

New store opens with nifty finds

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Bird City has a new store that just opened up last Wednesday. DeAnza Ambrosier has opened Finders Keepers at 103 W. 7th Ave., located just beneath the Bird City water tower. Finders Keepers will be open from 10 to 6 p.m. every Wednesday thru Friday and 10 to 5 on Saturdays.

This new business offers reclaimed furniture and home decor items at a fraction of the price of buying new. On opening day, Finders Keepers contained a round dining room table, couches, coffee tables, bar stools, figurines, frames, framed prints, candles, enamel wear, small knickknacks, lace curtains, an imitation tree, and even a few bags of children's old army men, cowboys and Indian toys. Prices range from \$1 for a small framed print to \$1,100 for a brand new Pulaski Furniture solid pine bookcase. Also displayed is a half-moon shaped granite top bar that boasts a French colonial style that would fit in most any décor. It's made of solid rubber wood with a Yorktown Cherry finish.

One of the first items sold on opening day was a large coffee table Mrs. Ambrosier had refinished using a "Paper bag decoupage technique".

Customers who approach the unusual tiled front counter have an opportunity to obtain a 5 percent to 20 percent discount on their purchase. Dimes are supplied in a dish to insert in an antique machine called "The Challenger". Once the machine lights up, you are to maneuver a wand around a curvy metal rod.

The goal is to get it as far as you can without setting off the alarm by touching the rod with the wand. To win a discount you must reach one of the top peaks that read; Shaky and Jittery, A Cool Character, Steady As A Rock, or Nerves of Steel. How far you get without buzzing determines the amount of discount you receive. It's fun to try, but you have to have a very steady hand in order to get past the first peak.

Items will be changing regularly as the store contains items purchased by the Ambrosier's at estate sales, yard sales and antique malls. Locally sold merchandise is then more readily available to local residents who don't want to go to the bigger towns themselves to shop for bargain priced furniture and unique décor items.

Being a thrifty shopper herself, Mrs. Ambrosier says she finds items at bargain prices and asks herself, "What would I be willing to pay for this, if I was to buy it for myself?" she says, "Then I price it accordingly."

This store has been two years in the planning. DeAnza and Shannon Ambrosier purchased the property a few years ago when the large building was just a shell. The location is in an area that seemed right for a store, and she enjoys decorating so she got the idea of utilizing it as a furniture store. Shannon put his carpentry skills to work and created a cozy area for DeAnza to display her treasures. Currently, the store area is in the front quarter of the large building. Shannon plans to expand the store by another 18 feet within a month. Eventually, the store area



DEANZA AMBROSIER is setting up a lamp on a half-moon shaped granite topped bar in her new shop, Finders Keepers.

Times Staff photo by Norma Martinez.

will take up most of the building, only leaving room in the back for a storage area and a workshop for Mrs. Ambrosier.

The Ambrosier's will also be adding an old fashioned store front awning made of wood and a corrugated metal top and Mrs.

Ambrosier will be making a wood, Finders Keepers, sign to hang from the awning. She will also be taking orders for custom wood signs, which she thinks would make great gifts.

The Ambrosier's will be "treasure hunting" on a regular basis so that their inventory will always be changing. If you don't see what you are looking for let them know and they will try to find it for you.

"What you see right now is only the beginning...the opening," said Mrs. Ambrosier. "Once we get the other rooms remodeled and stocked, then we'll have our Grand Opening."

In the meantime, stop in and see what you can find at Finders Keepers.

SW Gage, Topeka. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept 17, at Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis, followed by interment in St. Francis Cemetery.

The family received friends on Wednesday at Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel, 245 NW Independence Avenue, Topeka.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Randell Stasser Memorial Fund in care of Silver Lake State Bank, 201 NW Highway 24, Topeka, KS 66608.

To leave a special message for the family online, visit www.PenwellGabelTopeka.com

125th celebration committee meets

By Karen Krien
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The Celebrate St. Francis committee met Thursday evening at Majestic Service. The meeting was set to finish some of the business left from the celebration held in June. The other business was deciding how to handle the money left over from the event.

When the planning of the celebration began, it was decided that 80 percent of the excess money raised from the event would be given to the new swimming pool fund.

The pool fund committee is asking that they be given the full amount now. At this time, the plans for getting the projected \$2 million to build the pool are uncertain.

Because of the uncertainty of the plans, how the money would be raised, if it would be raised by a grant(s), or by a bond election, the 125th committee agreed to hold on to the money.

"It is for the pool - we are not trying to go back on our word," said Kari Meyer, committee chairman. "We just don't want to hurt any chances they might have to get a grant by having excess money."

Dennon Flemming, who is on the 125th as well as the New Generation Fund committee, said the pool committee would use the 125th money to begin having a plan drawn up. The cost of drawing up the plan is expected to be around \$10,000.

I know the pool committee has been getting pledges, said Norman Morrow, 125th committee member. We just need to make sure everything is locked down - there are grants out there and having too much money could take that away.

The majority of the money, he said, will go to the pool committee. There seems to be a lot of energy and desire to build the new pool however, there needs to be some channeling of plans.

He moved to give the pool fund \$1,000 for right now. Glenn Isernhagen seconded the motion. The committee passed the motion.

125th memorabilia

The 125th group then turned their attention to the memorabilia left from the celebration. There are T-shirts, mugs, hats, shot glasses, glasses and coins. They have been marked down and are on sale at the Cheyenne County Museum as well as the following businesses: Majestic Service, Farm Bureau, Methodist Thrift Store and The Herald office. The items will be on sale at the St. Francis Craft Show on Nov. 2 and again at the Light Parade, the Friday following Thanksgiving Day. There will also be a table set up at Majestic Service during the U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt on Sept. 20-22.

It was stressed that the 125th is the entire year. The memorabilia will make great gifts for birthdays, going away or a little something for someone special.

Club Clip

The United Methodist Women met on Sept. 4 at the United Methodist Church with 14 members present. Marsha Zimelman, president, presided over the business meeting.

Following the business meeting, Pastor Warren Cico presented the program. Pastor Warren introduced a series of six short-term Bible studies giving some background on each study. Most of the programs are five weeks in length.

Pastor Cico gave a brief review on one study entitled "Healing Waters" by Melody Carson. This study uses Christian fiction to explore the challenging journey to healing and wholeness.

He has these studies available to anyone desiring to further their knowledge of spiritual truth and growth.

Following the program refreshments were served by Dorothy Carpenter and Nola Burrus.

The next meeting is set for 2 p.m. on Nov. 6 at the United Methodist Church. Officers for the 2014 year will be installed. They are: vice president, Vickie Schliep; treasurer, Carol Rogers; program resource, Marie Holzwarth; youth activities, Joyce Faulkender; and education and interpretation, Lucille Price.

All ladies are welcome to attend.

Obituary

Randell Lee Stasser

Oct 11, 1968 - Sept 8, 2013

Randell Lee Stasser, 44, Topeka, died on Sunday, Sept 8, 2013, at Midland Hospice House, Topeka. He was born Oct 11, 1968, in St. Francis, the son of Leonard "Leon" and Sharon Kay (Beeton) Stasser.

Randell graduated from Goodland High School and Northwest Kansas Vocational School. His church family was First Southern Baptist Church of Topeka. He was a foster parent and a member of Local 307. Randell worked at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company; had been in the farming industry; and was an over-the-road truck driver for over 20 years.

Surviving are his companion and soul-mate: Debbie Ratner of the home; children: Blake, Tristan, and Clayton Stasser all of Denver, Colo., Cheyenne and Shelby Ratner of the home, and Jordan Garza of Goodland; his mother and step-father: Sharon and Ron Demers of Garden City; his father and step-mother, Leon and Connie Stasser of Mesa, Ariz.; and siblings: Lyn Stasser of Gilbert, Ariz. and Serena Simmons (Chris) of Cimmaron; and six nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life was held Wednesday, Sept 11, at First Southern Baptist Church, 1912

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Notice of Budget Hearing

The governing body of CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS will meet on the 30th day of September, 2013 at 9:00 A.M., at the County Courthouse for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at the COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE and will be available at this hearing.

Budget Summary

Proposed Budget 2014 Expenditures and the Amount of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2014 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	Prior Year Actual for 2013		Current Year Estimate for 2014		Proposed Budget for 2014		Est. Tax Rate
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate	Expenditures	Amount of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax	
General	4,614,445	24.657	2,916,269	62.105	2,794,757	2,850,937	74.571
Road and Bridge	518,531	21.720	1,189,072	24.234	1,236,436	640,740	16.479
Bond Financing	41,856	0.993	51,000	0.967	55,000	53,360	1.373
Non-Debt Related	25,837	0.709	40,000	0.833	39,040	0.000	0.000
Medical	545,432	11.662	172,517	17.031	406,148	706,782	18.327
Special Projects	4,831	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Parks & Recreation	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Law Enforcement Trust	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Health Grants	0	0.000	28,000	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Works	1,500	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Totals	6,218,501	68.722	5,075,827	104.798	5,090,326	5,117,077	97.815
Less Transfers	17,426		246,000		246,000		
Net Expenditures	6,199,075		4,753,827		4,844,326		
Total Tax Levied	2,747,959		3,741,946		3,741,946		
Assessed Valuation	37,738,321		37,254,638		37,254,638		
	2013		2012		2014		
Est. Bonds	0		0		0		
Local Public Use	0		0		0		
Total	0		0		0		

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To be inserted in October.

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