

Auction deemed a success

By Dorothy L. Mast, Program Chairperson

The great participation of both the St. Francis and Bird City communities in the fund raising auction at the museum Saturday, Oct. 26, made the day a success.

The day was a lively one with fun and laughter of the competing bidders. The items displayed were an example of what a caring community can accomplish. The auctioneer (Ernie Ketzner) kept the bidders enjoying the day.

These funds will be used for the development of historical projects by the Cheyenne County Historical Society.

Watch your Historical Society news letter for the development of these projects as well as articles in the St. Francis Herald and Bird City Times.



ERNIE KETZNER, auctioneer, conducted the sale at the Cheyenne County Museum with the help of Fred Magley.

Local woman runs for state office

After nine years of teaching, Republican Connie Morris said, she decided to run for the state Board of Education.



Morris

Mrs. Morris, who lives in St. Francis and taught in Idalia, Colo., traveled across northwest Kansas on the "Victory Tour" bus with fellow Republicans on Thursday. She said she got on the bus in Russell, where Sen. Bob Dole spoke, and traveled through most of her district, getting off in Phillipsburg.

With being a teacher, she said that she has seen the classroom and knows how it all works. She said she has some ideas for solutions to problems that schools are facing, and she would like to put some of those to work.

After the primary, she said she was a little surprised that she won against veteran board member Sonny Rundell. It felt good, she said, and it seemed that people were receptive to her. She said she was in awe that it really happened.

Mrs. Morris said part of her platform is that she doesn't support a tax increase. Schools do need more money, but there are other changes that can be made instead of a tax increase. While campaigning, said Mrs. Morris, she has talked about the fact that administrative salaries are often double or in some cases triple what teachers are earning. People simply can't accept the idea, she said, that there is more going on in the office than in the classroom. There is a way to make those salaries more equitable.

The other item she has talked a lot about is her belief that kids enrolled in American schools should be American citizens. She said that is a drive she has taken up as a grassroots activist and she will continue to work on.

The state is spending too much on bilingual education. She said she can support a school year of students taking English as a second language, but after that it shouldn't be the taxpayers' burden.

She said she doesn't believe bigger schools should buy books in Spanish while some small schools can't even purchase textbooks at all.

If elected, she said, she hopes to work on economic development, although she isn't sure that it is within the duties of the board. It is important to get young families with kids to Kansas to put kids in the schools, she said.

Mrs. Morris said she supports Republican Tim Shallenburger's plan to re-write the way schools are funded. She said he has some excellent ideas and she is interested to see it put to work.

Mrs. Morris's husband Kelly owns a plumbing business and the two farm near St. Francis. They have two daughters Jessica, 20 and Lacy, 18, both students at the University of Kansas.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Morris said, people should vote for her instead of her opponent because she doesn't support a tax increase while he does. More money isn't going to make things any better, she said; it will just be a big expensive band aid. The state can get the job done, she said. Schools just have to figure out with the help of the board how to do what is best with the money they have and are already drawing from the taxpayers.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Prec.
Oct. 22	39	26	
Oct. 23	32	23	.03
Oct. 24	39	23	
Oct. 25	52	23	
Oct. 26	62	30	.42
Oct. 27	43	32	.02
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Incumbent runs for Board of Education

By Kimberly Brandt

Incumbent Sonny Rundell is running a write-in campaign to be re-elected to the Kansas State Board of Education after losing in the primary to Connie Morris of St. Francis.



Rundell

Mr. Rundell has served 14 years on the board and before that, 11 years on the school board in his hometown of Syracuse.

Since Mr. Rundell is running a write-in campaign, he said anyone who wants to vote for him will have to actually write his name in and check the box next to it.

He said that after he lost the primary, he thought it was all over, but

when his opponent came out against educating the children of illegal immigrants, he knew he needed to get back into it. He said that isn't only morally wrong, but in his opinion, it is against the law not to educate all kids.

Since the district is so large, said Mr. Rundell, he tries to listen to people as much as possible. When there are meetings with a lot of people involved in schools, he tries to attend. Last week, he attended a conference about migrant workers and education.

Basically, he said, his platform follows the three goals the state board adopted in January 2002.

The first goal is to help raise scores of students on tests dealing with reading, writing, math and social studies. He said for students in the top part of the scores, they would like to help raise their scores 5 to 7 percentage points. For the students at the lower end, the goal is to help raise their scores 25 percent.

Mr. Rundell said it is important to provide a qualified, caring teacher in every classroom in Kansas. Part of doing that is being able to provide teachers with an adequate salary.

Lastly, he said it is important to take a look at the way schools operate in the 21st century and ask ques-

tions. For example, are the students attending school the right hours of the day? Would it work better to have longer days and not as many? Are there some classes that can be combined?

With the tight budget in Kansas, he said, some schools are already combining classes and teachers' jobs, and that may be something that the entire state should look at.

Basically, said Mr. Rundell, the state board is there to get information from local boards and set standards for accreditation of schools and certification of teachers. The board meets on the second Tuesday and Wednesday of each month.

Mr. Rundell has been the board's chairman for nearly two years.

A retired farmer, he and his wife Verna have four children, Brent, Barbara, Beth and Ira. They all live in Kansas with the exception of Ira, who lives in Chicago. They are all out of college although he said he has grandkids going to college.

"I feel that it is important that we educate all kids," said Mr. Rundell. "The kids need to have an understanding of all the students in the world. The world is getting smaller, and we are dealing more globally these days and need to have an understanding of all people."

Incumbent runs for third term Commissioner

By Karen Krien

Incumbent Jane Brubaker is running unopposed for a third term as Cheyenne County Commissioner, District 1, and thinks experience is important, especially in this time when the dollars are short and there is a drought.



Brubaker

"I think it is very important to keep taxes to a minimum while keeping services to the county residents," she said. "Besides, it takes several years working on the board to understand the budget."

Issues Mrs. Brubaker has on the agenda include:

- Keeping the taxes down is hard to do when the budgets are already cut as far as they possibly can be cut.
- The need for more emergency medical technicians.

• Keeping county roads in good condition

• Consideration of consolidated law enforcement.

Commissioner Brubaker thinks it is important to be involved in the community and she feels like she is doing that.

"I am the treasurer of the Bird City Community Club, work each year at the Thresher Show, I am active in church and attend almost every community event. I also shop locally which I think is important," she said.

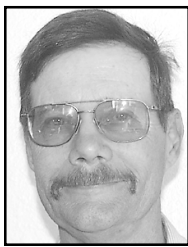
The commissioner and her husband Gary are farmers. They have one son Jacob who entered the Cheylin School this fall.

Commissioner Brubaker was born and raised in Atwood. She graduated from high school, then went on to attend Kansas State graduating with a degree in agri business. Not happy with that degree, decided to go on with her schooling, earning a degree in veterinary medicine.

Write-In concerned with landfill stresses recycling

By Karen Krien

"You know the old saying, 'you don't know what you've got until it's gone,'" said Sam Beeson, candidate for Cheyenne County Commissioner, District 1.



Beeson

Mr. Beeson is concerned about filling up the county's landfill and feels, that, as a commissioner, it is important to stress recycling.

"By recycling, we could continue to use the Cheyenne County Landfill for years to come," he said.

Mr. Beeson is concerned with several other issues including:

- Living in the country, he sees the conditions of the roads and ditches which he finds need more attention.
- Making sure country roads are safe, especially during harvest.
- The shortage of emergency medical technicians.
- Keeping jobs and creating more

jobs in the county.

Otherwise, he thinks the county is running pretty good.

Mr. Beeson was born and raised in Cheyenne County and later raised his family in the county. He served his country as a combat engineer in the Viet Nam War.

For the last 10 years, he has served as the Bird City City Superintendent and was also a law enforcement officer. Before that, he was an employee on the county road and bridge crew. He has helped out the Bird City Fire Department and is a former Cheyenne County Deputy Sheriff.

"I feel that all of these duties have given me good knowledge of the way our local and federal governments are run," Mr. Beeson said.

Mr. Beeson and his wife Sherry live about 7 miles northwest of Bird City. They have six children who have enjoyed the good life of Bird City and five have graduated from the Cheylin High School (the youngest is an eighth grade student).

Residents have new option for renewing tags

Kansas residents have a new option when they renew their vehicle tags. For those who wish to avoid potential lines or simply don't like to mail their renewals, there is now a quicker, simpler electronic vehicle registration options.

The program, dubbed "E-tags" by the Department of Revenue, provides current vehicle owners with two new ways to renew their tags, the Internet or the telephone. Both are completely automated, extremely easy to use and very quick.

The Internet option, www.kswebtags.org consists of just four simple steps. Renewing by phone at 1-866-4KSTAGS (457-8247) is toll-free an just as easy.

There are only a few requirements for the use of E-tags. The vehicle being renewed must currently be registered in the state of Kansas, the vehicle owner's address as printed on the renewal notice must be current and the vehicle must be insured by a participating insurance company.

Vehicle owners wishing to use the E-tags service should have their PIN number and a credit card ready before logging on or calling in. The PIN will be printed on the renewal notice that should arrive 30 to 45 days before a vehicle's tags expire. In addition to the normal renewal fee, there is a slight charge to cover program operations.

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