

New business offers paint and more

By Karen Krien

There is another business at the corner of Jackson and Quincy streets. Paints Plus, owned and operated by Leslie Hook, is one of the businesses located in the Jackson Street Mall.

Paints Plus offers paints and much more than just a paint store. Besides Valspar, a lifetime paint rated number one in the Consumer Report, she will also be carrying Glidden paints. Glidden offers "Color at Home," a computer program which lets the customer see the results before the brush is ever dipped in the paint.

The customer can bring in a digital photo of a room or house and the colors of paint are imposed with a brush of the computer's paint brush.

If a customer doesn't have a digital camera, Paints Plus does and will either loan it to the customer or Mrs. Hook will go to the home and take the pictures. The customer, after the disk has been loaded with the pictures, can either take it home to their computer to work with it in their spare time or the computer at the shop can be used. Mrs. Hook is always willing to take the time to help.

"This way, the customer can see if the color they are thinking about will really look good with their furniture or on the outside of their house," she said.

"With a click of the button, the customer can change the total look of the room and, if the customer is wondering if they would like a different color of couch, that can also be changed on the computer image.

"The Glidden line also allows the customer to match any paint, whether it has been discontinued or was made by another company," she said. "The Match-Rite" computer color match will also match any color."

For instance, if the customer has a certain color in their couch, bed spread or drapes that they want to match, Match-Rite can match it if there is a swatch the size of a quarter.

Mrs. Hook noted that she has a record of what colors of paint have been bought at Bandel's as well as the new shop so people will not have to worry about losing the paint numbers or colors.



LESLIE HOOK shows how the new program "Color at Home" works.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

The "rage" today is faux (pronounced "foe") painting. Mrs. Hook has samples of many faux techniques and has the materials, equipment and know-how to produce these effects.

Mrs. Hook and her husband Eric owned Bandel Home Center and carried the paint lines before the business closed around the end of the year so the paint business is something Mrs. Hook knows about.

She is also an avid decorator and antique collector. She has refinished many antiques and while in the former business, she had discovered Howard Antique Refinishing line which allows people to restore antiques and other furniture without

removing the finish. However, those wanting to remove everything and completely refinish a piece of furniture can find all they need to do the job at Paints Plus.

"We have everything it takes for the project from the start to the finish," she said.

The business also carries exterior stains and finishes, has available a line of wall coverings and paneling and some wallpaper books. The patio furniture has arrived and, while it is waiting to be sold, it makes a great place to sit and browse through the decorating publications Mrs. Hook has on hand.

In the future, she plans to have workshops conducted by techni-

cians from the different paint companies. Those interested in attending a workshop should contact Mrs. Hook, letting her know what kinds of workshops they are interested in.

Mrs. Hook feels that the new paint shop works well with the antique mall which adjoins it. While the customer is shopping for paint and a new look, they might find just the accent piece or furniture that will complete the picture.

She welcomes people to just stop by and see what is in the new shop, see the new painting techniques and how the computer helps the decorator. Shop hours are: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 to 5 on Saturday.



RANDY DINKEL moves bags of feed at the Mill and Seed.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Local business has new owners

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Mill and Seed, 300 W. Emerson, St. Francis, has new owners.

Randy and Susan Dinkel recently purchased the business from Susan's uncle Bob Dorsch. The business has been in the family since 1970.

The Dinkels will be handling many of the products and services provided before, plus they have added several new items including a line of pet supplies such as dog food, biscuits, chew bones and cat litter, just to name some.

Feed is purchased through ADM and Alliance Nutrition Feeds. There are feeds for cattle, horses, chickens, swine, sheep and they will also stock a special show feed and milk replacer and colostrum.

They will still be cleaning seeds, rolling and mixing feeds to meet the rancher's needs and delivering bulk feeds along with grass drilling. They have signed on with Garst and NC+ Hybrid seeds and can get just about any seed.

"We would like to provide more farm supplies including fencing supplies," Mr. Dinkel said.

The business will also cater to the horse lover by providing tack, some vet supplies, feeds and horse tubs.

"I will carry some vet supplies for other livestock, too, but not a lot as the shelf-life is limited and I really don't want to compete with someone (veterinarian) who knows a lot more about it than I do," he said.

A product the Mill and Seed carries that few people are aware of is mini cubes for water softeners.

Spring is coming. There will be some informational meetings and it is about time for farmers to place their orders for chickens, ducks, pheasants, chockers, quail and quineas.

Randy, who came to St. Francis in 1997 to work for Yost Ford-Mercury, was raised on a farm near Sharon Springs and knows the needs of farmers. Susan has also been around the farming community much of her life. They will be looking for every way to provide service and supplies needed in the county for the best price.

The Dinkels have done some remodeling and plan to have an open house in the near future. To check out what the Mill and Seed has to offer, stop by between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. week days and 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. For special orders, call him at 785-332-3191.

Girl wins award

Andrea Knodel, Idalia, competed in the National Finals Make It Yourself With Wool competition in Washington, D.C., and was awarded second runner up in the junior division.

This was Andrea's second year competing in the national finals where 30 states were represented. She is a freshman at the Idalia High School.

She entered a skirt, short, boxy jacket and a hand-knitted cable-stitch sleeveless shell in the contest. These same items had also been entered in the Cheyenne County Fair where she was the grand champion in construction and construction style review. Placing as grand champion qualified her to go on to the Kansas State Fair where she placed in the top 15.

Andrea generally spends the summer working on her projects and loves to sew and knit. She es-



Knodel

pecially likes sewing wool because it is easy to sew and once she is done, it is a fabric that never goes out of style.

Andrea's parents, Steve and Susan Knodel, Idalia, accompanied her to Washington where they were greeted with around 8 inches of snow. They were especially glad to get home as the second day they were there, the government raised the terror alert to orange.

"It made coming home special," Mrs. Knodel said.

Parents can now have kids finger printed

Parents will have the opportunity to have their children finger printed on Feb. 20 and 21 in St. Francis and on Feb. 26 and 27 in Cheylin Schools. The program is sponsored by the Cheyenne County Sheriff's Department, Cheyenne County Health Department and the Farm Bureau.

Tragically, over 1 million children are reported missing every year and over 50,000 children remain unaccounted for.

"Out of concern for young people, we are providing a service that could protect your family with records of your children," said Sheriff Eddie Dankenbring.

"In an emergency, it is essential that police have clear, accurate fingerprints and entail records to assist in the investigation and in locating or identifying a missing child."

The records will be a necessary part of every child's home identification file.

The school officials will be passing out forms, asking that parents give permission to finger print their children. The child's

finger prints will remain in their cumulative file folder along with their most recent picture. The main purpose of this procedure is to ensure that if anything ever happens to the child, the school will be able to assist law enforcement in helping to locate the missing child more quickly and efficiently.

"We certainly hope and pray that this will never happen, but we need to be prepared anyway," Sheriff Dankenbring said.

The child's finger prints will not be taken without the parent's permission so please take notice of the permission sheet when your child brings it home.



Student News

Northwest Kansas Technical College

Kenneth Clouse, Northwest Kansas Technical College president, has announced the names of students on the auto tech, communications tech, cosmetology, engineering tech, business tech, and welding honor rolls at the Goodland College.

According to President Clouse, students receive honor roll status for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Students from St. Francis on the honor roll are David Rose, auto technology; Ben Lacy, engineering

technology; Lorielle Gohl, business technology and Iris Mastin, cosmetology.

Ottawa University

Ottawa University has announced the dean's list and honor roll recipients for the fall 2002 semester. Requirement for the dean's list include being a full-time student and having a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Among those making the dean's list was Danielle Halpin, St. Francis, daughter of Patrick and Brenda Delano.



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Cement Contractors Explain Progress at Recycle Center

Shortly after we were provided electricity and a clean building we began construction. We poured the first slab Jan. 8, and with the weather permitting we continued until Feb. 13, when the last slab was poured. This completing the entire floor.

We would like to thank — our city council members: Rodney Bracelin, Kay Shay, Rick Kriegh and Natalie Knodel; St. Francis Redi Mix & Crew; Tri-State Lumber & Crew; Ben Andrist & the City Employees for their assistance.

And a Special Thanks to — City Attorney Mike Day and City Superintendent J.R. Landenberger, for their patience and help in allowing us to do a quality job for our community; and to the Tax Payers who made it all possible.

Thank You
John Amack
Jeff Freiburger



Happy BIRTHDAY
KAREN!!!



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