

# Refurbished laundromat now open for business

By Karen Krien

After many years of setting empty, the laundromat on Benton and Fourth streets, St. Francis, has opened.

Bev and Earl Crowe have the doors of B&E Hilltop Laundry opened for business. The hours will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week. They also plan to be open later on Wednesdays.

Before the business could be opened, many hours were spent removing the old equipment, cleaning and remodeling. Just removing the old hot water tank was a feat.

Now there is new wiring, a new furnace and boiler; the bathroom fixtures have been replaced, there is an office and a line of new cabinets which will be ideal for folding clothes.

There are 10 regular-sized washers and one oversized washer; two over-sized dryers and three regular dryers. A soap, bleach and fabric softener dispenser is also available.

People can come to the laundromat with a week's worth of laundry and have it all done in a couple of hours.

Mrs. Crowe said this is the business for her as she loves to do laundry. This laundromat will have services others don't have as she will pick up and deliver laundry for businessmen, older people living at home and in assisted living, and others in St. Francis who are having trouble getting their laundry done. The phone number is 785-332-2048.

She can also take care of the ironing when needed and is looking for someone who will do mending and altering.

The Crowes purchased their home west of St. Francis in 1997 but didn't move in until March 2005. Mr. Crowe has been working out of Denver where he drives a truck.

There are still some things to be



**B&E HILLTOP LAUNDRY is scheduled to open this Friday. Bev and Earl Crowe have spend most of the summer making repairs, cleanings and remodeling. The facility will be a benefit to the community.**

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

done in the facility but Mrs. Crowe is anxious to get the business up and running.

"I have met a lot of people while we have been remodeling the laundromat and I am looking forward to meeting the people who

come to do their wash," Mrs. Crowe said.

The Crowes plan to have a grand opening in the near future but people who just want to see what the place looks like are welcome to drop by.

## City prohibits parked trailers on streets

St. Francis has an ordinance which prohibits the parking of trailers of any size on city streets. However, as many people are aware of, there are a lot of trailers parked on the streets.

These trailers range in all sizes. The St. Francis Police Department has tried to deal with these situations on a case-by-case basis whenever a complaint is filed.

Unfortunately, police chief Troy Gardner said, this type of response ultimately lends itself to unequal treatment of violations. Some neighbors complain about a trailer, whereas others do not.

Officers realize that a lot of people keep their trailers on the street in order to store grass clippings and other refuse until it can be hauled off.

"We respect the intent of residents to keep St. Francis clean, but any un-attached trailer is still in violation," Chief Gardner said.

The officers would like to remind residents that, as a courtesy to their neighbors, please do not park any trailers on the street.

Those with questions should contact the St. Francis Police Department at 785-332-3330.

## Food pantry gathering holiday food items

The Food Pantry is gathering items for the Christmas delivery on Saturday.

Janet Jensen, Pantry coordinator, said that the generosity of people giving to the Food Pantry is overwhelming.

"The shelves are stocked but we could use cash donations for perishables," Mrs. Jensen said.

She urges people who need a box of food or know of someone who needs a boost to please call her at 785-332-3326 (home) or 785-332-



2145 (First National Bank).

Following the holiday season, the shelves will need to be restocked.

"There are people who will be needing a little help following the holidays and we appreciate the donations of food people leave for the Pantry," Mrs. Jensen said.



McWilliams

## -Introducing-

### Kylee Elizabeth McWilliams

Kylee Elizabeth McWilliams was born at 11:53 p.m. mountain time on Oct. 20, 2006, at Yampa Valley Medical Center in Steamboat Springs, Colo. She weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces and was 18-inches long. She was welcomed home by her two big brothers, Steven and Jacob. Her parents are Dave and Heather McWilliams.

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## Christmas

- Hanging stockings goes back to an old legend about Saint Nicholas. The story is that St. Nicholas dropped bags of gold down the chimney for three girls who had no wedding gifts. The bags landed in stockings that were hanging to dry.
- The custom of putting candles



**BARB VAN ALLEN, center, demonstrates to Althea and Ralph Lebow one of her favorite parts of the business. Monday the business will be offerings refreshments so that the public can wish Mrs. Van Allen the best and welcome the Lebow's.**

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## New owners will take over video store this Dec. 18

By Karen Krien

Beginning Monday, Dec. 18, Video Connection, 108 W. Washington, will have new owners.

Ralph and Althea Lebow have purchased the business from Barb Van Allen. The Lebows will have the business open and refreshments available so people can wish Mrs. Van Allen the best in her retirement.

Mr. Lebow will be running the business and Mrs. Lebow will continue as a loan officer at Bankwest. However, she will be at the video store on most Saturdays.

Mr. Lebow said they will be offering the same service, quality movie entertainment and "your first stop for party balloons and gifts for

all occasions."

"We plan to have a wide selection of videos and keep them for a longer period of time," Mr. Lebow said.

Future plans are to open a scrapbooking supply area and Mrs. Lebow, who is an avid scrapbooker, will be holding scrapbooking camps. Look for more details later.

Store hours and days are 10:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 6 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays. There is also a convenient drop slot for customers. The phone number is 785-332-3965.

**Purchased 12 years ago**  
Mrs. Van Allen purchased Video Connection 12 years ago. Through

the years, she has seen the changeover of VHS to DVDs along with the public's taste in movies. She said that there also seems to be more sex and violence in the movies made today.

Her favorite part of the business was delivering balloons.

"I loved seeing the smile light up someone's face when I delivered a balloon with a gift," Mrs. Van Allen said.

"I hope everyone will stop by and welcome Ralph and Althea on Monday. And, I hope they enjoy the people as much as I have."

Her retirement plans are to catch up on some things at home and spend more time with her grandchildren.



Jones



Glidewell



Rice



Rueb



Zwegardt

## Students perform with Hays Choir

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Five students from the St. Francis Community High School music department performed with the Northwest Kansas District Honor Choir in Hays on Saturday. Students chosen to participate were Janae Glidewell, Megan Rice and Brandon Rueb, seniors; and Katelyn Jones and Lauren Zwegardt, juniors. All are the students of high school music instructor Debbie Fiala.

District Honor Choir members were chosen from live auditions held on Nov. 4 in Hays. They re-

hearsed with the 180-voice choir all day Saturday and performed in concert in the Beach-Schmidt Performing Arts Center on the campus of Fort Hays State University.

The Honor Choir is sponsored by the Kansas Music Educators Association and is an approved activity of the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

**7th & 8th Grade**

## ADVENTURES OF A Girls Musical Comic Book Artist

**Tuesday, Dec. 19 ~ 7 p.m.**  
**St. Francis High School Auditorium**  
**Adult - \$3 Student - \$2**

*Bron Joel DeGood*

**June 23, 1985 ~ December 16, 2001**

They think that I will forget you and go on with my life as before. How little they knew what my life was about, to think you would matter no more. You're as precious today as you were yesterday. I just can't see your smile and your tears. But you're still in my heart and remain there with me, you're just gone from this life, and these years.

I do try to look at the rest of my life, but all I can see are these tears. To look for some joy that remain here, just memories ~ just memories for me.

A long lonely quiet has come here to stay. Only darkness and pain are all that remains, just memories ~ just memories are here. I long for your laughter and joy.

You're as precious today as you were yesterday. I long for our laughter and joy. Instead I am trapped with this pain in my heart. I can't see your smile anymore.

Mom, Dad, Jade  
Lanissa, Greg, Brielyn & Taybron

*In Loving memory*

## Bob Hankins

Dec. 13, 1948 ~ Dec. 17, 2005

One year ago God took you to your heavenly home; leaving behind sadness and broken hearts.

God allows us the time to heal those broken hearts. Replacing the pain with joyful memories of your smile, laughter, your love of fishing, hometown football team, the best bear hugs; but most of all your love - that stays with us always. Your family will always love you and miss you, when it is our time you will be there to greet us.

*Love from ~ Dot, David, Angie & Zoey*

## Country Christmas Songfest

**"Candles ~ Bells ~ Carols"**

**Saturday, Dec. 16 ~ 5 p.m. CT**  
**Salem Lutheran Church**  
8 miles NW of St. Francis  
(follow signs on Hwy. 36 at Road 9 or Hwy. 27 at Road R)  
Finger Foods & Desserts following in church basement.  
The Community is invited to historic Salem Lutheran to sing carols and hear beautiful Christmas music performed by our own talented St. Francis residents. **Free-Will Offering**  
(Snow date - Saturday, Dec. 23 • 5 p.m. Call 785-332-3002 in case of bad weather.)

**ROBERT & BARB VAN ALLEN OF**

## Video Connection

*Would like to thank everyone who has supported us for the last 12 years.*

We wish the New Owners  
**RALPH & ALTHEA LEBOW**  
the best of luck and hope you will be as good to them.

**Changes will occur on Dec. 18th.**  
**STOP BY FOR REFRESHMENTS!**

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## Happy 80th Birthday Norvin Anderson!

Stop by the  
**Police Department**  
**Thur., Dec. 14**  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Wish Norvin a Happy Birthday!**