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Contests settled in general election

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The general election will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday in both St. Francis and Bird City. In St. Francis, the only voting place is at Peace Lutheran Church, College Street; in Bird City, voters should go to the American Legion Hall, West Fourth Street.

The advanced voting booth, located in the clerk's office in the courthouse will be open until noon on Monday.

The general will decide who will fill the seats up for election on the St. Francis and Cheylin school boards as well as the St. Francis City and Bird City city council and Bird City mayor. Also listed on the ballot will be boxes to check for two positions on the Sunflower Extension District Number 6 board.

St. Francis

There are seven people running for a seat on the St. Francis City Council but only three seats are vacant. Those running are incumbent Carla Lampe, along with Jennifer Dankenbring-Padgett, Justin Gardner, Michael Hanson, Daniel Hoard, Paula Keller and Bruce Swihart.

There is one race for a seat on the St. Francis Board of Education. Incumbent is Kelly Gienger, District 2, position 5. Derrik Tice is the only candidate running for District 1, position 4. There are three vying for the position of District 3, position 6: Mike Antholz, Bob Holzwarth and Ed Marin.

Bird City

In Bird City, there are two seats up for election on the city council and only one person, Wade Carmichael, incumbent, running. Troy Burr is running again for the

seat of mayor.

Cheylin Board of Education has four open positions. There is a race in District 1, position 1 where both Jim Cahoj and George Louderbaugh have filed. The other race is in District 2, position 6 with three candidates running: Jan Busse, Kerby Krien and Belinda Serrano. Others running for seats on the Cheylin school board are Anita Pochop, District 1, position 3; and Hal Antholz, member at large.

Extension board

The Sunflower Extension District Number 6 needs two people from Cheyenne County to fill seats on the board. Cindy Burr, Bird City, has served on the board since Cheyenne County joined the Sunflower Extension District. Also running for the second position is Tammy Grice, St. Francis.

Wind blows out March

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It was another cold, blustery week and March went out like a lion instead of a lamb!

Richard Grace, Grace Flying Service, St. Francis, said the wind on Tuesday was a steady 25 to 30 miles per hour with one gust coming in at 55 miles per hour in the morning.

Monday, there was snow mixed with the wind much of the morning but, Kathy Woodcox, weather observer, said she recorded only a trace even though there was some snow piled up in places.

Over the past week, she recorded .23 inch of moisture and two traces.

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MOVING THE SNOW early Thursday morning was Jeanine Peter.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien



LES DOGGETT is packaging some meat at the market.

Still cuttin' meat

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Les Doggett, owner of P and L Meat Market, St. Francis, is still cutting meat after over 40 years. He began his career working for Chet Holliman at Palace Market, then was the head meat cutter for Ideal Super Market for years.

Seven years ago, he established P and L Meat Market. It carried not only fresh, quality meats but also a small line of groceries and Daylight Donuts.

Several months ago, Mr. Doggett tripped and fell backwards over a log, doing extensive damage to his ribs and back.

His bones are healing but, where he processes meat, a slip of a big side of beef could undo all of the healing.

There was a head meat cutter job at Williams Brothers in Atwood so he took the position.

He has sold P and L to Rodney Neitzel who will take over April 11.

4-H'ers compete

Cheyenne County 4-H'ers were busy Friday afternoon when they participated in County 4-H Club Day. Before 5 p.m., there were 4-H'ers setting up for the Favorite Food competition. There were 16 tables set for a variety of different occasions with different table settings, menus and decorations.

Senior and overall champion of the food show was Allison Grice; intermediate champion was Mariah Beikman, and Katie Wurm was the junior champion.

Other competitors were: Junior division: Karly Bandel, blue; Cassie Cooks, blue; and Mandi Cooks, blue.

In the intermediate division, Taylor Archibald earned a blue; Kyla Bandel, blue; Brianna Cooks, blue; Katie Jenik, blue; Bailey Merklin, blue; Ally Northrup, blue; and Valerie Wurm, blue.

In the senior division, Jandy Dunn took home a blue; Caitlin Northrup, blue; and Dale Harley Northrup, blue.

Demonstrations and talks

Junior division: Cassie Cooks, blue; Mandi Cooks, blue.

Intermediate division: Mariah Beikman, regional blue; Valerie Wurm, regional blue; Brianna Cooks, blue; Emily Elfers, blue; Bailey Merklin, blue.

Project Talks

Senior division: Allison Grice.

Vocal Solo

Junior division: Mandi Cooks,



FIERCE COMPETITION for the ball was seen at the 3-on-3 basketball tournament held Saturday in St. Francis. Karly Bandel and Timmy Lambert were both racing for the ball.

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Senior citizens bring report to the city council meeting

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The St. Francis Senior Center's year-end summary for 2008 was presented to the St. Francis City Council on March 23. Giving the figures were Art Krueger and Ken Quigley, both representing the center.

Meals are prepared and served at the center three days a week. During the year, they served 8,697 meals and home delivered 2,919 for a total of 11,616 meals prepared.

With their income and expenses, they ended the year with a net income of \$1,437. Some of the projects they hope to complete this year are to redo or replace some doors. The south doors need to open out. They would also like to have an automatic door put in their main entrance.

The United Methodist Thrift Store has been matching some funds at the center and all donations are appreciated. The council approved giving the center \$5,000 for this year.

Small vehicles

The small vehicles were discussed again during the meeting. Neil McCumber was present to put forth some of his thoughts and ideas on the matter. He had checked into liability insurance and said you can get it and it is inexpensive. He also said that everyone who owns or is buying a small vehicle should be told what the rules are. He thinks that liability insurance is a good idea.

The council discussed how they See COUNCIL on Page 7



MARIAH BEIKMAN, left, prepared her table for the Favorite Foods competition. Mila Bandel looks on. Mariah took home a championship.

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People needed to train

Cheyenne County needs volunteers to train as a hospice volunteer.

There is a hospice volunteer training set for Saturday and Sunday. Times are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Volunteers can assist with tasks such as housekeeping or shopping, providing transportation, holding a hand, or just being a friend and listening.

These tasks, said Edie Walters, county volunteer coordinator, may seem simple, but they makes a real difference.

Hospice compassionately cares for people who are near the close of life — but hospice isn't about how you die, said Donald Schumacher, National Hospice and Palliative Care. It is about how you live!

Hospice and palliative care focuses on how dying people and their loved ones live each day, providing comfort and guidance along the way.

Hospice is widely recognized as the model for quality, compassionate care for people facing a life-limiting illness or injury. Hospice and palliative care involve a team-oriented approach to expert medical care, pain management See TRAIN on Page 7