



BUSINESS CLOSES — Brent Rueb, owner of Tri-State Lumber and Paints Plus, locks the gates to the business.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Lumber yard and paint store business closes its doors

By Karen Krien
Tri-State Lumber and Paints Plus, located at 223 W. Washington Street, St. Francis, closed the door on Saturday.
Brent Rueb, owner, said he has appreciated the patronage over the last four years but, as an independent store, he just couldn't compete with the "big box stores" such as Lowes and Home Depot.
He said people and contractors constructing bigger projects such as homes and buildings, were traveling out of town to the discount businesses.
"People still want the convenience of having a lumberyard in town but I can't make a living on the 'little stuff,'" he said. "Big box

business is going to affect businesses up and down Main Street."
In the last 10 years, Mother Nature has been tough on northwest Kansas
"It is a double-edged sword — people want to save money but, by buying somewhere else, everyone loses."
Mr. Rueb said there have been people coming into the business expressing their concern as they realize that the lumberyard, another "core" business, will no longer be there.
"I am looking for another lumber business to 'satellite' to St. Francis through the lumberyard," he said. "At least provide some of the essentials so contractors can keep work-

ing. When a contractor is forced to go out of town to buy materials, the customer's price will go up."
"I've enjoyed being in business and encourage town and county people to give St. Francis a chance!" Mr. Rueb said. "It's not cheaper to travel if you lose your town."
Mr. Rueb plans to pursue opportunities in hunting and shooting industry. He has developed and produces a "Shooting Stick" and is working on another project. His plans are unsure at this time.

Card shower
The family of Ruth Pettitjean are requesting a card shower to help her celebrate her 99th birthday on Nov. 6. Address greetings to her at Samaritan Suites, Assisted Living, P.O. Box 448, Arapahoe, NE 68922.

AARP
AARP will be meeting at 2 p.m. on Nov. 10 at the Senior Center in St. Francis. Roll call is "What I'm Thankful For." The program speaker will be Carol Redding. Hostess is Wilma Lampe.
All are welcome to come join them.

St. Francis Library Art Gallery
Handmade Christmas stockings by Bette Confer are on display in the Art Gallery at the St. Francis Public Library. The 11 items will be on featured through the month of November.

Craft Show
Sponsored by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, the 10th annual Craft Show has been set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 5 at the grade school located at Washington and Francis streets. Check story for additional information.

Cheyenne County Hospital Guild
The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild will meet at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Senior Citizen Center in St. Francis. Dr. Mary Beth Miller will speak on Health Update. Hostesses are Alice Lampe, Eilene Nolan and Wilma Lampe.

Board of Education
The St. Francis Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 10

City Council on Nov. 8.
The St. Francis City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday

Fair Board
The fair board will meet at 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at the courthouse.

Kansans for Life
The Cheyenne County Kansans for Life will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in St. Francis. All are welcome to join in prayer, fellowship, learning and working together to provide "Life for all."

Speaker announced
A program "How to Get More Customers Who Will Spend More Money, More Often" with Susan Nickerson, as speaker, will be held at 5 p.m. mountain time, Monday, Nov. 14, at the Small Business Development Center. Registration and payment due before Nov. 10 (registration plus dinner if you choose). The program is sponsored by Sherman County Economic Development. For more information, contact the

Cheyenne County Development Corporation at 332-3508 or stop at 107 W. Washington, St. Francis.

Handmade quilts wanted
Do you have a handmade quilt you would like to share? Call Tammy Grice at 785-332-2910 evenings to display your quilt at the 10th Annual St. Francis Craft show on Nov. 5.

Alcoholic Anonymous /AI-Anon
Alcoholic Anonymous and AI-Anon open meeting, held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Methodist Educational Building, upstairs. Contact 332-3590.

Northwest Kansas Family Shelter
Northwest Kansas Family Shel-

ter provides 24-hour-7 day-a-week services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Weekly support groups are available for women and children within the northwest Kansas area. For information or if you are in need of assistance, please call the toll-free number 1-800-794-4624.

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Alumni games set for Nov. 26

It is time for former St. Francis Community High School students to be thinking about the Alumni Games to be held on Saturday, Nov. 26. The games, which are coordinated by the St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce, have been moved from the evening to the afternoon with the volleyball starting at 1:30 p.m. and men's basketball following at around 4 p.m.
"Something we have learned (from following Alumni Games) is the female gender seems to be more 'active' than the male gender," said Gloria Bracelin, Chamber president. "Guess the 'guys' just take things easier."

"If the mature males will participate, we can work out a few rule changes like half court for mature and full court for the younger?"
"All joking aside, everyone needs to have laughter in their life so we'll laugh at the alumni!!"
"OK, OK! We just want the alumni to come on out and play in our games! It's for fun and a great time to visit with classmates."
There is a \$10 entry fee which is due to the Chamber office (Box 793, St. Francis, 67756) by Nov. 15. The fee includes a T-shirt. For more information or to obtain a registration form, call the office at 785-332-2961.

Menu

Monday 7
Breakfast: fruit turnover, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: chicken nuggets, broccoli rice casserole, hot rolls, strawberry shortcake with topping, milk

Tuesday 8
Breakfast: coffee cake, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: "Breakfast for Lunch" sausage gravy on a warm biscuit, has browns, cheesy scrambled eggs, orange juice, milk

Wednesday 9
Breakfast: breakfast casserole, toast, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: chicken noodle soup, crackers, carrots and celery, peach

crisp with topping, milk

Thursday 10
Breakfast: long Johns, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: Italian dunkers, cheesy breadsticks, tossed salad, green beans, lime Jello with pears, milk

Friday 11
Breakfast: breakfast taco, salsa, juice, cereal assortment, milk
Lunch: chicken fried beef patty, mashed potatoes, country gravy, corn, hot rolls, applesauce, milk
• Salad bar is offered at noon daily in the junior/senior high school



Correction

The following statement was made by Steve Sowers, not Dave Sowers, at the Oct. 25 special joint county commissioners and St. Francis City Council meeting: "Why is the city council trying to run the county," was Steve Sowers' question. He said that no one had been killed by an abandoned vehicle, but there had been several killed or hurt by licensed vehicles. Mr. Sowers also said that when people neglected to teach their children to stay off of other people's property, they deserved to be hurt."
The meeting was held to discuss

the proposed "nuisance" resolution which was designed to help clean up problem areas in the county.

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Podiatrist/Foot Specialist
Reconstructive Surgery
Foot & Ankle Injuries
For appointments call:
Rawlins County Health Center
785-626-3211
Wed., Nov. 30
Cheyenne County Hospital - P.M.
210 W. 1st • 332-2104

Thurs., Dec. 1
Atwood (a.m.) • 626-3211
Colby (p.m.)
CSMC, 175 S. Range
462-332
CMC, 100 E. College Dr.
462-7511

Fri., Dec. 2
Atwood - All Day

BOB'S POPCORN

THE BUCK STOPS HERE TO GET HIS POPCORN FROM BOB!

Check it out ... and on Wednesday you can check our hot deals and have a free bag of Bob's Popcorn.

Special of the Week

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2001 F150 Crew 4x4 \$16,500.00

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'01 F150 SC 4X4 XLT - \$15,000
'04 Taurus SES Leather - \$13,900
'97 Mark VIII LSC - \$4,475
'97 F250 SC 4x4 7.3 - \$6,995
'97 F250 SC 4x4 7.3 - \$5,995
'99 Ranger SC 4x4 - \$8,500

SHOWTIME: 7:30 p.m. 1 hour 55 min.

November The Greatest Game Ever Played
4, 5 & 6
Drama
Starring: Shia LaBeouf, Stephen Dillane, Justin Ashforth, Peter Firth, George Asprey
Rated: PG for some brief mild language.

Cheyenne Theater St. Francis, KS
785-332-2747
Children 11 & under: \$2 12-18 yr.: \$3 Senior Citizens: \$3 Adults: \$4

ERNE WILL TURN 60 ON NOVEMBER 3RD ... BUT HE IS STILL VERY YOUNG AT HEART!

*Lots of love,
Kim & All the Kids,
Julie, Barb, Dorothy*

CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL 210 W. 1st • St. Francis, KS 785-332-2104

CHEYENNE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Vaccines for Children Outreach Project
IMMUNIZE and WIN A PRIZE!
Winners are:
Brett Poling Family (McKenna Poling) \$500.00 toward the utility bill of choice
Chris Doyle Family (Rylan Doyle) \$500.00 toward the utility bill of choice
Cody Todd Family (Caleb Todd) 30 hours of long distance
Congratulations for bringing your child in for immunizations! The Vaccines for Children Outreach Project will continue again from September 2005 to September 2006.

The FLU VACCINES have NOT arrived.
We are still expecting to get them, and we will advertise when they are available.

Check your renewal dates
--Current Rates--
The Saint Francis Herald
Area - \$30 KS - \$34
Out-of-State - \$37

Bird City Times
KS - \$27
Out-of-State - \$30

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