

Business closes its doors

By Casey McCormick

A local business is closing its doors after 15 years. Downtown Repairs and Auto Sales began serving Bird City in 1989. "It's been an enjoyable 15 years," said owner and operator Eric Churchwell, "I've enjoyed working with the people."

Mr. Churchwell began automotive repair work in 1989 with the Zimelman Motor Company in St. Francis. He began Downtown Repairs in the old Johnson Chevy building across from his current location on Bird Avenue.

In 1991, the business moved to where it is now. The structure had been owned by the co-op and was being used for storage.

Downtown Repair expanded in 1998 to include auto sale, displaying used cars on the lot on the west side of Bird Avenue.

Mr. Churchwell grew up in Bird City and his family does not plan on moving.

"My wife, Janice, will still teach in Benkelman and I only have a 40 minute commute to Goodland,"



AFTER 15 YEARS of repairing and selling automobiles, Eric Churchwell, has closed the doors to Downtown Repairs and Auto Sales.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

said Mr. Churchwell, "And the kids are just fine at Cheylin."

As for the future, Mr. Churchwell will remain in the automotive business, going into a partnership called Motor Town.

"Motor Town will still have their location in Colby, I'll have Goodland," said Mr. Churchwell, "Between the two locations, we'll

have a large selection of vehicles."

Although he regrets shutting down business in his hometown, Mr. Churchwell feels that the last 15 years have been very positive.

"The people of this community made it a success," said Mr. Churchwell, "These people are very loyal to local business."

St. Francis girl enters pageant

By Karen Krien

Jenice Hartman, St. Francis, is spending Thursday through Saturday at the Capital Plaza in Topeka participating in the Miss Kansas American Junior Teen Pageant.

The daughter of Pat and Laura Lamb, Jenice will be just one of the outstanding young ladies from this state who have been selected as state finalists, competing for thousands of dollars in cash scholarships, prizes, awards, the state title and a chance to represent Kansas at the National Pageant in Orlando, Fla.

Jenice will be a freshman at St. Francis Community High School. She is active in band, vocal, all sports including volleyball, basketball, track and softball. She was also a participant in the junior class drama.

While in Topeka, Jenice will be performing a clarinet solo, entering the different categories including photogenic, fashion model, spokesmodel, acting, best thank you note

and being a volunteer.

"It (the pageant) just seemed like fun — a new experience and a chance to meet a lot of people," Jenice said.

American Coed Pageants recognizes outstanding girls and young women nationwide. The program seeks to reward young women for their outstanding achievements in academics, talent, public speaking,

community service and more. Emphasis is placed on gaining self confidence, learning new skills, developing a positive attitude toward competition and setting and achieving personal goals.

Candice Wiese, St. Francis, is the 2004 Miss Kansas American Junior Teen. She will be stepping down this weekend.

Student receives degree and honors

Crystal Alaine Mears graduated from the University of Saint Mary's with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a minor in coaching. Crystal received high honors and graduated magna cum laude.

She started her college basketball career at Colby Community College and transferred her junior year to join the 2002 team at the University of Saint Mary's.

Crystal was awarded the National Junior College Athletic Association Academic All-American during her freshman and sophomore

year at Colby. She also was a two-time National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Academic All-American while playing for Saint Mary's. Coach Bob Kickner described Crystal as the epitome of the term student-athlete and a model for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Champions of Character initiative.

Crystal has moved to Lawrence and is attending summer classes at Kansas University in preparation for entering pharmacy school.

Obituaries

Carl worked a variety of jobs including real estate and life insurance. He was employed for 20 years with All-State Insurance. He retired in January of 1980. In 1982, Carl and Pearl became full-time "snowbirds" when they moved to Tucson, Ariz., for nine years. They returned to Denver in 1991.

Carl enjoyed following baseball and football. He will be remembered fondly for taking his nieces and nephews on their annual trips to Mexico. He also enjoyed making trips to Pearl's relatives in St. Francis and Wiggins, Colo.

Carl is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Martin; sister, Zona Gail. Others include: sisters-in-law, Opal Bills of Denver, Frances Kamla of Wray, Colo.; brother-in-law, Sam Kamla; nephew, Bryan John Kamla and grandniece, Jennifer.

He is survived by his immediate family: wife, Pearl; and Yvonne Bills; his sister, Fern Lee; and the following brother- and sisters-in-law: Harold Kamla of Wray; John and Maria Kamla of Bird City; Melvin and Louise Schlep of St. Francis; Dale and Marie Potthoff of Wiggins. Several generations of nieces and nephews also will mourn his loss.

Services were held Thursday, June 24, at the Fairmont Mortuary, Denver. Burial followed in the Fairmont Cemetery.

Margaret Peters

March 17, 1929 - July 2, 2004

Margaret Eleanor Antholz was born March 17, 1929, at Stratton, Neb., to William Antholz and Louise nee Holle Antholz of McDonald, Kan.

Margaret was baptized on April 28, 1929, at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City. Margaret attended grade school in a one-room schoolhouse a mile north of her childhood home on a farm north of McDonald. She was confirmed in her Christian faith on May 24, 1942, at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City. She attended high school in Bird City. She was active in church by teaching Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, and was a member of high school Luther League.

Margaret married Raymond Peters on Sept. 12, 1950, at St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City. They started their married life farming and ranching in the Armel area. They have lived there ever since. Margaret always loved rural life. She was ever active in all aspects of the farm and ranch life and loved her

flowers, garden and pets.

Margaret and Raymond were members of Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Francis where Margaret taught Sunday school and was superintendent for the Sunday school for several years. She was also involved in the Ladies Aid organization.

In 1970, she and Raymond became members of Calvary Lutheran Church in Wray, Colo. She helped with teaching at Calvary Lutheran, where she was involved with Altar Guild until her health failed.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond; son, Ralph and his wife, Susan, and their children, Jason, Curtis and Tanya, all of Albuquerque, N.M., son, Paul and his sons, Derek and Sean of Idalia; brother, Carl Antholz and wife, Sandra of McDonald; sister, Elsie and husband, Duane Menken of Fort Morgan, Colo., and many nieces, nephews, relatives and close friends.

Margaret died on July 2, 2004, at the age of 75 years, three months and 15 days.

Funeral services were held at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Wray on Wednesday, July 7, with Reverend Richard Pierson officiating. Interment was in the St. Francis Cemetery in St. Francis.

Spellman-Schmidt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Scholastic award presented

Fort Hays State University's Music Department recently announced the names of several students who received departmental music scholarships to attend the university for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Among those students who received one of these scholarships is Nick Keller, St. Francis freshman.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gaylen Schauer of Shreveport, La., were Thursday afternoon visitors of Gaylen's mother, Viola Jones, also of relatives, Violet Cranmer and Alvin and Marie Holzworth. They were on their way to Denver to visit more families.



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