



**BUSINESS OPENS — Bud and Lounie Erskin have opened Majestic in the original building on U.S. 36.**  
Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

## Highway business re-opens

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Bud and Lounie Erskin, owner of Majestic Service Station, has relocated the business back to where it originally was on west U.S. 36, St. Francis.

Mr. Erskin bought the Majestic on July 1, 1986, where he ran a gas station and repaired cars, trucks and semi trucks. But, in 1995, he was offered a deal that he said he couldn't refuse and took it!

He moved the station to River Street where he continued to do mechanic work, sold tires and also took on the U-Haul dealership.

The people who purchased the U.S. 36 building did some remodeling and took out the old buried gas tanks but eventually went out of business. Recently, the property went up for sale and, in June, Mr. Erskin purchased it again.

He has replaced windows, put in new dropped ceilings and cleaned up the front where he plans to put in

a convenience store. He has painted the roof and put a new awning in the front. Eventually, the "Majestic" sign will go back up.

He has already moved his tools and equipment to the mechanic shop in the back and he is repairing cars, trucks and semi trucks, replacing and selling tires, doing service and engine work. His equipment is set up and he will be able to work on electronic equipment as well as air conditioners.

"If it has four wheels, I can fix it! If it has two wheels, I can fix it! If it has no wheels, I can fix it!" he said. He says he will also repair lawnmowers and other small machinery but notes that he is looking for more mechanics.

When the gas pumps are installed, Mr. Erskin said there will be a full-family service island where people can get their gas pumped and windows washed. He said he will also be expanding his tire sales by carrying more tires.

Dirt is being hauled in and the back lot is being turned into needed truck parking. The station will have a lounge and showers for trucks.

Mr. Erskin said the building is still being remodeled and cleaned but he wants people to know that the vehicle repair shop is open and he has tires to sell with more coming in. Just stop by and talk to him or call him at 785-332-2905 to set up an appointment.

He hopes to have the convenience store and gas service up and going as soon as the gas tanks are in and pumps are up.

## Official enrollment count down nine from last year

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When it came time to take the official school enrollment count, there were nine less St. Francis students compared to last year. Last September, there were six more students than the year before.

On Sept. 20, the date for the official enrollment count, there were

320 students enrolled in the Sainty schools. Last year at this time, there were 329 students.

There were 35 seniors graduating in 2007. However, there are only 19 kindergarten students this year; six less students.

It is hard to predict the number of students each year. For instance, when school started last year, there

were 25 students but, when school began this year, there were 30 students in first grade. With 30 students in first grade, the administration began making arrangements for part-time teachers to come in.

Rob Schiltz, superintendent, reported that the school will be in good shape budget wise as schools are given three ways of figuring the budget: 1) current year's number; 2) three-year average; and 3) using last year's enrollment figures. The St. Francis school budget was figured using last year's enrollment figures.

The grade school has a total of 158 students this year with the biggest class being the first grade class with 30 students. The junior high has 60 students and the high school has 102 students, 13 students less than 2006-2007. The junior class has 33 students, making it the largest class in the school.

### Cheylin Schools

Superintendent David Zumbahlen reported the official Cheylin enrollment is 145 students, compared to the 2006 official enrollment of 147 students.

The new dairy which opened in September helped the enrollment by bringing in 17 new students.

Last year, there were 15 seniors and this year there are 13 seniors. There are six students in the kindergarten class. The largest class in the school is the freshman class with 18 students.

Cheylin has a combined first and second grade class with Kathy Weber teaching the grades. However, she has a student teacher and an aide this year to help with the students.

Cheylin also has an "English As A Second Language" instructor to help with any language barriers that might occur in the school.

## Veteran meeting set for Tuesday

American Legion Post 137 will host a meeting for all veterans and their families who wish to learn more about their earned Veterans Administration benefits at 11:20 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2. Veterans and their family members who have specific questions regarding their veterans benefits are urged to attend the meeting which will be held at the St. Francis Senior Center, 322 W. Washington.

The country's largest veterans service organization, The American Legion assists more veterans and their dependents in filing for benefits through service in the Armed Forces than any other group or organization. American Legion members authored the original GI Bill of Rights during World War II and have pioneered

many veterans programs including compensation for veterans exposed to radiation and Agent Orange and investigating Gulf War Syndrome.

The Oct. 2 meeting is part of the Legion's annual American Legion Veterans Affairs Tour when State and District officers visit each of the over 330 American Legion Posts throughout Kansas.

### -St. Francis News-

Erna Schlepp enjoyed having Jack and Sheila Davis of Denver visit her over the weekend. Saturday afternoon, while spending time at her apartment, Erna also enjoyed visits from Edna Zimbelman and Ed, Donna Zimbelman, Betty Winston and Carl and Connie Williams.

Sylvia Queen was a Monday and Tuesday visitor of LaVera Beringer. Gertie Zwegardt and Dorothy Orth visited LaVera on Wednesday while Joan Knodel was a Friday visitor and Victor Zwegardt, a Saturday visitor.

### — Odd Facts —

- The name Jeep came from the abbreviation used in the army for the "General Purpose" vehicle, G.P.

- The highest point in Pennsylvania is lower than the lowest point in Colorado.

- The only two days of the year in which there are no professional sports games (MLB, NBA, NHL, or NFL), are the day before and the day after the Major League All-Star Game.

- Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

### The City is taking a Poll!

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By Tracie Peterson

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a way, but Mia has always had a way with words.

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204 W. Quincy ~ Contact: Ron Maifeld 785-332-3133

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- Increasing Your Personal Power at Work
- Four Keys to Maximum Parenting
- Wise Moves with Money in your Marriage
- Connecting with the Heart of your Wife
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- Bringing Out the Best in your Children
- Strengthening Communication with the Woman You Love
- A new View of Work
- Resolving Conflict and other Relational "Static"
- A Lifetime Game Plan for Raising Sons and Daughters
- Love Languages that Connect You & Your Wife
- Discovering Personality Distinctives for Yourself & Your Family
- Best Practices of Successful Men
- Developing Long-Term Winning Strategies at Work & at Home