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We have signature drinks, Mrs. Zwegardt said. The favorite is the Kansas Wind Storm which includes white chocolate and caramel.

They will also be offering breakfast and lunch from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. On Saturdays, they are open only for breakfast and coffee drinkers from 8 to noon.

They are also giving people – adults, teens and children – a place to go after high school sporting events or the movie. They will open on Fridays from 8:30 to 11 p.m. and will be serving desserts and coffee.

We like being open on Friday evenings, she said, because we have time to visit with the people who come in. We are both people persons and enjoy being with people.

The Zwegardts are firm believers in helping small businesses and in buying supplies in the area. The flour they use comes from Hudson Cream Flour, a company in Stafford, the meats come from Rattlesnake Ridge Ranch, St. Francis; Anita Pochop, McDonald, supplies eggs; Manna Bakery, Goodland, supplies fresh, unique breads, Lost Trail sodas come from Lewisburg, mustard and homemade jellies come from Mary's Mustard, Protection.

With these supplies and others purchased locally, they will be serving breakfast specials which can include breakfast sandwiches and burritos, and biscuits and gravy. Lunch includes a selection of hot and cold sandwiches including panini and wraps accompanied by special salads, chips or deviled eggs. There will also be a different soup each day which is served with a crusty roll or corn bread. They plan to offer a special each day.

Mrs. Zwegardt likes baking. She traveled to Garden City where she did a mini internship with a bakery. She will be baking a variety of



KIM ZWEYGARDT makes a cup of espresso coffee. In the future, they plan to purchase another espresso machine to keep up with the demand. Mrs. Zwegardt wears a special Gwendolyn Allis apron. Part of the proceeds from the apron purchase goes to Alzheimer's disease research.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

cupcakes. On Friday, she baked St. Francis football cupcakes.

"I like doing that," she said.

The coffee shop has new chairs, recovered table tops and a big round table with brightly painted chairs with new coverings on the seats. In the front, there are two comfortable chairs for people to just sit and visit. They can also use Wifi by signing in.

They are in the process of re-

modeling a room in the back which will hold 16 to 20 people. It can be used as a meeting room, special parties or even prayer meetings. It will be equipped with a television and DVD player.

Besides food and drink, the Zwegardts will have art displays, some which will be for sale. Kim's special glassware, PT Coffees, Mary's Mustards and Jellies, and unique Pocha soaps which are made by a

man in Atwood.

Kim or Kary will generally be in the shop. Kary will still be able to run Zero's, a place where kids go after school. Kim plans to continue working as an anesthetist.

"I love what I do," she said.

But, she also loves preparing food. Cooking, she said, relieves stress and allows me to be creative.

On days that she has an appointment, she is up at 5:30 a.m. cooking for the day. She leaves instructions for Kary and the girls and goes to work. That afternoon, she is back, making soup because, most soup, she said, tastes better the next day.

There will be special promotions including a Cuppa Joe Espresso coffee card, Saintry Indian coffee cards and a cupcake card. The person buying nine cups of coffee or cupcakes, will receive the 10th free. They also have gift certificates.

For more information, make a reservation or call for takeout, the phone number is 785-332-3800.

Club Clip

Red Hat Mamas

On Oct. 18, as a flock of geese overhead were heading to their warmer destination, so were the Bird City/McDonald Red Hat Mamas heading south to Goodland for the exquisite lunch prepared by Jeannie Schields at her stately rural home. Catrin, a farming exchange young lady from Sweden, was the attentive hostess in the Moroccan image inlaid dining room. The elegant table setting added with superb food provided a relaxed dining experience.

Erma Deeds spoke of many features during the guided tour. The original home was built in 1948 by Fred and Darlene Schields with a GI loan, which meant among other requirements that the floor must be of one inch oak and would have no carpet. Many trips were made to Pueblo, Colo., to get the bricks for the mason to build the shop

and later the house. Completion of the shop was necessary so that iron bending could be done for the arches in the house. In lieu of insulation, the outside walls are three bricks thick.

Earl Elliot and Bob Galloway supervised the project of this elaborate farmstead. Elliott Braun hand sanded all the steps. The brick well house is now home to Jeb and Hootie, the Persian cats. Earl and Bob also built the dog house which is an exact replication of the main English Tudor home. Another clone of the house, in a smaller version, can be found in East Denver.

Members attending were: Bonnie Burr, Vernetta Haack, Beverly Higgins, Diane Kribs, Iris McIntosh, Carol Mears, Lois Morelock, Edna Roesener, Margaret Voorhies, LaVina Waters, Phyllis Wingfield and Marlene Young.

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team placed 30th in the state. His second year as head coach, the team placed second in the state where Gabel was honored with the 5A Coach of the Year Award.

His third year they placed seventh in the state, and last year his team took a third place finish at the state tournament. In the four years that he has been the head wrestling coach, he has had 16 state placers and/or champions, two two-time state champions, five High School National All-Americans, one Senior National third place All-American, and six Fargo National All-Americans.

Because of these accomplishments, his positive contributions to the sport of wrestling after high school graduation, and his display of positive character and values, Mr. Gabel is being awarded the Kansas Wrestling Hall of Fame Award this Saturday in Salina.

Gabel said he believes that athletics, coaching and life are summed up in a couple of sentences: "You have to be willing to sacrifice to achieve something great! Staying strong in your faith in the Lord and trusting His lead in your life will always be worth while."

When asked about receiving this award, Gabel said, "I would like to give credit first of all to my Lord and Savior." He also added that he cred-

its his wife, RudiLee, and daughters for pushing him to be a better father, husband, man and coach.

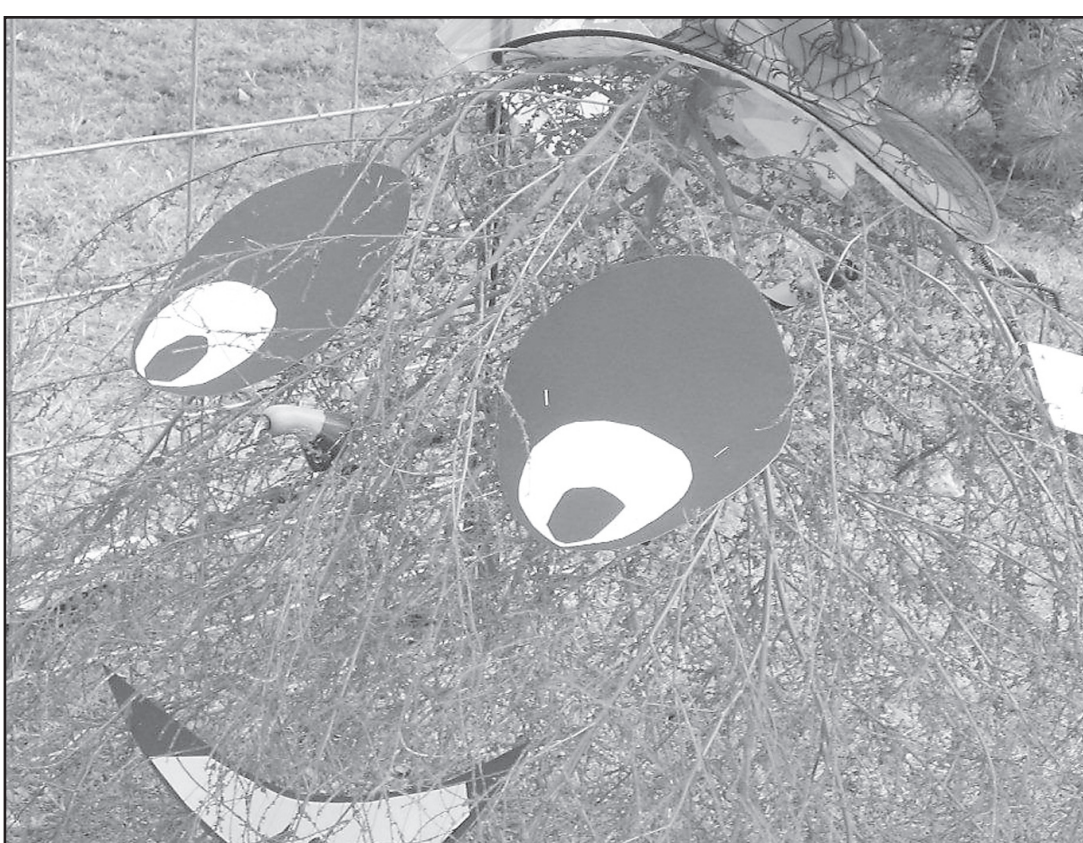
My father, Larry Gabel, was not only the best head coach a wrestler I could have, Billy said, but an amazing father, leader and best friend.

"My mother, Beth, has always been the most supportive and encouraging person in my life," he said. "My sister, Brandi Jones, never left the side of the mat as I achieved my goals and her support and love never wavered. My brother, Dr. Kelly Gabel, who is the best brother and best friend anyone could ask for."

Gabel said he recognizes the community of St. Francis and all those who supported him. "I owe you so much. Thank you all for being such an amazing part of this journey. Every one of you shares a part in this award."

Gabel's wife, Dr. Rudilee D. Gabel, obtained her PhD in Educational Leadership this past summer and is a college professor and high school teacher. They have two daughters, Gia (2 years) and Zoe (newborn).

Billy is the son of Larry and Beth Gabel, Colby. Larry Gabel was the head wrestling coach in St. Francis for 32 years. In 2005, Larry received the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame Award and just last year was inducted into the Kansas Activities Association Hall of Fame.



THE HAIGLER TUMBLEWEED contest found this people eater was the winner. Creating the monster was the Keeler family of Laird. Donations raised for the Haigler Cornerstone Museum totaled \$1,000.

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Council approves mailing bills

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The St. Francis City Council met on Oct. 10 with Miguel Fernandez who had more information about the proposed skate park.

Miguel said he had looked up ramps online, both plans for making them and cost of pre-made models. He said that wood ramps would be a better choice instead of metal or concrete for safety and also for use by both skate boards and bicycles. The council was concerned about the durability of wooden ramps and asked if there was a protective covering or paint that was used to make them last longer.

After much deliberation, the council also decided the swimming pool would be a better location for the skate park, worrying that parents wouldn't allow children to cross the highway to go to the roadside park..

Mr. Fernandez will return next meeting for further discussion.

Bills to be mailed

City clerk Glorianne Milne asked that the council allow utility bills to be mailed to customers from now on. This would create a uniform way for customers to know how much their bill is each month and would actually create less work as now different customers received their bill in a variety of ways. Even though this is expected to cost \$361 a month, the time saved from answering phones and delivering bills should make up for it. The council agreed to have the bills be mailed.

Ms. Milne said that a new drop box and new location are also need-

ed, as the current box leaks and a drive-thru for it would be helpful for customers in bad weather.

Scout Hut

The weather is getting cooler and clear coat seal on the siding of the Scout Hut needed to be applied. J.R. Landenberger, city superintendent, reported that city employees will put it on. At this point, the council reviewed the bids they had received for pouring the concrete. The first one was from TJ Improvements for \$2,716, the second from Troy Porter for \$3,500 and the third from Chris Doyle for \$3,069. Each bid had a few variances in how they would do it, but they weren't that far apart, councilman Roger Jensen noted. The council approved Doyle's bid.

Ordinance 580

Mr. Day said he had made the previously discussed changes to the wording in the event permit to sell cereal malt beverages. All permits would need approval from the council and the charge would be \$125, \$100 going to the city and \$25 going to the state. Councilman Bruce Swihart asked police chief, Shane Guggenmos, about his experience with beer gardens and he said, it just depends. It could go off without a hitch or be really bad. The council voted and adopted the ordinance.

Web page

In new business, council member Carla Lampe said that at the economic development meeting, it was noted that the www.stfranciskansas.com website had not been updated in over a year. She said she would like to contact someone to update

the site on a more regular basis and that maybe a sub-committee is needed for this. She said she had contacted Jason Padgett about it. Mrs. Lampe also thought Jennifer Hoffman said she could update it, but she would need someone to gather the information to post. The council will discuss it further at the next meeting.

Building permits

As per Shawn Straub's previous application to put up a new garage, Mr. Schultz said he had conferred with Mr. Landenberger and taken a look at the property again. He said it looked like the water runoff would go onto Mr. Straub's backyard and not be a problem for the city or any neighbors. The council decided to grant the building permit, with the provision that both neighbors sign off on the permit as well.

Attorney report

Mr. Day said he'd attended meetings in Wichita and said economic development is a hot topic all over the state and that he had learned a lot of things that could be applicable here as well. He said the city needs to work on a comprehensive written economic plan.

Council comments

Council member Paula Keller said that the Theater Committee had discussed advertising for local business running before the trailers at movies. She said this could generate income but could be a liability if someone tried to run political or religious messages. The council discussed it and ultimately approved the idea.

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