

Christmas on Us instant winners receive \$50 each

Four instant winners claimed \$50 "Instant Winner" prizes in scrip money this week in the Oberlin merchants' annual Christmas on Us contest.

The winners brought in tickets they received at sponsoring businesses by 5 p.m. on Friday to claim their prizes. In all, 10 instant prizes of \$50 each will be given out.

All a person has to do is match a ticket number in the ads for the sponsoring businesses in *The Oberlin Herald* each week in the special "Christmas on Us" section of the paper.

Winners this week were:

- Kristin Stragey with ticket No. 593458, which she got from Ampride. She said she plans to spend the money at Ward Drug Store or Prairie Petals on Christmas presents.

- Cindy Fowler, ticket No. 062198, which she got at Ward Drug Store. She said she didn't know where or how she would spend the money.

- Larry Mack, ticket No. 039005, from Goltl Home Planning Center. He said he plans to spend the prize money right there.

- Maxine Sauvage, ticket No. 025572 from Raye's Grocery. She said she plans to spend it at Raye's.

Shoppers have until Friday, Dec. 19, to collect tickets by shopping at sponsoring businesses. Shoppers get one ticket for every \$10 spent at a participating business. They can also get one ticket a week with no purchase from *The Oberlin Herald*

or the Oberlin-Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce.

At 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, the big drawing to determine the winner of the grand prize of \$1,200 and the first prize of \$300. The drawing is scheduled for the gazebo in Centennial Park unless the weather is bad. Then the drawing will be moved inside, to a place yet to be determined.

This year's sponsors include the LandMark Inn, Addleman Drug Store, Southwest Implement, Stellar Sales, Home Planning Center, Dale's Fish 'N' Fun, Ward Drug, Raye's, Stanley Hardware, Rocking R, Ultimate Fertilizer Co., R&M Service Center, Prairie Petals, Ampride, the Bank, A&W Drive In and D&M Sinclair Service, the Dresser, the NWKansasonline.com business directory and *The Herald*.

Employees of any of the sponsoring businesses are not eligible to get tickets at work. No one can get more than 250 tickets in any one transaction.

Employees of the newspaper and their immediate family members aren't eligible for any prize.

Winners must be present and have the ticket with them at the time of the drawing. All winners agree to be photographed and interviewed by the newspaper.

All of the prizes are paid in scrip that can be used at the sponsoring businesses only. No change will be given.



Santa listens to wishes

A KID AT HEART, Carrie Morford (above) sat on Santa's lap when he stopped to see kids at the Decatur County Courthouse on Friday night. Evan Dejmal, 2 1/2 (right), looked at Santa. Kids of all ages told the old gent what they wanted for Christmas and received a bag of candy provided by the Oberlin Lions Club.

—Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis



Jennings woman wins football contest

Mary Kinser of Jennings won the grand prize for *The Oberlin Herald's* annual Pigskin Pick-Em contest this year.

This contest gives people the opportunity to select the winners of high school, college and professional football games each week.

Ms. Kinser picked 82 of the possible 96 winners over the 12 weeks of the contest.

Each week, a first place winner got \$15 in scrip, second \$10 and third place, \$5.

Last year's grand prize winner, Todd Ketterl of Traer, came in right behind Ms. Kinser, picking 78 winners.

Ms. Kinser will receive \$50 in scrip and a trophy for her victory.

All prize money in the contest must be picked up by Friday, Dec. 26, and spent by Wednesday, Dec. 31.

This year's sponsors of the Pigskin Pick-Em contest included Wagner Chevrolet, Buick, Pontiac, and Cadillac of McCook, Farm Credit of Western Kansas, Ward Drug Store, Raye's Grocery, the LandMark Inn, Home Planning Center, Fredrickson Insurance Agency, Farm Bureau Financial Services and *The Oberlin Herald* and the *Country Advocate*.

Activities abound in Oberlin on Sunday

If you're looking for something to do Sunday, take your pick of a soup lunch and Christmas Tree tour, a homes tour and a concert — or attend all three.

The day starts with a soup lunch and Christmas Tree tour at the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum.

The tour will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a soup lunch in the Bohemian Hall. People will get a chance to look at all of the decorated trees.

The lunch will be served for a donation. During the event, the group Faith, Hope and Charity will sing.

Anyone who can't make it to the opening can see the trees from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. from Tuesday, Dec. 9, to Thursday,

Dec. 18.

At 2 p.m., the Decatur Professional Women's Holiday Home Tour will start from the museum. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Dresser, the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce, *The Oberlin Herald* and from members of the group.

Houses on the tour include Tom and Barbara Mullen, Anita Ketterl, the Good Samaritan Center and a mystery house.

After the tour, everyone is invited to the United Church for dessert.

That night, the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission will present a performance by the Oberlin Area Concert Band, along with Joel Shaw and Lonnie McEvoy. It starts at 7 p.m. at the high school.

student of the week



Name: Amanda Edmiston

Parents: Steve and Christine Edmiston

Grade: 12

Age: 17

We've nominated this student because: Amanda is a hard worker. She moved into our school just last year and immediately looked for ways to get involved and be a part of things. Amanda shows respect for herself, her peers, her school, her community and school staff. She has set high, but realistic goals for her fu-

ture and has the determination to follow through with those goals.

Student Comment: This is such an honor. I'm so proud that someone noticed that I'm trying hard to be involved in the community. I want to thank my teachers, family and people in the community. **Activities involved in at school:** Kayettes, Manager in Volleyball.

My choice of movies, books, and games: Book: *The Color Purple*. I love to play cards.

After I leave Decatur Community High School I intend to ...: Go to McCook Community College for 2 years and get transferred to Fort Hays University. I will major in education.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be ...: A teacher here in Decatur. I want to be happy, successful and be close to my family.

Favorite Quote: "Education is the Key to Success."

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Name: Cheyanne Soderlund

Parents: Gene and Cheryl Soderlund

Grade: 8

Age: 13

We've nominated this student because: Cheyanne is a remarkable student. She is motivated, goal focused, consistently seeking and striving to improve. She is the epitome of a great student and a delight to have in class.

Student Comment:

Thank you so much! I feel really good that a teacher feels that way about me! And I am honored to be Student of the Week.

Activities involved in at school: Volleyball, Cheerleading, Basketball.

My choice of movies, books, and games: Favorite movies are *Mama Mia* and *Baby Mama*. Games: Rockband and I love playing volleyball. Books: A lot.

After I leave Decatur Community High School I intend to ...: Go to college and become a veterinarian.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be ...: I think I will be going to college and trying to become a veterinarian.

Favorite Quote: I don't really have a quote but I always try to do the best and be happy.

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5:30 P.M.

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