought the artificial tree three years ago. The red and white theme came to life after she had purchased a box of ornaments at Joe and Hilda Mlinek's garage sale.

Mixed with the starched white crochet snowflakes are sparkling plastic snowflakes. There are red ornaments, along with red apples and red bows. The white lights and the shining star on top are the finishing touches.

The tree is in four sections and the Peter's have found that it is much easier to put the star on the top section of the tree before it is erected.

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WEARING HER 'COLOSSAL CAP' was Cloey Jones. Cloey was part of the Head Start Christmas program performers.

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Sounds of music at Salem

The Christmas service at Salem Lutheran Church will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday. The church is located 8 miles northwest of St. Francis. Follow signs on U.S. 36 at road 9 or on K-27 at Road R.

This year's program is titled "Christmas in the Country — Candles, Bells and Carols."

Prelude music presented by the First United Methodist Church Handbell Choir and the Once Again Sound band begins at 4:30.

Other music for service includes: St. Francis Singers, Heartland Harmony Trio, Violin duets, Salem Lutheran Choir, a mass choir and congregational singing. The mass choir is open to all and participants will practice together one time only at Salem Lutheran at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Finger food, desserts and coffee will be served following the songfest in the church basement. This year's free-will offering will be given to local helping agencies.

The community is invited to attend the service of music and fellowship.

Chili served Monday

The ABC Preschool will be serving chili and cider before and during the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce and Christmas On Us drawing on Monday. The drawing starts at 5:30 p.m. in front of Jaqua Abstract on Washington Street.

The soup and cider will be sold as long as the supply lasts so plan to have a bowl of chili before the drawing and then following the drawing, shop the St. Francis businesses.

Junior high girls perform musical

The St. Francis junior high girls will be presenting their annual musical entitled "Adventures of a Comic Book Artist," on Tuesday. Show time is 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The play, written by Pat Lydersen with music by Wendy Woolf, takes place at the offices of Wonder Comics in present-day New York City.

Stanley Leonardo Sappovitz wants nothing more than to become a comic book artist and create heroes and villains for the comic books he loves so much. As the janitor at Wonder Comics, he anxiously awaits the day that his boss, D.C. Wunderman, will see his drawings and give him the chance to have his super heroes come alive on the printed page.

In an effort to revive her faltering company, Wunderman had ordered a set of magical pens guaranteed to bring to life any character drawn. When plans go awry and her staff of artists unknowingly create the dreaded super-villain, Dr. Shock Clock, it is up to Stanley to save the day with his own super heroes — charismatic but egotistical Star Guy, speedy Triple Time, environmentally correct Blossom, and cranky Wombat Woman!

Stanley's heroes battle Shock



MAGIC PENS created Wombat Woman. Pictured are (standing l to r) Aly Marin, Lexee Reichert, Ashlynn Lambert; sitting Kaitlin Figgins and Alyssa Lee.