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**HEAD START STUDENTS** head back to class after lunch. Pictured: (l to r) Jessica Mitchel, instructor; Vivian Yanez, Jillian Martinez, Savannah Morris, Logan Hamilton, Piper Hamilton, Lyden Lampe, Hailey Robbins, Nathalie Cha-

*Herald staff photo by Karen Krien*

## Most positions filled for April 7 election

By Karen Krien

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The deadline for filing for seats on Bird City or St. Francis city councils, the Bird City mayor and Cheylin or St. Francis school boards was noon on Tuesday.

Terry Miller, county election officer, reported filings were still

coming in Tuesday morning.

To run for a seat on the city council, the candidate must live within the city limits.

### Sunflower Extension

Incumbent Cindy Burr and Tammy Grice filed for a seat on the Sunflower Extension Board. Two seats were up for election.

Ms. Grice will fill the seat left by Penny Gienger.

### City council/mayor

There were a number of positions open in both cities on both the school and city boards. In both cities, the council can have any number of candidates running but only the seats which

are up for election will be filled by the candidates with the most votes in the April 7 election.

St. Francis — There are three city council seats up for election.

Those St. Francis members whose terms are up are: Rodney Bracelin, Natalie Knodel

and Carla Lampe. Filing by the deadline were Mrs. Lampe, Paula Keller, Justin Gardner Dan Hoard, Bruce Swihart, Jennifer Dankenbring-Padgett and Mike Hanson.

Bird City — There are two seats on the city council plus the position of mayor up for election. The

council positions are currently being served by Deb Smith and Wade Carmichael. Troy Burr is the mayor of Bird City.

Filing on Tuesday were Wade Carmichael for council. Troy Burr filed for mayor. That leaves one seat on the council to be filled by  
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**SINGING VALENTINES** will soon be serenading the community. St. Francis singers working on posters are Cara Hunt, left, and Charlotte Roosen.

## Valentine contest begins

Do you know a couple who is special? A couple who deserves to be recognized? Someone you love?

Well, people will be able to clip the ballot in this week's issue of *The Herald* on Page 1B, fill it out and take it back to one of the participating businesses. Ballots will be printed in *The Herald* for one more week.

On Monday, Feb. 9, the drawing will be held and the winners, there will be two, will be featured in the Feb. 12 issue. Just in time for Val-

entine's Day, the winners will also receive a bouquet of flowers from Goodell Greenhouse and Floral.

"This should be a fun contest," said Casey McCormick, ad manager. "Everyone knows a couple who fits just right, and it will be great to see who is going to be our featured Special Valentine's Couples."

The only rules are: 1) The couple must be married and 21 years of age or older; and 2) must live in Cheyenne County. Also, the ballot must be one cut from the newspaper.

This is an easy contest. There are no essays to write, no mushy notes to print and it doesn't cost a thing. The participating merchants are taking care of that.

When taking the ballot into one of the stores, be sure and thank them.

Participating merchants are: Donna's Gift Palace, Goodell's Greenhouse, Hilltop General Store, Krien Pharmacy, L & L Liquor, Owens True Value, Stuart's Jewelry, Video Connection, Video Kingdom and *The Saint Francis Herald*.

## Wild cats on council's agenda

By Peggy Horinek

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A new topic came up at the St. Francis City Council meeting Tuesday night. Harold Tygart, St. Francis, spoke to the council regarding the wild cats that are multiplying in city. They move into old buildings and garages — any place where they can live. It was said that there are people in town who feel sorry for these cats and have been feeding them.

Mr. Tygart states these cats are easy to tell from household cats as their hair is usually matted, have watery eyes and act wild. They also carry many diseases which can harm humans as well as pets.

The ordinance reads there can be three cats or three dogs at a

residence, more than that and a kennel license is required.

The community needs to work together on this problem as tension is building on both sides of the issue. Right now there are a couple of traps being set by Mr. Tygart and then he is disposing of the wild cats.

Some of the issues arising are; do we need an animal control officer? where would the animals be kept for the required days after capture? There will be several ordinances looked into to help solve some of these questions.

### Band shell

"Mark May 31, on your calendar," Dorothy Smestad said. This is the date for the Sawhill Diamond Jubilee. It should be a lot

of fun, she said, and, at the same time, helping to raise funds to renovate the band shell.

Len Schamter, Schamter Historical Foundation, who has looked at the band shell for the second time, along with Brian Luther, a carpenter from Goodland, said it is a very unique building and worth keeping. Mr. Schamter also said that everything inside is restorable. There are some unique, original art works on the inside of the band shell.

Mrs. Smestad said if anyone would like a tour of the band shell to call her at 332-2150 or at Sainty Stitches, 332-2339.

### Police report

Shane Guggenous, chief of po-

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## Weather remains cold



On Jan. 21 and 22, the temperatures were over 70 degrees. Kids were at the park playing without jackets and people were working in their yards — It was as if spring had arrived.

However, by Saturday, the temperatures had dropped to a high of 26 and a low of 7 degrees with wind chills well below zero.

High temperatures remained in the teens and lows in the single digits.

Snow fell off and on during the cold spell and Kathy Woodcox, weather observer, said there was around .02 inches of moisture.

Toward the end of the week, temps are supposed to reach the mid 50s.

| Date    | High | Low | Prec. |
|---------|------|-----|-------|
| Jan. 20 | 68   | 2   |       |
| Jan. 21 | 72   | 25  |       |
| Jan. 22 | 71   | 26  |       |
| Jan. 23 | 26   | 7   | T     |
| Jan. 24 | 29   | 9   |       |
| Jan. 25 | 21   | 8   | T     |
| Jan. 26 | 14   | 5   | .02   |



**SNOW ACCUMULATED** and Shelley Christensen, maintenance person at the courthouse, was clearing the walks.

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