

Christmas on Us hunt starts

Collect your tickets from the merchants participating in the Christmas on Us promotion and 10 lucky winners can collect \$50 instant prizes, a \$500 second place winner and a grand prize winner will collect \$1,000 in the Goodland Merchants "Christmas on Us" promotion that will spread a total of \$2,000 around to lucky shoppers over the next four weeks.

Be sure to collect your tickets at participating merchants, and you may be one of those who find your number hidden in the special merchant ads inside Friday's *The Goodland Star-News*.

Participating businesses are: Garcia's Home Furnishings and Appliance, Elliott's, Cowboy Corner Express, Jacque's Hallmark, Olde Westport Trading Company, Cochran Farm Supply, Gambino's Pizza, Casey's General Store and the Star-News.

Shoppers will have plenty of chances to win the \$50 "instant prizes" along the way with a new batch of numbers hidden in the ads published in each Friday's edition.

Participating businesses will hand out one ticket for every \$1 up to \$10 a customer spends, and one additional ticket for any portion over \$10 and for every \$10 over with a limit of 250 tickets per transaction.

If you ask at the Star-News office, we'll give you one free ticket each week. No purchase is required to win. If you buy a newspaper at the same time we will give you another ticket.

The customer takes half of each ticket and the other side is dropped into gift-wrapped collection boxes, which are emptied once a week into a large barrel. The Star-News staff will pick tickets each week and hide the winning numbers in "Christmas on Us" advertisements, which will run every Friday.

Winners have four days, until noon each Wednesday, to bring their tickets to The Star-News office, 1205 Main, and collect \$50 in scrip, which can be spent at participating businesses.

At least 10 of the \$50 instant prizes will be given out over four weeks, for a total of \$500. Eight winning numbers will appear in ads, which means eight shoppers have a chance to win up to \$400 with the prizes given out on a first come basis until all the prizes are gone. Numbers will appear on Nov. 25, Dec. 2 and Dec. 9. All of the \$50 instant winners will be given out during the month.

The grand prize drawing for \$1,000 and second prize for \$500 will be held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20, on 12th Street across from the Sherman Theater.

It's simple enough, but there are a few rules.

- You must be 18 to participate.
- Employees of participating businesses are not eligible at their workplace, but can collect tickets from other sponsors. Star-News employees and their immediate family are not eligible.
- All prizes will be awarded in scrip, which can be spent only at participating businesses.
- The last day to collect tickets is Monday, Dec. 19.
- Winners must be present at the grand prize drawing and be able to show their winning ticket.
- All winners agree to have their name and photo published in the Star-News. Winners of major prizes must provide their tax identification number, and agree to be interviewed and photographed for publication in the newspaper.
- Be sure to remind the clerk if you're not offered tickets. If that happens, you should get one extra ticket.

Cleaning up



City of Goodland employees removed graffiti from the side of the building at 1202 Main where Northwest Kansas Title Company Wednesday.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Nativity Scene going up



Northwest Technical College students from the carpentry and electrical programs put up the Nativity Scene around the Goodland Regional Medical Center. The larger than life figures were painted by local artists Connie Hatcher, Jeanette Foust and the

late Maxine Rauscher. Donations for maintenance of the scene can be sent to the Sherman County Community Foundation, Box 888, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

College receives grant for program

The Kansas Department of Commerce announced it has awarded \$500,000 in funding to six community and technical colleges – including Northwest Tech – under the Jobs and Innovative Industry Skills Training grant.

The institutions will use the money to develop innovative programs with private companies that need workers with specific jobs skills or to meet other industry training needs. Northwest Tech will receive \$57,000 to help develop online curriculum for the mobile app development course, said Diane Stiles, assistant vice president for academic affairs. She said the college received the full amount they requested for the program.

Northwest Kansas Technical College, working with Apple Inc.; Eagle Communication; Sparrow Development; Quark Studios; and New Age Wireless will use the money to train workers to become full-time mobile app developers. Individuals may train on-line and access training remotely, leading to IT jobs in rural Kansas.

"There are good companies in Kansas looking for workers, but those individuals must have the

right training and skill set," said Kansas Commerce Secretary Pat George. "This grant will focus funding on workforce training to fit the specific needs of companies looking to expand their business activities and create jobs."

The target for the money is high-growth, high-wage, and highly skilled occupations with higher than average job vacancy rates or projected growth rates.

The institutions receiving funds have created a plan that includes a strong partnership and alignment with industry and the public workforce system, and integrates the workforce priorities of the state.

"It's critically important to the economic recovery of Kansas that companies are able to find workers with the required skills, and this grant provides another way for individuals to acquire training and re-enter the workforce or advance in their careers," George said.

For more information, contact Kathy Hund, director of workforce training and education for the Department of Commerce, at (785) 296-0205 or khund@kansasccommerce.com.

corrections

The Goodland Star-News will correct any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at (785) 899-2338 to report errors. We believe that news should be fair and factual. We want to keep an accurate record and appreciate you calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

Sherman County accepting bids

Sherman County is currently accepting bids for the metal at the Transfer Station. For interest or questions, please contact the Sherman County Road & Bridge Department at (785) 890-4865. You may submit your bids to the Sherman County Clerk, 813 Broadway Room 102, Goodland, KS 67735.

ATTENTION: HEAVY TRUCK OWNERS

The Federal Government has made the 2290 form for Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax available to be mailed in. You can pick up a copy at the Sherman County Treasurer's Office. If you are an individual, you can no longer use your Social Security number, you must obtain an EIN. This form needs to be mailed to IRS, Cincinnati, Ohio 45999-0031 by November 30, 2011. There will be no charge completing this form by mail, as there was a charge to file online. You will need to bring a copy of the stamped/returned form to the Sherman County Treasurer's Office.

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The Festival of Gingerbread & Cowboy Christmas Ball

Sunday, Nov. 27 at Old Town (Burlington, Co.)

Featuring David Ball (Hits include 'Riding with Private Malone' and 'Thinkin' Problem')

2 p.m.-Festival of Gingerbread throughout Old Town buildings
5 p.m.-Wine Tasting featuring Worden Farms Grapes
6 p.m.-Dinner provided by The Post Bar & Grille

7 p.m.-Concert featuring David Ball

Tickets are \$40 for the wine tasting, meal, and concert and can be purchased from Ken Viken Agency-State Farm 719.346.8602 or Jenna at Zimbelman's Jewelry 719.346.8623. Tickets will be \$50 the day of the concert. Babysitting is available.