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.

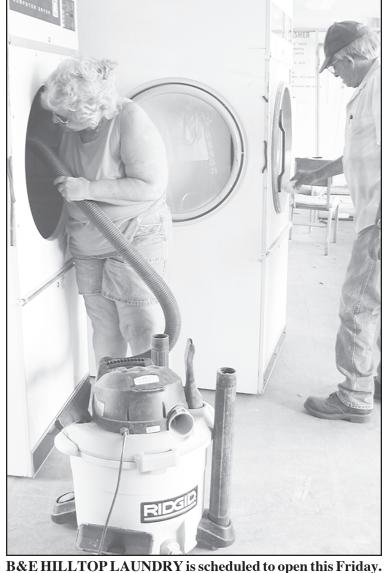
Now there is new wiring, a new furnace and boiler; the bathroom fixtures have been replaced, there is an office and a line of new cabinets which will be ideal for folding clothes.

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.



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

is anxious to get the business up and running.

laundromat and I am looking for-There are still some things to be ward to meeting the people who drop by

done in the facility but Mrs. Crowe come to do their wash," Mrs. Crowe said

The Crowes plan to have a grand "I have met a lot of people while opening in the near future but we have been remodeling the people who just want to see what the place looks like are welcome to

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

of videos and keep them for a longer period of time," Mr. Lebow said. Ralph and Althea Lebow have purchased the business from Barb

Van Allen. The Lebows will have Van Allen the best in her retirement. 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





Thursday, December 14, 2006

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

the business open and refreshments

available so people can wish Mrs.

Mr. Lebow will be running the

"We plan to have a wide selection Beginning Monday, Dec. 18, Video Connection, 108 W. Washington, will have new owners.

all occasions.'

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

Mrs. Van Allen purchased Video on some things at home and spend stop for party balloons and gifts for Connection 12 years ago. Through more time with her grandchildren.



Rueb

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 mov-

Her favorite part of the business

"I loved seeing the smile light up

"I hope everyone will stop by and

Herretirement plans are to catch up

someone's face when I delivered a

balloon with a gift," Mrs. Van Allen

welcome Ralph and Althea on

Monday. And, I hope they enjoy the

people as much as I have.'

ies made today.

said.

was delivering balloons.

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, tact the St. Francis Police Departwhereas 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 conment at 785-332-3330.



McWilliams

was born at 11:53 p.m. mountain Northwest Kansas District Honor ing Arts Center on the campus of of the Kansas State High School

Students perform with Hays Choir

Five students from the St. Francis hearsed with the 180-voice choir all Community High School music day Saturday and performed in con- the Kansas Music Educators Asso-Kylee Elizabeth McWilliams department performed with the certin the Beach-Schmidt Perform- ciation and is an approved activity

dents chosen to participate were

Brandon Rueb, seniors; and

dents of high school music instruc-

District Honor Choir members

Rice

The Honor Choir is sponsored by

Food pantry gathering holiday food items

In Loving memory

Bob Hankins

Dec. 13, 1948 ~ Dec. 17, 2005

Replacing the pain with joyful memories of your smile, laughter,

your love of fishing, hometown football team, the best bear hugs;

Your family will always love you and miss you, when it is our time

but most of all your love - that stays with us always.

One year ago God took you to your heavenly

nome; leaving behind sadness and broken

Love from ~ Dot, David, Angie & Zoey

God allows us the time to heal those broken hearts.

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-

you will be there to greet us.

hearts.



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.

time on Oct. 20, 2006, at Yampa Choir in Hays on Saturday. Stu- Fort Hays State University. Valley Medical Center in Steamboat Springs, Colo. She weighed 5 Janae Glidewell, Megan Rice and pounds, 8 ounces and was 18inches long. She was welcomed Katelyn Jones and Lauren home by her two big brothers, Zweygardt, juniors. All are the stu-Steven and Jacob. Her parents are Dave and Heather McWilliams.

Her grandparents are Dan and Janet Siegfried of St. Francis and Archie McWilliams of Denver.

were chosen from live auditions held on Nov. 4 in Hays. They rehristmas

tor Debbie Fiala.

• 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 its. Today bells ring at Christmas stockings that were hanging to dry. time as a symbol of the happy news • The custom of putting candles of Christ's birth.

in windows is an old one. People light them on Christmas Eve as a guide to the Christ child.

• The custom of bell ringing began as a way to drive away evil spir-

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.)

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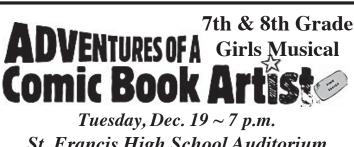
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Bron Joel DeGood

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 vas about, to think you would matter no more.

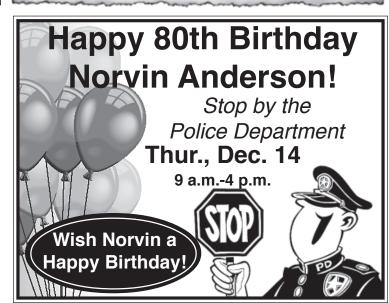
You're as precious today as you were yesterday. I just can't see your smile and your tears. But you're still in my heart and remain there with me, you're just gone from this life, and these

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 came 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





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