

# Bed and Breakfast to open in Sainty

By Karen Krien  
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Almost 7 years ago, Carl and Kate Jenkins bought the big two-story house on 110 E. Spencer in St. Francis. The first of May, they opened it up as a bed and breakfast.

Kate said they purchased the house because they have four sons with families (12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild).

"We love it when they come to visit," she said, "but with their busy lives, that isn't as often as we would like, so we decided to invest some time and money to make the rooms available to those who enjoy the bed and breakfast experience."

Carl and Kate had traveled throughout the United States and had spent a number of nights in bed and breakfast establishments. They know what makes a good bed and breakfast.

Now, they have this big, beautiful house. Kate has a passion for decorating and Carl enjoys construction - "A marriage made in heaven," she said.

"Whatever I can think up, Carl can make it happen," she said.

Married almost 40 years, Kate said they have always made a good team in whatever they have done.

"We love our old house and enjoy entertaining and sharing it with others," Kate said.

In the time we have been here, she said, we are aware that the house is happiest when it is full of happy people and that's the way we like it best, too.

Carl did all the re-wiring and put in all new plumbing.

"It was a laborious job and very time consuming," Kate said, "but worth the effort."

The most difficult thing in getting the bed and breakfast up and running, Kate said, was working non-stop for months on end to meet the deadline while having other jobs. For Kate, it was the clutter, dust and chaos!

Carl, she said, is to be commended - he just kept plodding along making it happen. We were so thankful for our sons that came down over a weekend and helped with yard work and finishing projects.

A brand new bathroom was created from the space that originally was a second staircase to the upstairs. They were able to open up the new bathroom to The Boudoir room, but, when the Boudoir is not rented and the other two are, they can open both bathrooms so both rented rooms have their own baths.

That, Carl said, was challenging. There is a 3-foot crawl space between the kitchen ceiling and the bathroom floor. He used the crawl space to install the plumbing and electricity.

The bed and breakfast has three spacious rooms including "The Summerset," "The Garden View" and "The Boudoir."

The Summerset is decorated with earth-tone colors and cherry-wood furnishings. It features a fireplace, a queen-sized four-poster bed and a table with two chairs for coffee or workspace. This room shares a bath in the hallway with The Garden View room.

The garden room is decorated in a country style with touches of garden whimsy. It features a queen-sized bed and has a daybed for an extra person. Coffee can be shared at a table surrounded by two tufted wing-backed chairs.

The Boudoir room is a room with an attitude, Kate says. It is decorated in a French black, white and red theme. It has a queen-sized bed and access to the balcony where guests can enjoy a quiet visit or their morning coffee. This room has a private bath with a stained glass window and red claw-foot tub.

The rooms have television with DVD players (there is a library of movies), internet and access to coffee, tea, water and a small refrigerator.

Guests will want to check in before 4:30 p.m. as there is afternoon tea with homemade cookies. In the mornings, guests will wake up to the smell of coffee or hot tea.

A breakfast, served on china, is worth getting up for.

"We love to set a beautiful table and serve good food," she said. "We will be featuring food items from the area such as farm-fresh eggs, fresh jellies,



KATE JENKINS sets the table at the Spencer House Bed and Breakfast.

Times staff photo by Karen Krien

and meats from our local farms. Breakfast can be served in the formal dining room or, in warm weather, on the wrap-around porch. Those needing to leave early can request a continental breakfast.

It should be noted that room rates are set with or without breakfast.

Spencer House will be featuring a "A Day Away Stay" for women.

Ladies can come on their own, or book all three rooms for a day away time with their best friends, sisters, etc. to spend time together or celebrate a special event.

Day-Away stays are scheduled during the week and include afternoon tea, pillow-top chocolates, and the chance to sleep in the next morning with brunch being served instead of breakfast.

The Jenkins will offer a spa pack-

age with this stay for those who want extra pampering. Fresh flowers, balloons, and gift baskets can be ordered to make this stay extra special.

"It is a great rest-and-relaxation time for a busy woman's life," Kate said. "This would make the perfect Mother's Day gift!"

### Reservations

To reserve a room or two or three, the Jenkins suggest reserving early. "We may require a two-night minimum on weekends during special events," Carl said.

For more information, call 785-332-2531 or e-mail thespencerhousebandb@yahoo.com. Or, check out the bed and breakfast's facebook page at The Spencer House Bed and Breakfast.

## South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

A memorial service will be held for Lester and Pearl Powell, at the McDonald Senior Center, May 5th at 1:00 p.m.

Kathy Banister went with the Cheylin music group Friday to Wichita for State Contest. They all returned home Saturday.

Joe and Charlene Kramer helped Katia Kramer celebrate her 3rd birthday Friday evening. Guests of the Kramers were Dennis and Elda Kramer and girls, and Ryan and Diane Shay and family. They all enjoyed Doras cake.

Tom and Kelly Dewey, Tru and Tayten, Barb Morton, and Garrett and Donna Binning, Porsha, Bianca, and Jazzmin all attended the Goodland Youth Track and Field Meet Saturday.

Tayten, Tru, Porsha, Bianca, and Jazzmin were all participants in the meet.

Tom and Kelly Dewey and children, and Craig and Barb Morton enjoyed a picnic at the park Sunday after church.

Bethel Goldl attended the funeral of Doug Hempler Saturday afternoon in Bird City.

### McDonald News

A memorial service for Lester and Pearl Powell will be held Saturday, May 5th at the Senior Center in McDonald.

Marlene Johnson was a Friday evening and supper guest of Brian and Connie Sabatka.

Janice Antholz, Becky Antholz, and Cristi Antholz traveled to Tribune Saturday for the track meet.

Gilbert and Janice Antholz called on Mr. and Mrs. Gene Koons, Roy Koons, and Aunt Irene Hopkins Sunday afternoon.

## City council discusses summer help and other summer work plans at meeting

The Bird City City Council met on April 2 where they discussed temporary summer help, and other summer work plans.

Councilman Dennis Wright reported that he talked to the city treasurer regarding what funds were available for the hiring of temporary summer help for the maintenance department. Mayor Troy Burr said they need to decide what the city needs a summer helper to do, whether the employee should be hired for a certain number of hours, per job, etc.

Brad Schneider, city supervisor, said he needs someone to clean the pool, to help with recycling and the park, painting curbs, and asphalt. He said he needed someone strong to help with the asphalt as it will need to be mixed and applied.

Councilman Frank Serrano said Mr. Schneider needs Pam

Stevens to clean the pool each day, as she had done it in the past and does a good job. Mr. Schneider said Ms. Steven is the only person, besides himself, that can clean the pool correctly.

Councilman Shannon Ambrosier asked why the daily cleaning of the pool is not left up to the pool manager and/or the lifeguards. He said that cleaning the pool should automatically be a part of their job description.

Councilman Wade Carmichael said they have left the pool cleaning responsibilities to the pool staff in the past and they did not do it, or if they did, it was not done correctly. Mr. Ambrosier said that Mr. Schneider was able to teach a previous teenage summer helper to clean the pool before so he couldn't understand why he couldn't teach the pool manager and/or the lifeguards.

Mr. Carmichael said whether

they hire Pam or a lifeguard the city will still be paying someone to clean the pool for an hour a day so the expense will be the same.

Mr. Serrano moved to authorize the Pool Committee the discretion to hire one person to clean the pool each day and the motion carried 3-1.

The council agreed to empower the mayor and Councilman Wright to make the decisions regarding the hiring of a temporary maintenance employee. The position will be offered for up to 400 hours and the pay scale will be from minimum wage up to \$10 per hour.

### Asphalt funding

Discussion turned to what funds are available for the entire curb, guttering, apron, and asphalt projects Mr. Schneider

would like to try to complete this summer. Mayor Burr instructed him to start with no more than \$2,000 worth of gravel for asphalt and then the Council will decide how to proceed after that.

### Sterilizing instead of trimming

Councilman Ambrosier suggested sterilizing some of the areas around town prone to weeds. He said the ground is sterilized a few inches around poles, fencing, signs, etc, weed-eating the areas would take a lot less time. He also suggested placing 3/4-inch rock under and around the water tower, well houses, lift station, etc, to help minimize mowing needs which would save money in the long run. No decision was made.

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County Treasurers Office  
will be closed to public  
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April 16 - May 4

to practice/test for the new system  
being implemented by the state  
on May 1st-7th

May 1-7 my office will not be able  
to do motor vehicle or drivers license  
business. The systems will be down to  
convert the data to the new system.

I apologize for any inconveniences  
this may cause.

Dolores Jenik, County Treasurer