

INSIDE the Country Schoolhouse it looks as it did back in the early 1900s.

# Schoolhouse opens during festival

On Saturday, Oct. 23, the Coun- or follow the building to town. try Schoolhouse 67 South Mu-

end of three years of labor and

money-making efforts.

Three years ago, Stan and LaNeta Carlock were driving around the countryside and got the idea to move a one-room schoolhouse to a location in Haigler. In an article written by Richard Bartholomew, The Benkelman Post, the Carlocks wanted to make the schoolhouse appealing and a functioning asset to the village and have it become the Haigler Cornerstone Museum.

The building, located about 3.5 miles west of Haigler, belonged to Steve and Jody Crouse. Records show that School District 67 was organized in 1893 and the schoolhouse was built in the late 1890s, maybe 1897.

As the population in the area the north and so the first one be-School was held through Decem-

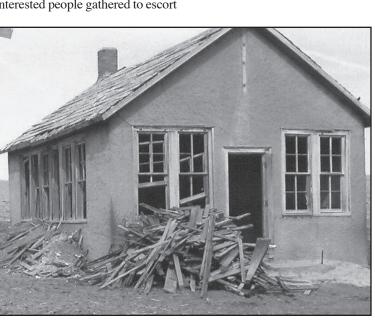
dren of former teachers and other The Saint Francis Herald. interested people gathered to escort

It was estimated that the cost seum, located in Haigler, will be of the preservation and restoraofficially open as part of the third tion project would be \$25,000. Haigler Fall Tumbleweed Festival. The Collicott sisters, LaNeta Car-The official opening marks the lock, Myrna Mulligan and Galena Webster started the fundraiser project off by staying the night in the old Haigler Jail. They had set the "bail" goal at \$3,000 but actually raised an additional \$160.

Money makers were held and donations taken and the money was raised. In the meantime, there were other donations. Mrs. Carlock said people brought old desks and other memorabilia to the school. A bell which was once hung in Haigler's St. Joanna's Catholic Church from 1940 to 1963, moved to Benkelman's Friends Church and was donated back to Haigler and the

Playground equipment including a maypole merry-go-round, a slide and swings were also donated.

Today, the schoolhouse, after a grew, another facility was built to tremendous amount of work and time, holds a place of dignity and came known as District 67 South. honor in the Haigler Village. It is painted a snowy white, the bell is hung in front and the playground The building had been vacant for equipment is in place. Inside, it is a years but structurally, it was sound. step back in history – a place where On Aug. 8, 2007, the movers began voung and old will enjoy visiting. the preparations and it was loaded People are urged to stop by during on the trailer with the United States the Tumbleweed Festival on Saturflag displayed. At the highway in- day, Oct. 23. Look for more about tersection, former students, chil- the festival in next week's issue of



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HAIGLER CORNERSTONE MUSEUM will open during the Fall festival. The picture above is after the restoration of the schoolhouse. Below and to the left is a picture before the school was moved.





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## Program planned to recruit students

ematics and Science at Fort Hays State University, is holding information sessions across Kansas this fall to recruit students for the third Kansas Academy of Mathematics and Science class, starting in fall

The session closest to St. Francis will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at Colby Community College, 1255 S. Range Ave.,

The academy, established by the Kansas Legislature in 2006, is a premier early-entry -to-college program in Kansas. The program is a unique residential learning experience that provides exceptional high school juniors and seniors a fhsu.edu/kams, contact directly at potent blend of college-level in- (785) 628-4690 or email kams@ struction by Ph. D. faculty; a high school diploma and 68 hours of

The Kansas Academy of Math- college credit; the option to receive an associate degree upon graduation; hands-on research supervised by Ph. D. scientists; leadership development and civic engagement opportunities; cocurricular and extra-curricular opportunities to develop the whole student; a safe campus and residential environment; and trained support staff.

The recruitment sessions will address the academic program, admissions requirements, student development opportunities and other key topics.

Everyone is welcome, but seating is limited and registrations are required. To register, go to fhsu.edu for more information.

## **Obituaries**

#### **Melvin Ray Watkins**

Dec. 2, 1943 - July 8, 2010.

kins. His youth was spent on the family's farm southwest of Bird City. He attended Glendale Country School, grades one through eight, after which he attended and graduated from Bird City Rural High School in 1962. He attended the Pilgrim Holiness Church in St. Francis.

Melvin met Betty Ray Anderson in 1964, and they were married Jan. 5, 1965.

Allen Ray Watkins arrived April 18, 1975, to complete their family. Adopting a child from Vietnam took two years to finalize the adoption. He was their pride and

After suffering several months with cancer, Melvin died on July 8, 2010, at Collier Hospice in CO 80004.

Melvin Ray Watkins was born Wheat Ridge, Colo. A memorial Dec. 2, 1943, in Goodland, Kan., service was held on July 16, 2010, to his parents, Ray Ellsworth Wat- at Aspen Mortuary, Arvada, Colo. kins and Mary Elsie Craft Wat- A reception for friends and family was held at Great Occasions Event Center, Arvada. Inurnment took place at Golden Cemetery, Golden, Colo.

> Melvin is survived by his wife, Betty; son, Allen; sister, Dorothy (Bob) Beckner of Goodland; nephew, Wayne (Joy) Beckner, Wichita; niece, Debra (Rob) Lawson, Heather and Charlie, Norton; nephew, Rodney Beckner, Brianna, Matt and Tiffany, Lincoln,

Both of his parents preceded Melvin in death.

Condolences and memorials may be made to the family preference - the Melvin Watkins Memorial and it will reach Betty Watkins at 6925 Braun Ct., Arvada,

### Elsie May Callagan - Garner-Lehrer

Dec. 7, 1913 - Oct. 6, 2010

Elsie May Callagan-Garner- mountains. In the fall of 2002, she Fred Hill Callagan and Opal Di- her son, Jim lived. xie Holtzclaw, born at Smuggler, Colo.

She graduated from Englewood High School in 1932. She met Ozzle (Whiz) Garner in 1933 and they were married June 28, 1936, beloved mountains. She was 96 in Littleton, Colo. Elsie and Whiz lived on a small farm outside of Henderson, Colo., along the riv- ert, Eugene, Ore.; daughter, Naner, and raised two children there, cy Follett, St. Francis; son, James Nancy and Iim

Whiz died suddenly on Feb. 19, 1970. Elsie married Fred Lehrer in 1971 and moved back to Englewood. Fred died Feb. 23, 1985. Elsie eventually moved to St. daughter, Nancy, but missed the etery, Thornton, Colo.

Lehrer was the oldest child of moved to Roseburg, Ore., where Elsie will always be remem-

> bered for her feisty personality, her ready smile and laugh, and great hospitality. Elsie died in Roseburg with her

years old. Elsie leaves one brother, Rob-

Garner, Roseburg; three grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Elsie was laid to rest beside her first husband, Whiz.

Interment was held Oct. 12, Francis, Kan., in 1997, near her 2010, at Olinger Highland Cem-



### **Public Notice Constitutional Amendments** on the 2010 Ballot in Kansas

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives concurring

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT QUESTION NO. 1
A PROPOSITION to amend section 4 of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of

the State of Kansas relating to the right to bear arms Section 1. The following proposition to amend the Constitution of the State of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 4 of the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas is

hereby amended to read as follows:
"§ 4. Individual right to bear arms; armies. The people have the right to bear arms for their defense and security A person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state, for lawful hunting and recreational use, and

for any other lawful purpose; but standing armies, in time of peace, are dangerous to liberty, and shall not be tolerated, and the military shall be in strict subordination Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment

as a whole:

"Explanatory statement. The purpose of this amendment is to preserve constitutionally the right of a person to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state, and for all other lawful purposes, including hunting and recreation.

"A vote for this amendment would constitutionally preserve the right of a person to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state, and for lawful hunting and recreational use, and for any other lawful purpose. A vote against this amendment would provide for no constitutional right of a person to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and state, and for lawful hunting and recreational use, and for any other lawful purpose.'

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT QUESTION NO. 2 A PROPOSITION to amend section 2 of article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, relating to qualification of voters.

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the Constitution of the State of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or

rejection: Section 2 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

 $\hbox{``\$ 2. Disqualification to vote. The legislature may, by law, exclude persons from voting because of mental illness or commitment to a jail or penal institution. No }$ person convicted of a felony under the laws of any state or of the United States, unless pardoned or restored to his civil rights, shall be qualified to vote."

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment

"Explanatory statement. This amendment would repeal the authority of the legislature to exclude persons with mental illness from voting

"A vote for this amendment would ensure that the right to vote for persons with mental illness cannot be taken away by the legislature. A vote against this amendment would continue the current authority of the legislature to take away the right to vote for persons with mental illness."

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