

Business changes owners

By Karen Krien
Park Hill Restaurant and Lounge has a new owner.
On Nov. 15, Chris Adamson sold Park Hill Restaurant and LaFiesta Room to Anita Amack who had been employed there for the last three years. Mrs. Amack takes over the business with a great deal of experience, having been around the restaurant business most of her life. Before moving back to St. Francis about four years ago, she managed a TCBY in Greeley and, before moving away from St. Francis in the 1980s, she ran the U.S. 36 Cafe (now Dusty Farmer).
"I plan to keep the food and everything else the same as it has been," Mrs. Amack said.
There will still be the popular sopapillas, chips and hot sauce served with each meal and, on Wednesdays, the restaurant will be serving people wanting fajitas which are available only on that night.
"I do ask that people will be patient with us as there are times when we are a little slow but we are still learning and want everything to be right," she said. The hours are the same: Tuesdays



ANITA AMACK works on making sopapilla dough at her new business. Amack purchased Park Hill from Chris Adamson.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

through Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and, on Sundays, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. People may place orders to go by calling 785-332-2255.

Mrs. Amack and her husband John were both born and raised in St. Francis and attended public schools. Mr. Amack runs a construction business.

"We welcome back all of Chris' old customers and appreciate the new customers," Mrs. Amack concluded.

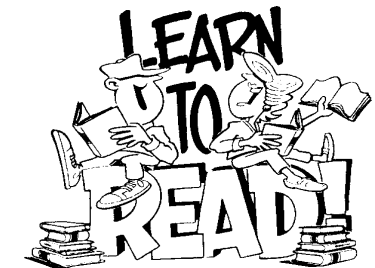
Killer with 'pretty good record' could soon go free after parole hearing

By Rachel Miscall
After spending the day talking, William Schlischer, Charles Kauffman and Marvin Dale Seigrist loaded Schlischer's car with rifles and a pistol on Nov. 7, 1970, and headed out to rob a gas station.
Wallace Patton, the attendant at the station near the east I-70 exit, gave the boys the money in the cash register — less than \$100 — but told them he knew who they were. He told them he wouldn't turn them in if they put it back, but they apparently didn't buy that.
The trio drove around for most of the night, with Patton on his hands and knees in the back seat while they figured out how to get rid of him.
Seigrist, who gave authorities the key to the case 10 years later, testified that he watched as Schlischer and Kauffman walked Patton into a field and each shot him twice.
A fierce storm erased evidence at the scene and the murder went unsolved until Seigrist finally cracked in 1980, fearing that Schlischer would make good on his threat to kill him.
Sherman County authorities used an old parole violation warrant to have Schlischer arrested in Louisiana, where he had started a family and was working on an oil rig. Schlischer had broken parole for burglary in the mid-1970s to move out of state.
Seigrist received immunity for his testimony, and Schlischer and Kauffman were charged with first-degree murder on June 2, 1980. Doctors declared Kauffman not sane enough to defend himself, but after a week-long trial, a jury put Schlischer away for life.
At that time in Kansas, "life" meant 15 years until a criminal is eligible for parole. Schlischer has been turned down three times, but will see the parole board once again this month.
Because a murder weapon was never found, Seigrist's testimony was a key piece of evidence. But Perry Warren, the county attorney in 1980, said he wasn't the most credible witness.
Court records say Seigrist himself

had a long history of commitments for mental illness and gave police conflicting stories about the murder until he was promised immunity.
At the trial, jurors heard testimony from KBI agents who investigated the murder and took Seigrist's confession, the coroner who examined Patton's body, the Louisiana officers who arrested Schlischer, Armstrong and people who committed crimes or served time with Schlischer. Warren said Schlischer didn't testify.
The jury also heard Seigrist's recollection of the crime.
Under cross-examination by Michael Foust, Schlischer's lawyer, who still practices in Goodland, Seigrist admitted that he had changed his story many times before receiving immunity.
In his closing remarks, Jerry Fairbanks, deputy county attorney, said Seigrist didn't want to be charged with murder, but told the truth once he knew he wasn't going to prison. The lawyer reminded the jury that Seigrist knew details only someone who had been there could know.
After deliberating for three hours, the jury found Schlischer guilty on Sept. 22. He was sentenced to life in prison on Dec. 15.
A juror, who didn't want her name used because she still fears Schlischer, said his expression didn't change when he heard the verdict or the sentence.
"He showed no emotion," she said. "No emotion ever. Nothing."

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Hearing to determine if killer will be out on the streets again

By Rachel Miscall
William Schlischer, sentenced to life in prison in 1980 for murdering a Goodland gas station attendant in 1970, is up for parole this month and could be released in February.
A clerk for the Kansas Parole Board said Schlischer's hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 16, and if he is granted parole he will be released on Thursday, Feb. 28, the date his sentence began. He is being held under medium security at the Norton Correctional Facility.
The board will consider letters about the crime or criminal at any time, but the clerk said it's best if comments are received at least a week before the hearing.
Bill Miskell, spokesman for the state Department of Corrections in Topeka, said Schlischer hasn't been "written up" for a rules violation in more than a year and has been punished five times since 1997 for minor, non-violent offenses. Schlischer jumped parole before when he was released from prison in the 1970s for committing burglary in and around Sherman County.
The month before the hearing, Seidel said, the board holds public sessions to gather comments about the prisoner up for release. The last session was on Friday, but people can still send letters.
The clerk said members review all letters they receive, and will consider any information, even if it comes after the hearing. However, he said, it's best if letters arrive at least a week before, which would be next Wednesday, Jan. 9.
Seidel said letters can be mailed to the Kansas Parole Board; Landon State Office Building; 900 S.W. Jackson Street, Room 452 S; Topeka, KS 66612-1220 or faxed to 785-296-7949.
The clerk said letters should include the inmate's name and number. Schlischer's is 24626.
Because he was sentenced to life, Seidel said, Schlischer will probably be supervised by a parole officer for the rest of his life if he is let out. She added that the board has released some sentenced to life from parole, but only if they have exemplary behavior on the outside.

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General	\$223,706.44	254,467.14	128,286.20	97,525.50
Road and Bridge	225,680.08	135,760.68	52,341.55	142,260.95
Special Machinery	41,486.84	1,400.00	20,041.16	60,128.00
Bridge Building	38,073.21	25,956.25	252.40	12,369.36
Noxious Weed	47,151.74	3,728.43	686.99	44,110.30
Solid Waste	13,841.70	0.00	0.00	13,841.70
Noxious Weed Special	19,017.44	12,907.25	12,257.75	18,367.94
Rural Fire	23,649.29	6,072.70	8,699.30	8,877.29
Hospital	0.00	85,304.77	85,304.77	0.00
Special Fire Equipment	27,533.78	0.00	9,836.00	37,369.78
Treasurer's Special	17,050.96	798.72	4,796.40	21,048.64
Attorney Fund	3,143.83	00.00	57.00	3,200.83
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$680,335.31	528,395.94	65986.12	680,335.31

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Terry Miller
Cheyenne County Clerk

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