

Courthouse ready for early voters

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The Cheyenne County Courthouse is ready for the April 7 general election of city council and school board members with advanced voting booth already set up for people to vote until Monday, April 6, at noon.

In Bird City, voters can cast their ballots on Tuesday, April 7, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

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.

Candidates next week

Want to know about the school board candidates. They will be featured in next week's Bird City Times. Check them out, then be sure to get out and vote!

Experience the winning key

Troy Burr

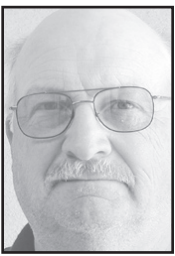
Born and raised in Bird City, Troy Burr is running for mayor. He said he is seeking another term in an effort to see the completion of several projects the city council has started in the past year.

"I feel that my knowledge of what is happening within the community will be helpful in the next four years," said Mr. Burr.

His goals are to see the medium-income housing plan and the housing rehab projects to their completions. In addition, knowing city employees are doing their jobs with confidence and efficiency.

Some of the challenges he feels the council faces now and in the future are having the adequate funds to operate city facilities such as the public pool, streets, and the water system. Mr. Burr feels a mayor must invest time and effort to do a good job, and the experience he has is his best asset.

Mr. Burr enjoys working with the city council. Together, they



Burr

have made several improvements for city operations, examples are a new sewer system, new equipment, and the remodeling of city hall.

He is a local farmer and his wife, Cindy works in the Farm Service Agency office and owns and operates the 2nd Beginning Thrift Store in Bird City. Their children are Natasha Culwell, St. Francis, Shannon and Megan Wilson, Manhattan, Matt and Sara Wilson, Moundridge. They also have five grandchildren.

Wade Carmichael

Wade Carmichael is running in the April 7 election for a seat on the Bird City City Council. Spending all of his life in the northwest corner of Kansas, Mr. Carmichael's goals are to make Bird City a pleasant place for families to live and business friendly.

When asked what are some changes he would like to see, Mr. Carmichael says listening to the changes the community wants is important to him and being in the position to bring it before the council members.

Some of the challenges he sees Bird City faces now and in the future are maintaining the amenities

the city has to offer and making sure the infrastructure, sewer and water systems, are in good shape.

He faces community challenges head-on and believes that economic development and projects are something the council should address on a continuous basis.

"The city council is proactive and works well together," said Mr. Carmichael.

Mr. Carmichael is married to Tammi, a fourth grade teacher at Cheylin and has a daughter and son, Teryn, 16 years old and Ty, 13.

He is a farmer and more recently, he has opened a new business in Bird City, Monty's Beef Jerky, in partnership with his sister and husband, Robyn and Tim Raile.

"Having the opportunity to serve the community is why I am running for re-election to the city council," said Mr. Carmichael.



Carmichael



CHARLES MERKLIN looks relaxed as he donates blood. He was among the many local residents who showed up to donate blood last week at the American Legion Hall.

Times staff photo by Linda Schneider



FAMILY AND FRIENDS STOP IN TO CELEBRATE WITH BOB BRUBAKER (seated center). Others seated are Winifred (Brubaker) Wamhoff and Richard Brubaker. Standing (l to r) are Val Coleman, Charles Coleman and Darlene Brubaker.

Retirement party held for member

Robert Brubaker has served on the Century II Development Foundation's Board of Directors for 24 years and on Tuesday, community and family members attended a retirement/birthday party for him, he turned 86.

Mr. Brubaker along with Edgar Robertson, Floyd Jensen, Robert Jones and Floyd Wright, founded the Bird City Century II Development Foundation following a Bird City centennial celebration on Dec. 17, 1985, with the money left over, \$1,400.

He has served as president, vice-president and treasurer during the 24 years, but what Mr. Brubaker is most pleased with is that he has had the opportunity to serve with good board members and the appointment of Cathy Domsch as executive director of Century II.

"We have agreed and disagreed

on issues, but our (board members) intentions have always been for the well-being of Bird City and its residents," said Mr. Brubaker.

Even with just \$1,400, the founders had a vision of greater proportions, of building community unity. Then through the Edgar Robertson Estate in 2002 and Rosemary Griffin Estate in 2004, the Foundation has been able to award grants which improve the community as a whole and bring people together to solve pressing community issues.

"What Edgar and Rosemary did showed they had confidence in the board in continuing with the vision of putting money into the community," said Mr. Brubaker.

Moreover, fulfilling the Foundation's Mission: To revitalize your community and enhance the well-being of present and future generations.

Talents performed

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People are urged to stop by the St. Francis high school Friday about 5 p.m. to see the 4-H'er in action.

Friday is Cheyenne County 4-H Day and 4-H'ers will be performing a variety of talents from singing, to dancing, to playing instruments.

There will also be the Favorite Food Show held in the cafeteria. The 4-H'ers will create a meal, party or snack, attractively set the table and provide the recipe. They are judged and the room is then opened to the public.

Attending 4-H Day encourages the 4-H'ers as they learn to speak and perform to the public. It is also entertaining for those in the audience.

St. Francis first e-waste collection brought in 417 recyclable items

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For years, people have questioned what to do with their old televisions and radios. Then computers came along and practically every family had a computer that much of it was obsolete by the time it was taken out of the box.

On Friday, the first e-waste pickup was held in St. Francis at the recycling center south of the museum.

"It was a successful collection," said Roger Jensen, the county's representative on the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization board. "There was a lot of enthusiasm.

The collection took place from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 43 people brought in 417 items to be taken to the E-Waste Recycling Center in Colby.

Among those people helping from St. Francis besides Mr. Jensen were Milton Lampe, Francis O'Leary, Bob Modrell, Glenn Schliep and Earl Hankins.

The next e-waste pick up planned for Cheyenne County will be Tuesday, June 2. More information will be available closer to the date.

Mr. Jensen asks people to not bring items ahead of time, especially computers, as there could be security problems.

Anyone having questions, call him at 785-332-3326.

Items taken

E-waste item pick ups are free except for businesses, organizations and out-of-region recyclers. Then the charge is \$5 for computer monitors; \$10 for televisions; \$2 for microwaves or 10-centers a pound per items for all other e-waste items.

Some of the items considered for e-waste collection are: computers, parts and accessories, printers, scanners, fax machines, copy machines, telephones, cellular phones, answering machines, televisions, stereos, DVD and VCR players, speakers, radios, toner and ink-jet cartridges, computer games and rechargeable batteries.

St. Francis will host Wildlife banquet

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Over 300 people will be at the Cheyenne County Wildlife banquet. This year, instead of Bird City, the banquet will be held in St. Francis.

The banquet, said Hal Sager, member, hasn't been held in St. Francis since the Vets' Hall closed but, it is written in the by-laws that the event will be alternated between the towns.

The doors will not open until 6 p.m. and the banquet will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The auction will begin at 8:15 p.m. Besides a dinner of prime rib with all the trimmings, there will be drawings and door prizes awarded.

Cheyenne County Wildlife is active in the county and the money

used from the banquet and auction proceeds help with cost-share tree plantings and stock trout in Keller Pond. The organization also gives four scholarships to graduating students.

Items auctioned off will include Over and Under Escort 12 gauge shotgun, Savage 25-06 rifle, Remington 3.5 inch Super Magnum, Henry lever action 17 mm rifle, Henry youth 22; Remington 870 (youth), Tarus 357 magnum pistol and a Henry 22. There are also other items up for auction including a compound bow with lessons and a hunt.

To purchase a ticket to the banquet and auction, stop at Bumper To Bumper, or Owens True Value in St. Francis or contact any Cheyenne County Wildlife member.