

* Angels chosen from tree

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 money left, the group likes to do something a little special. Last year Custom Trophy donated Red Devil T-shirts so all the school age kids got one.

This year, she said, the group would like to give all the angels a movie pass to Sunflower Cinema. Mrs. Hissong said it depends on whether there is enough money.

She said it is really great the clubs and other organizations are willing to donate to help out and that they are willing to give those extra things.

Anyone who is buying for an angel this year needs to have the gifts back to Fredrickson Insurance by next Wednesday.

Mrs. Hissong said that they can either be wrapped or not. The parents of the angels can pick up the gifts that day. If people can't get to the office, they can call at 475-2696 or 475-3883. The presents will be delivered on Saturday, Dec. 20.

"For some families," she said, "this is what really makes Christmas."

Dropping a line to Santa



MONDAY MORNING, kindergartners Adrienne Chambers, Cade Wurm and Madison Macfee from Oberlin Elementary School mailed letters to Santa Claus in front of Stanley Hardware.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Brandt

* Drawing to choose \$1,500 winner

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 nesses may not get tickets from their place of work.

Sponsors include Prairie Petals, Times Past Antiques, Fine Spirits Video/Unicel, Ward Drug Store, Raye's Grocery, Home Planning Center, Culligan Conditioning Co., Southwest Implement, Rocking R, Family Lumber and Construction, Frontier Motel, Ray Jewelry, Fidele

Electric and Woodcrafting, Hansen-Mueller, Decatur County Implement, R&M Service Center, Addleman Drug Store, Hansen's Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, the Carpet Center, the Dresser, Circuitech Electric, Dale's Fish 'N' Fun, Oberlin Mercantile Co., Just on Time, Countryside Veterinary Clinic and Stanley Hardware.

Women take home \$50

Two Oberlin woman became \$50 richer last week, one just before lunch on Thursday and the other Friday afternoon, when they claimed instant prizes in the Christmas on Us promotion from *The Oberlin Herald* and Oberlin merchants.

Roxie Pomeroy found ticket number 7007553 in the Southwest Implement ad. She got the ticket at the Carpet Center.

Mrs. Pomeroy said she would buy some food for the Decatur County Food Pantry and use some of the money on Christmas.

Helen Derby got her ticket at The Dresser. She found her number



Helen Derby R. Pomeroy

1142698 in the ad for R&M Service Center.

She said she plans to use the money to buy a gift basket and food for the food pantry.

This week's ads have six numbers hidden in them.

* Student cowboy wants to go professional when he turns 18 this summer

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The object of saddle bronc riding is to stay on the horse for eight seconds. You hang onto the rein, which is actually a rope. Then the rider has to rake his feet from the shoulders to the back of the horse, the more times, the better the score. There is also a better score if the rider gets his toes turned out. The higher the rider reaches up on the neck, the more he scores.

A good score for high school rodeo is 76 to 78 points out of 100. Chance said his best score was last year at Phillipsburg, where he got 76 points.

After saddle bronc riding for a few weeks, he started to ride bulls.

Chance's dad used to bull ride, so he had all of the equipment. He said he needed a bull rope, vest, chaps, a glove, a belt and a mouthpiece.

Chance said the mouthpiece is required for high school bull riders. In pro riding, it isn't required, but most cowboys wear them.

It is required during pro bull riding to wear a safety vest, he said, and some saddle bronc riders wear them, too.

He said there are six high school rodeos in the fall season, which starts in August and runs into October. Competition starts again in March and there are eight rodeos which run to the end of May. In June, the state finals are held in Topeka, and in July the nationals will be held in Wyoming.

Although Chance participates through the Kansas High School Rodeo Association, there is no team through the high school here. He said there are four students from Oberlin who compete. The other students include Rena Unger, Logan Glaze and Jamie Elwood.

All of the rodeos take place on Saturday and Sunday, which means a lot of time away from home. Chance can play in a football game Friday night and then leave for a rodeo. Each day is considered a separate competition, said Mrs. Harman.

Chance said he learned how to rodeo by watching films and just getting on and trying again. Last year, he wasn't doing very well with the bull riding, so he gave it up. He said he was wasting his money to continue with the bulls, but he might give it another try this year.

Entry fees are \$30 for a day or \$60 for the whole weekend. That doesn't include traveling expenses, food or a place to stay, which run about \$170 a weekend.

Chance won't turn 18 until May 27, which is when he plans on getting into the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. He said he has to pay for a membership card, although he didn't know how much and then he has to win so much money during the year to keep the card. If he doesn't make the money, then he will have to pay for the card again the following year.

He has already won some money in the Kansas Pro Rodeo Association and the Nebraska State Rodeo Association in the sum-

mer. He has a paid membership to both groups.

In Kansas, he has won \$1,000 and in Nebraska \$200. That still didn't pay his expenses for last year. He said his goal is to win enough to pay his expenses and make a little extra money.

Chance said he wants to continue to rodeo because it is fun, he likes it, and of course he wants to win.

Mrs. Harman said a cowboy can win big bucks on the pro circuit.

This summer, Chance said, he doesn't think he will be able to go to as many rodeos. He said he needs to work so he can earn the money to keep up in the sport.

Next year, Chance will be off to college and he plans to continue rodeoing. He is looking at either Fort Hays State or Garden City Community College. In college, he said, you compete with a team.

As a professional, a cowboy either competes by himself or with a partner.

Chance said he will be out selling calendars soon and trying to find sponsors for high school rodeo. He will also be starting to apply for scholarships.

When a cowboy goes pro, he said, they can find sponsors who will help pay for everything from equipment to entry fees.

Chance said when he goes pro, he plans on keeping up the saddle bronc riding, getting into team roping and possibly going back to bull riding.

Like many cowboys, Chance said he wants to compete at Cheyenne Frontier Days in Wyoming, which is one of the biggest rodeos, and at the Calgary Stampede in Canada. Mom added that she'd like to see him in Las Vegas, which is where the world champions are named.

Chance said someday he would like to be a world champion, but for now he is just working hard and waiting until May when he can go pro.

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