

New machinists have all the right parts

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

To an engine enthusiast, Front Range Automotive Machining probably looks like a dream come true. Piece-after-piece of state of the art equipment line the walls of the new business at 102 N. Second, behind CarQuest.

Jim Linner is a 1975 graduate from Beaver City High School. Since then he has had several jobs including being an over-the-road truck driver. But, in 1994, he found his niche when he began working, part-time, in a machine shop in Longmont, Colo. He bought the shop a year later.

About ten years ago he met his wife, Heidi. She is an integral part of the business, handling the office and dealing with customers. Truth be known, she can "talk shop" right along with him, describing the various services the shop offers. She said, "Dirty work doesn't scare me."

Mr. Linner said, "Trust me. She knows more about engines than most guys."

He said, "We're not afraid to tackle anything. But, remember, we're machinists; not mechanics."

Front Range Automotive Machining can do anything automotive related. The list includes: valve jobs; engine rebuilds; crankshaft grinding; cylinder head work; resurfacing and pressure testing heads and blocks; turning brake drums and

rotors and fly wheels.

The shop will work on agricultural engines, antique engines, foreign or domestic engines and heavy duty engines. They will even do work on motorcycles and bicycles if it requires a machinist's touch. He said, "I can do anything from high-performance engines to marine to Model As."

Heidi said, "Jim has done some racing himself, so he knows engines." She added that he had done all the machine work for a Toyota dealership in Colorado.

For the mechanic who wants an engine block cleaned, Front Range offers a different method of cleaning. First, an engine goes through a thermal cleaning process, then it is lowered into a machine that blasts it with microscopic stainless steel beads. The process, which uses no chemicals, takes about an hour and the engine comes out looking brand-new.

Another piece of equipment is a boring and honing machine. It speeds up the process of doing a bore job on an engine block.

Mr. Linner said, "I've been around this business a long time. We're honest and we're fair. We do quality work at fair prices."

The couple admit they miss the mountains but agree they love living in Norton. They have one daughter who lives in Lincoln, Neb., one daughter in Fort Collins,



Jim Linner, owner/operator of Front Range Automotive Machining, works with a piece of precision equipment

in his shop at 102 N. Second, in the CarQuest building. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Colo., and a son in Longmont. Front Range Automotive Ma-

chining is open from 8 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and Satur-

day by appointment. If you need to call, the number is 874-4210. The

business accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards.

HUSKY NOTES

Northern Valley USD 212 Board of Education met in regular session on May 15 at Almena School, Almena.

Members present were Gale Hays, president; Drake Gebhard, vice president; Doyle Baird, Glenn Brands, Blaine Marble, Harlan Ponstein, Alan Woodside, Dwight Vallin, elementary principal; Bill Lowry, superintendent; Lonnie Brungardt, high school principal and Barb Nelson, clerk.

President Hays called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. with six members present.

Adoption of Agenda: Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Ponstein seconded a motion to adopt the agenda as amended to add 7c. Class Schedules. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Baird moved and Mr. Ponstein seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 10 and April 24, 2006 board meetings. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gebhard arrived at 8:05 p.m.

Approval of Bills: Mr. Woodside moved and Mr. Baird seconded a motion to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Hearing of Visitors: Visitors Tammy Vincent and Erin Manning were welcomed. Jessie Redeker was present briefly while Erin Manning presented the video she had created for class.

Tammy Vincent shared the standards that her class is working to achieve. She also showed a fantastic Power Point presentation that she had made with pictures of her class showing the highlights of their year.

Erin Manning talked about the Windows Movie Maker Program that her computer applications class is using. She shared the fun video that Jessie Redeker had made for the class. The board enjoyed both presentations.

Roof Repair Report: Bids from Roofmasters of Hays and Gary Conner of Phillipsburg were reviewed. Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Woodside seconded a motion to contract Roofmasters Roofing and Sheet Metal Co., Inc. to do repairs at the Long Island three-story building for \$2,466; the Long Island low roof for \$2,475; and the Almena school for \$14,838. Motion carried 7-0.

Summer Project Report: A list of proposed projects was presented.

Transportation Report: Mr. Lowry presented information on current mileage for vehicles owned by the district. There was brief discussion about getting bids for spare buses.

Class Schedules: Lonnie Brungardt presented the tentative schedule for the next school year. Jason Dibble arrived at 8:47

p.m. **Secretarial Position:** The position was offered to Emily Wellman and she has accepted. Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Ponstein seconded a motion to approve Emily Wellman's contract. Motion carried 7-0.

Summer Custodial Position: The position will be advertised in school; applications will be accepted for one week. This position is available to a current high school student or a current year graduate.

Resignations: Mr. Baird moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to accept Lisa Miller's resignation from Junior High Assistant Girls Basketball Coach and Co-Cheerleading Sponsor effective at the end of the 2005-2006 school year and Kirsten Baird's resignation from shared duties as Junior High Service Club Sponsor for the 2006-2007 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

Supplemental Contract Renewal 2006-2007: Mr. Woodside moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to approve the list presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Jason Dibble and Erin Manning departed at 9:15 p.m.

Almena Cook Position: At 9:15 p.m. Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Baird seconded a motion that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel; and that the board return to open meeting in fifteen minutes in the same location. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Lowry, Mr. Brungardt and Mr. Vallin remained in the room for this executive session. This executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual. At 9:30 p.m. Mr. Gebhard moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to extend this executive session for fifteen minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

Tammy Vincent departed at 9:30 p.m. At 9:45 p.m. Mr. Gebhard moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to return to open meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Classified Staffing 2006-2007: Mr. Gebhard moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to approve classified staffing as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Certified Personnel: At 10:00 p.m. Mr. Gebhard moved and Mr. Ponstein seconded a motion that the board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for non-elected personnel and that the board return to open meeting in ten minutes in the same location. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Lowry, Mr. Brungardt and Mr. Vallin remained in the room for this executive session. The executive session is required to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual.

At 10:10 p.m. Mr. Gebhard moved and Mr. Ponstein seconded a motion to extend this executive session for ten minutes. Motion carried 7-0. At 10:20 p.m. Mr. Baird moved and Mr. Brands seconded a motion to extend executive session again for ten minutes. Motion carried 7-0. At 10:30 p.m. Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Woodside seconded a motion to return to open meeting. Mr. Ponstein moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to assign counselor duties to Jill Stoelting and to allow Jill Stoelting and Monica Wilson contract extensions for five days each for enrollment duties. Motion carried 7-0.

Negotiations: At 10:35 p.m. Mr. Woodside moved and Mr. Brands seconded a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the body or agency; and

that the board return to open meeting in twenty minutes in the same location. Motion carried 7-0. Mr. Lowry, Mr. Brungardt and Mr. Vallin remained in the room for this executive session. This executive session is required to protect the district's right to confidentiality of its negotiating position, and the public interest. At 10:48 p.m. Mr. Marble moved and Mr. Brands seconded a motion to return to open meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Administrative Reports: Mr. Lowry reported on upcoming

events. He commented that he, Harlan Ponstein and Gale Hays had attended a KASB Regional Meeting in Quinter.

Mr. Brungardt reported on upcoming activities. He talked about the spring cleanup that was done last week; Student Council paid the expenses for this project. Student Council has agreed to fund \$3500 toward the purchase of three lunchroom tables. Mr. Gebhard moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to use district funds to purchase three more tables.

Mr. Vallin reported on recent and upcoming events for the elementary school and Jr. High.

Board Member Reports: The board thanked Mr. Vallin for thirty years of tireless and enthusiastic support of Northern Valley Schools.

Adjournment: At 11:05 p.m. Mr. Woodside moved and Mr. Marble seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

Barb Nelson, Clerk
These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting of the board.

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PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR IRENE WAGONER

ANTIQUES & RELATED COLLECTIBLES

Old Gold Weighing Scales w/ Marble

Quilts & Crochet Bedspreads

Sad Irons - 1 steam

1 gal & 5 gal. Lg Mouth jars w/ wire handle used in Drug Store

School or Dinner Bell 19 1/2" wide & 12" tall

Cast Iron Bracket to hold Kerosene Lamp, no reflector but extra wall bracket

Cast Iron boiler

Copper boiler

Meat saw

2 gal. Redwing Butter Crock - no lid

5 gal. Crock Jug

Wood Horse Hames w/ Brass Ends

Marbles

Lots of Old Picture Frames & Pictures

Old Hats

#16 Cherry Stoner - Chop-Rite

Tom's Toasted Peanuts 5c Jar

Planters w/ Mr. Peanuts

Coca Cola Glasses

Alum. Pitcher & Glasses

Paper Weights

Griswold Waffle Cooker

Coffee Grinder

Lefton Vases

Hull Bird w/ Matching Base

Hull L-2 5 1/2"; W-4 6 1/2"; 12 6 1/2"

2 Hull W-13 7 1/2"

Roseville 272 - 6"; 205 - 6" Blue w/ flower

Set of 4 Soda Glasses

Lots & Lots of Individual Glassware

Depression Ware

Pink Depression-6 Dinner; 6 Desert; 6 Saucers; 5 Cups; boat Bowl; 6 Serving Bowls; 1 Cake Plate; 1 Cookie Jar

2 Bridal Baskets

12 pc. White China Dishware

White China for Painting

Crystal Wine Glasses

China Kiln

Dalton Dishes

Knick Knacks

Figurines

Copeland Figurines

Portland China No 743562 Royal

Doulton England - 12 Dinner Plates, 12 Desert, 12 Bread, 12 Soup Cups & Saucers, 11 Coffee Cups, 11 Saucers, 1 Creamer

White China Pitcher

Antique Floor Lamp & Matching Table Lamp

Cast Iron Flag Holder

Ice Tongs

Old Lanterns

Kerosene Lamps

Aladdin Lamps

3 Sets of Collectible Spoons; 2 of Presidents, 1 gold finish by Rogers; 1 of States

Coleman Lanterns Mod. 152 Gas or Kerosene

Mothers Day Collector Plates

Musicals

Clocks

Singe Sewing Machine w/ case

Opera Glasses

Washboards

Child's Chalk Board

Pitcher Pump

MISC.

Wood Spindles

Old Christmas Decorations

Lots of Craft Items - Paint, Glitter, Foam

Kitchen Appliances

Bake Ware

Twisted Iron Soda Stool

Safe

Mirrors

Old Sheet Music

Lots of Jewelry

Commode

Primitive Tools

Cow Bell

Boxes of Quilting Material

Table Linens

Lace Doilies

Pillowcases & Sheets

MAJOR HOUSEHOLD

Antique China Buffet w/ Curved Glass Front

Cedar Chest

Antique Dresser

Antique 4 pc. Bedroom Set

Antique Hand Carved Tea Table

Antique Half Moon Shaped Table

Buffet

Dining Table & Chairs

Kitchen Hutch

Kitchen Table & 4 chairs

Rocking Chair

Apt. Size Chest Freezer

Refrigerator

Stove

Washer & Dryer

Auctioneer's Note - A lot of Irene's belongings are early 1900's heirlooms and numerous antiques and collectibles from 1950's & 1960's era when her late husband, Floyd, and she ran Wagoner Sundries in Lenora Kansas. She enjoyed craft work that included quilting, china painting & needle work. Irene is living at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin, Ks. Personal Representatives are Elda Youngs, McCook, NE & Joy Kronenberg, Springfield, Ill.

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Contests Will Take Place On

Saturday, July 15, 2006

STARTING AT 10:00 A.M.

Crowning to be held during the Norton County Fair. Applications will be taken until June 15. Queen Candidates must be from 14-19 years old as of January 1 and not currently holding any other queen titles. Princess Candidates must be 13 and under as of January 1 and not currently holding any other queen titles. All candidates must be residents of Norton County and/or attend a Norton County School. Contests will include: horsemanship, personal interview, written test, and speech. \$300 college scholarship to the Queen and other prizes and gifts for all contestants. The new Norton Saddle Club Queen will be required to appear and ride at local area horse events, rodeos and parades to support the saddle club. For an application, rules, and more information, interested young ladies should contact: Glen Campbell, 877-3945 or Corinne Cox, 854-7435 or cccox@ruraltel.net