

## Voters cast 'Yes' ballot

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, a special election was held in the Cheylin School District. Voters went to the polls and the majority of the people in the district voted "yes" to change the board districts from two districts to one district.

County election officer, Terry Miller, reported that a total of 56 people in Bird City turned out to vote. There were 47 votes in favor of changing the district to one "at large" district, and nine votes against changing the districts.

In Rawlins County, there were 18 people voting. Nine votes were for changing the district and nine not wanting to change the district.

Mr. Miller noted that the final vote will be known after the commissioners canvas the ballots before their meeting on Dec. 17.

The procedure, said Bruce Bolen, superintendent, is to better serve the population district.

There will continue to be seven members on the board of education but they can be elected from anywhere in the Cheylin School District.



ELEMENTARY CHOIR entertained at the Cheylin Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner held on Wednesday, Dec. 5. Pictured, back row, left to right, are Taos Dale, Connor McPherson, Hazy Tdentino, Adamaris Romero and Matthew Hendricks; front row: Kyla Howard, Hayden Ketzner, Taylor McCarty, Gabrella Pochop and Kende Gonzales.

Times staff photo by Norma Martinez



DAWN MILLER, owner of Designs By Dawn, gets ready for her open house on Monday. Times staff photo by Norma Martinez.



MONTANA MILLER helps a customer register.

Times staff photo by Tim Burr

## Beauty salon moves across the street

Monday was an exciting day for Dawn Miller and Montana Miller as they opened Designs by Dawn, their beauty shop, across the street from her prior location.

The shop can be located by a large sign in front of 120 W. Second Street that reads, "Designs by Dawn Salon & Day Spa."

Dawn obtained her license to operate as a beautician 28 years ago. Her first shop was located next to Hometown Market. In 2000 she opened the shop in the single car garage which her husband, Brian, remodeled.

The salon served her very well until her daughter, Montana Miller, graduated from Cheylin and joined her after earning her cosmetologist degree three years ago.

Suddenly, Dawn said, things in the shop became very crowded as they made room for a second stall and manicure set up.

When the house across the street was for sale it seemed like a

perfect solution to their problem. After two years of her husband's handiwork, Dawn now has three stations giving ample room for her youngest daughter, Kelsey Miller, to join them in a few years.

The room she said, which she is the most proud of is the facial room. The shop is set up to do customized facials and upgraded pedicures, as well as acrylic nails and the most current hair styles. Montana is doing hair, manicures and pedicures.

With the most current products and equipment they are ready to give their customers top trends and treatments and a full line of Biomega, and Aguage products for women; Crew and Nioxin for men; and current items and trends in nail products.

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## Council disagrees, mayor settles issue

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During the November Bird City City Council meeting, Mayor Troy Burr tabled Hal Sager's motion to reduce city hall hours in order to cut down the expense of paying for a full-time office clerk. Hal Sager, councilman, opened the unfinished business section of the Dec. 3 meeting by making a motion that the council cut the city clerk's hours to part-time, with city hall hours changing to Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays only, effective Jan. 1.

"I would like to see city hall open five days a week, but I'd like to cut down the daily hours of operation," said Wade Carmichael, councilman. He said he totally agreed that the city could save money by reducing the hours of operation as well as other city employees including Brad Schneider, the superintendent. "There has always been something dragging us down for the past three years." He said he wants to see the city go forward and progressing. "If we are creating stuff for the city clerk to do, it doesn't warrant the hours."

Mayor Burr objected to this plan because he sees city hall as a business. "To serve the public, we've got to be there when the public needs service. This means if the clerk isn't there to service things Brad (Schneider) can't work as easily," Mayor Burr said.

Dennis Wright, councilman, said he thought this idea is one sided. "I see a lot of bickering going on that may be the reason for this suggestion," he said.

Councilman, Shannon Ambrosier brought up some things DeAnza Ambrosier, as the present city clerk, is doing that hadn't been done in the past. She does a lot of city work on her personal time, he said, and she does a lot of research to try to find solutions to issues that pop up. He reminded the council that other agencies such as Corina Cox from Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission and Chris Miller of Miller and Associates, both told the council that they couldn't have accomplished their task at hand if it hadn't been for the efforts of the city clerk.

When the mayor asked Mrs. Ambrosier for her opinion, she said she felt this suggestion was a personal attack against her. She said members of the council are being one-sided by listening to only one side of an issue.

"Your attempt to cut my hours is only punitive, for some reason, and has nothing to do with saving the city money. And I think that's both unprofessional and unfair," Mrs. Ambrosier said.

Mr. Sager said there have been several incidents to bring this about.

When Mrs. Ambrosier asked for examples, he responded with only one. He said the city received a couple of written nuisance complaints and that Mr. Schneider asked to see the complaints, but the clerk did not give him the opportunity to see the written complaints.

Mrs. Ambrosier asked if she could then give the other side, her side, of that story.

She explained that Mr. Schneider has called her on the phone and stated that he had not seen the written complaints. She told Mr. Schneider he was welcome to come to city hall to view them if he didn't take her word that they had been received by the city.

Mr. Schneider then, over the phone, asked the clerk to give him the names of the people who had filed the complaints with the city. Mrs. Ambrosier said she explained to him that she wasn't comfortable giving him the names of the complainants over the phone, but that he could come to city hall to review the complaints. And he never did.

Frank Serrano agreed that the clerk has to follow along with the policy in releasing information.

After this nipping went on for several more minutes, the city attorney told Mr. Schneider that he did not actually need two written complaints in order to complete a nuisance investigation. That if he notices there is an issue with a property, he can take it upon himself.

Mayor Burr then took control and said, "I have heard enough. There will be no more discussion on the matter of cutting the hours of operation and they will remain the same."