



## Ballots to show full slate

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

The filings came in slow, said Terry Miller, but by deadline, all positions had at least one person running.

There will be no need for a primary election so all candidates will be on the ballot at the general election held on Tuesday, April 5.

### City council/mayor

The city of St. Francis has two city council and mayor seats up for election. Listed on the ballot for the city council will be Roger Jensen and Dale Weeks, both incumbents, and Robert "Bud" Erskin. Larry Wilson and incumbent

Scott Schultz, are running for St. Francis mayor.

Bird City has three seats on the city council open for election. Running will be Frank Serrano and Dennis Wright, both incumbents. Also running is Shannon Ambrosier.

### Board of education

Four seats are up for election on the St. Francis Board of Education. Positions and candidates are: Member at large, incumbent Sherry Weeks; District 3, position 6, Mila Bandel; District 1, position 1, incumbent Mary Beth Miller; District 2, position 5, Norman Morrow, Jerry White and Cory Busse.

The Cheylin Board of Education has three seats up for election. Those running are: District 1, position 5, incumbent, David Frisbie;

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## Conservation awards presented on Monday night

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Four conservation awards will be presented on Monday at the annual meeting of the Cheyenne County Conservation District. This year's winners of the Banker's Awards are Troy and Cindy Burr, Soil Conservation; Jim and Edie Walters, Windbreak; and Ken and Barb Beougher, Water Conservation. Jim and Jeanne Dunn were the winners of the Cheyenne County Grassland Award.

The awards meeting will start with dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion hall in Bird

City.

A full report of the Cheyenne County Conservation District's activities and financial affairs will be made. The terms of two board members, Spencer Schlepp and Clint Bursch, are expiring. An election will be held.

The winners of the conservation posters will also be announced.

Be sure and check the conservation special section inserted in this issue of *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times*. It includes stories about the winners and is brought to readers by the advertisers.



TOM KELLER AND JO FREWEN are heading the 'Heart' campaign, raising money for assisted living. Writing out a check for support is Carol Ross of Ross Manufacturing.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

## Red hearts represent support for assisted living project

The St. Francis Community Foundation is in the process of promoting "awareness" for the rebuilding of Senior Living in Cheyenne County. In doing so, the foundation will be canvassing the community asking for donations to buy a heart.

The paper heart can be purchased with a minimum donation of \$5 or whatever you feel in your heart you would like to give, said Tom Keller, one of the organizers. We ask that you proudly hang the heart on your front door or window of your business or home.

With Valentines Day approaching, people are encouraged to purchase a heart for that

special someone in their life, and in doing so they are helping promote "awareness" of senior living in Cheyenne County.

"Our hopes are----that when you enter a door, business or home with a red heart, you will stop and think of the displaced Good Samaritan Village residents and staff," Mr. Keller said. "Their absence is and will continue to impact our communities."

The donations from this promotion will be used for the immediate purpose of the Senior Living for Cheyenne County Fund. The money raised will help the county commissioner's task force in researching

and determining the best solution for rebuilding a facility, which will benefit the elderly and individuals with special needs.

Please contact any member of the St. Francis Community Foundation to obtain a "Heart for Senior Living in Cheyenne County" to display prominently in your home and business. The board members are: Tom Keller, Mike Day, Carla Lampe, Robert Grace, Dara Carmichael, Jo Frewen, Bruce Swihart, Carl Werner and Erika Zimelman. Call 785-332-3991 or 785-332-3466 or email sfcf967@gmail.com for more information.

### Have you voted?

St. Francis has been nominated to possibly receive \$10,000 for the Good Samaritan Village. People can log on to the site, cheer for St. Francis, and choose not to receive any promotional e-mails.

The contest ends on Feb. 7, and is segregated into city sizes. St. Francis would be in the less than 99,999 population category.

To enter, log on, enter the zip code (67756) and cheer for St. Francis.

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## Woman moves home

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Kelsey Andrist is one of those kids who was raised in St. Francis, went away to college, then came back to live and work in Cheyenne County.

Ms. Andrist is the newest beautician at Girlfriends and Guys, Too, located at 213 E. Webster, St. Francis. She joins her mother, Denise Andrist, owner and operator, and Crystal Ludowese.

Ms. Andrist graduated from St. Francis Community High School, then went on to Fort Hays State University where she earned a degree in communications. She went to work in the loan department for First National Bank in Goodland.

However, she found she really wanted to be a beautician.

"I had always liked working with hair on the mannequins," she said, adding that she always did the hair for girls in dance concerts.

She went back to school graduating from Hays Academy of Hair Design in Hays. She said she completed the "Nuts and Bolts," which teaches the business side of running a salon.

She had already taken business while at the University but said Nuts and Bolts was a good refresher course.

She will be offering all hair services, nails except for acrylic nails and full body waxing. In the fu-



KELSEY ANDRIST, newest hair stylist at Girlfriends and Guys, Too, prepares to work on Erika Zimelman's hair.

ture, she will also be doing spray tanning which is a lot safer than tanning beds.

She especially likes coloring hair.

"I like to be able to make a difference look, style and color on clients," she said. "I am also excited to start waxing."

"I'm glad to have Kelsey in the business," Denise said. "She and Crystal have new techniques and I have learned a lot."

Kelsey works at the shop Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. She is a teller at First National Bank, Goodland, on Mondays and Fridays. I like the variety of working two completely different jobs, she said.

To make an appointment, call 332-3393. Denise said Crystal also works on Wednesdays.

Kelsey said she is glad to be back home, closer to family and working with Mom.

## County resident celebrates 100th birthday with party

Gladys Morehouse Neilan celebrated her 100th birthday on Sunday, Jan. 9. She has lived most of her life in Cheyenne County.

However, Gladys was born in Belvidere, Neb., to John and Mary Morehouse on a farm. In 1920, the family moved back to Cheyenne County where they had originally homesteaded some 19 years earlier.

Since few people are around today who were alive in 1911, the year she was born, guests at her 100th birthday party got a little history lesson on the year, 1911, from her son, Gary.

In 1911, he said, it was the year the Norwegian explorer Amundsen discovered the South Pole; also a company names "Computing, Tabulating and Recording Corporation" was formed. It is now known as IBM.

Famous people born in 1911 were Ginger Rogers, Lucille Ball, George Liberace, Roy Rogers, Spike Jones, Vaughn Monroe and band leader, Stan Kenton.

The popular songs of 1911 included "Alexander's Rag Time Band," "On Moonlight Bay," "Oh You Beautiful Doll" and the hit song of the year was "Any Little Girl That's a Nice Little Girl is the Right Little Girl for Me."

Gladys attended country school, then graduated from St. Francis High School in 1928. She worked for board and room, caring for the children of the Peck and Cram families.

Following high school she went to Hays and earned her teaching certificate. That fall, she began



Gladys Neilan when she graduated from high school

teaching country school (at age 17)

While she was boarding at the Roy Edmund's home, three brothers from South Dakota showed up to shuck corn. At the dinner table that night, she met her future husband, Joe Neilan.

Joe and Gladys were married in 1933 and harvested their first

corn crop which yielded just two gunny sacks of ears.

On Halloween night in 1935, the dining room table became a delivery room and son Gary arrived early the next morning. He was delivered by Dr. T.J. Walz.

Gladys was thoroughly immersed in the role of a farmer's wife. See 100th on Page 9A