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Election set for Tuesday

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The general election will be held on Tuesday, April 5. The polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Polling place in St. Francis is at Peace Lutheran Church. In Bird City, it is at the Legion Hall.

Both cities have positions open on the city councils. Seats on the Cheylin and St. Francis boards of education seats are also up for election.

There is a race for District 1, position 5 for the Cheylin Board of Education where both David Frisbie and Nick Ketzner are running. For District 2, position 2 on the St. Francis Board of Education, three candidates, Cory Busse, Norman Morrow and Jerry White are running.

There are races for both the St. Francis City Council and mayor.

Boards of education

Candidates running for the Cheylin Board of Education include: David Frisbie and Nick Ketzner, District 1, position 5; and Belinda Serrano, District 2, position 2. No

one has filed for District 2, position 4. There is talk that there is a write-in candidate but, as of Monday, the newspaper had not been notified.

Candidates running for the St. Francis Board of Education are: Mary Beth Miller, District 1, position 1; Milla Bandel, District 3, position 3; Sherry Weeks, member at large; and, Cory Busse, Norman Morrow and Jerry White, District 2, position 2.

City councils

There are three seats needing to be filled on the Bird City City Council and only three candidates, Shannon Ambrosier, Frank Serrano and Dennis Wright, are running.

On the St. Francis City Council there are two seats needing to be filled and there are three candidates, Roger Jensen, Robert (Bud) Erskin and Dale Weeks. There are two candidates running for mayor: Scott Schultz and Larry Wilson.

Sunflower Extension District

The Sunflower Extension District Number 6 needs two board members and Justin Lohr and Jeter Isely are running.

School concert held Thursday

The St. Francis Community High School Music Department will present a spring concert at 7 p.m. on Thursday (tonight) in the high school auditorium. Band and vocal classes will present a few selections and the rest of the program will be devoted to solos and small ensembles which are preparing for Regional Music Festival on Saturday in Oberlin.

Soloists scheduled to perform are Logan Whitmore, trumpet;

Sarah Whitmore, flute; and vocal solos by Robbie Herman, Brandon Keeker, Trevor Reed, Fabienne Baudet, Tilyn Bell, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Trista Orth, Stephanie Perry, Christina Schoenrogge, Taylor Archibald, Laura Brunk, Lane Hoffman and Bailey Merklin. All students are directed and accompanied by Debbie Fiala.

There is no admission charge for the concert and the public is encouraged to attend.

Class presents hillbilly play

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At 7 p.m. on Sunday and Monday, the St. Francis high school drama class will be presenting "Hillbilly Hankerin" in the high school auditorium. The doors will open at 6:15 each evening.

The production is about Pa Hereford, played by Isaac Schiltz, who says about his five daughters: "I should'a had puppies."

Up in the hills of Hooten Holler, it seems all the girls want to get hitched. These girls have a bad case of "The Hankerin'," as Pa calls it. The only exception is Charlemaine (Mikaela Grace), who would rather read than hunt for men. That is, until government man Marcus Slidell (Cody Sherlock) shows up.

For Charlie, it's love at first sight. Marcus, on the other hand, is only interested in buying land from the Herefords. Unfortunately, it's the same land that the Herefords and the Guernseys have been feuding over for decades.

Charlie figures she has to find some way to catch Marcus's eye, so she has Widder Perkins (Aly Marin), "The Black Widder," fix her up with a love potion. After this, it's "Katy-bar-the-door" as people come and go at a furious rate. The daffy Bickle Sisters think the Holler is about to be invaded; government men are being snared by husband-hunting Herefords and Guernseys; and newspaper editors try to get a scoop on what's new with the feud.

This play will keep you laughing, said Talley Morrow, co-director, seeing once and for all what it's like to have a bad case of "Hillbilly Hankerin"!!

Members of the cast are: Isaac Schiltz, Jacquelyn Ketzner, Mikaela Grace, Cody Sherlock, Aly Marin, Garrett Figgins, Brett Lampe, Aubree Schleppe, Christina Schoenrogge, Sarah Trembly, Jodie Hilt, Tilyn Bell, Chauntell Peter, Christina Hilt, Shayla Hilt, Stephanie Perry, Cody Killingsworth, Brock Zweggardt, Ty Zweggardt, Zach Zweggardt, Jonathan Butler, Logan Whitmore, Alex Draper, Sam Reed, Ryan Owens and Adam Guthmiller.

The play is under the direction of Talley and Dave Morrow, drama department.



PA IS IN TROUBLE — Pa, played by Isaac Schiltz is in trouble with one of his five daughters. Seated is Jacquelyn Ketzner.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Spring health fair offers blood draws and exams

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Twice a year, the Cheyenne County Hospital, clinic and health department sponsor a health fair. The spring health fair has been set from Monday to Friday, April 11 through 15. During these days, there will be blood draws, male and female exams

The health fair is an excellent way to offer screenings for some health problems like diabetes, thyroid, prostate and high blood pressure, said Mila Bandel, county health nurse. By catching them early, it can reduce the risk for costly complications.

Lab work or chemistry panels are groups of tests that are rou-

tinely ordered to determine a person's general health status. They help evaluate the body's electrolyte balance and/or the status of several major body organs.

The lab draws will be offered for three mornings in St. Francis (April 11, 12 and 13) from 7 to 10 a.m. in the basement of the Cheyenne County Clinic; and two

mornings in Bird City (Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12 and 13) from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Bird City Clinic. No appointments are needed for the lab draws.

Remember to not eat or drink except water after midnight the night before the lab draw. Those having the lab draws can take their morning prescription medications

with water prior to the draws.

There will also be male and female exams available for the health fair on April 13 (afternoon), 14 and 15 (all day), in the St. Francis Clinic. In the Bird City Clinic, exams will be made April 13, 14 and 15 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Appointment for exams are a must and can be made by calling

785-332-2682. The female exams will offer breast and pelvic exams with pap smears; the male exam will include a prostate check. The fees for the labs and exams are at a reduced price and will not be charged to your insurance.

While you wait

While people are waiting to See FAIR on Page 8

Shop offers flowers, plants

Classic Rose floral shop has opened at 116 W. Washington. Owner, Rose Mary Bierig announced a grand opening will be held on Thursday and Friday.

After 15 years, I'm delighted to be back in business on Main Street, Mrs. Bierig said.

"Working keeps me young at heart and I love to be around the public," she said.

The Classic Rose is a full-service shop

"We can take care of all your floral needs - from small to large," she said. "We have a large selection of flowers, greens and plants."

There will be low delivering costs, delivering in the tri-state area. There is no charge in St. Francis.

Mrs. Bierig credits her love of flowers and gardening to her Grandmother Schultz. As a little girl, Rose Mary said she would follow her, listen to her stories about how to plant and when to pick. In later years, Mrs. Bierig had her own flower garden. She also belonged to Garden Club, learned to design and also participated in shows.



ROSE MARY BIERIG, owner of Classic Rose, places the plants and arrangements on the shelves in front of the mirrored wall. The open house of the business is Thursday and Friday.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

After many years of working, she decided to retire.

"Oh, what a mistake," she said. "One day, I was in the greenhouse and said to Shirley Marino, owner, 'if you ever need help, give me a call,' and to my delight, she did!"

Mrs. Bierig started in the planting department under "Daddy Mike." "I learned you plant seeds and seedlings in soil, not dirt," she said.

She graduated to the flower design area which she said she loved.

"I had three great teachers: Shirley Marino, Lee Busby and Geri McCurry," she said.

She worked a total of 13 years at Goodell Greenhouse and 11 years in flower designing. She worked for Prairie Rose for 1 1/2 years.

Sainty man, city to meet in court

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A St. Francis man and the city of St. Francis are in the middle of a lawsuit and it appears that it will take awhile to be resolved.

In 1961, Margaret Box owned the land which now belongs to Craig Schoenrogge and his wife, Juciara. Mrs. Box had signed an easement with the city of St. Francis to have a well placed on her property and one water line leading from it. She sold the land to Gilbert and Gudrun Schoenrogge in 1976. Between the time that Mrs. Box signed the original easement and Craig Schoenrogge bought the land, other wells had been dug in the area surrounding it and lines from the wells laid.

The city filed an action in April 2009 asking that it be allowed assess to its municipal well and claiming adverse. Mr. Schoenrogge claims that the filing of the lawsuit by the city of St. Francis is an admission that the city of St. Francis was violating the terms and conditions of the city permits to appropriate water which did not authorize trespass upon private property.

Mr. Schoenrogge, who lives southeast of St. Francis, is saying that he wants the city to abide by the terms and conditions of the contract or pay for any necessary easements outside the scope of

the written agreement. "I just want people to be accountable and I don't think a lot of the people know what is going on out here," Mr. Schoenrogge said.

Mr. Schoenrogge and his lawyer, Charles Peckham, have filed a motion to enjoin Kansas Ground Water Resources and ask that the city water rights be revoked. Mr. Schoenrogge said he is hoping the courts will agree that the state of Kansas should not be in the business of facilitating or legitimizing trespass and reward the city of St. Francis, for violating the terms and conditions of the permits issued by the state.

Scott Showalter, District Court Judge, said there needs to be more briefing covering the following points: 1) that the court has authority to take action in this matter; and 2) the relevance of the requested relief. Mr. Schoenrogge has 60 days to file his brief and the city of St. Francis will have 15 days to respond.

City attorney, Mike Day, reported that the matter is pending before Cheyenne County District Court and it would not be appropriate for him to reply on behalf of the city as the matter should be tried in court, not in the newspaper.