

Meet the candidates - sheriff —

The general election is coming and there is one race – the race for the seat of Cheyenne County Sheriff – which has three people running. The present sheriff, Craig Van Allen is not running this time.

Following are the biographies of Cody Beeson, Shane Guggenmos and David Warren, the three sheriff candidates, as well as their photos. People are urged to read and become more informed before they go to the polls.

Cody Beeson



Beeson

Cody Beeson has been a sheriff's deputy since 2007.

"I want to be the Cheyenne County Sheriff because it gives me the opportunity to affect the community that I grew up in and love," he said. "I want to have the chance to lead the sheriff's office into the future."

"In my opinion we are entering a new era, as far as law enforcement is concerned, not only in Cheyenne County but nationally and globally. New technologies are emerging in crime detection and investigations. The responsibilities of the law enforcement officers are changing."

The internet, he said, has changed the law books and law makers are starting to make laws to protect people from internet scams, online bullying etc. Cheyenne County, he said, has over 1,800 registered Facebook users and the ability for the sheriff to understand this type of technology change is critical.

"I want the chance to be a part of this new era. I think it takes someone who knows and respects the past to help something move forward."

"I do not want to be the Cheyenne County Sheriff because I am looking for a job with benefits but rather I want to serve in a position that allows me to help people. I have always tried to give back to the community and I am a member of the Bird City Fire Department."

Beeson was trained at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in 2008 and has kept his training hours (40 hours a year) current.

"I have centered a lot of my training on investigative and legal training," he said.

In 2007, he was appointed the undersheriff of the county, which, he said, is an important position in the office. He is able to fill the shoes of the sheriff when he is unavailable and is second in command in the office.

"I feel well versed in the responsibilities of the sheriff," he said.

In 2008, he attended a two-week mandatory class for new sheriffs at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center.

"I attended the classes in order to maintain a level of continuity and experience for if and when I had to perform the duties of sheriff," he said. "The training was specifically designed to train new sheriffs on the legalities and responsibilities of their duties, and covered subjects ranging from budgeting, civil process, prisoner care, legal issues and more issues related to the duties of sheriff. I learned a lot about how to run an efficient office."

My goal is to maintain a sheriff's office that the community can trust and be proud of. I want the officers to be more involved in the community.

I also plan on moving the office into a position that increases its productivity while still not driving up its budget.

County-wide law enforcement

County wide law enforcement is becoming increasingly popular around the state of Kansas and other rural areas. In the majority of the areas it is tried, the responsibility of law enforcement for the whole county is given to the elected sheriff. In some areas it works well, he said, and others who have tried it are not happy with the results.

The reasoning behind county-wide law enforcement is to save money by not having to double up on certain resources. This can be achieved through county-wide law enforcement.

"I also feel this is a choice those who it most affects need to make," he said. "I strongly feel it is the people of county and the city residents to make this choice."

Beeson has lived most of his life in Cheyenne County, graduating from Cheylin High School in Bird City. He is the fifth generation of live in the county.

He and his wife, Alicia, have a daughter, Lily, who is 1 year old.

Shane Guggenmos



Guggenmos

Shane Guggenmos is running for the office of Cheyenne County Sheriff.

"I want to serve my entire community with all due care, concern, and mercy as I have served St. Francis as the Chief of Police," Guggenmos said.

"I am fair and open minded in how I deal with people, always listening to their concerns and needs. I see each problem as a unique problem deserving nothing less than a unique solution, not just handing out a ticket."

"I do my best in being a God fearing, honest and moral man."

Guggenmos comes with 16 years full time law enforcement experience. Most of that time was spent working for a sheriff's office.

Within my 16 years as a full time officer, he said, I have been certified in many areas, foremost would be: interview and interrogation, street survival, child interview, Drug Enforcement Administration, meth lab entry, marijuana eradication, marijuana indoor grow investigation, FBI S.W.A.T. training, death investigation, livestock and ranch theft, AR15 patrol rifle instructor/armorer, and as a field training officer.

"I have successfully investigated and completed many types of cases start to finish from sexual assault to meth labs," he said. "I have been the St. Francis Police Chief for almost five years now, working with the city council members and the local community."

He sees his duties as sheriff to be, but not limited to: setting the desired goals for my department and seeing that those goals come to fruition; teach and monitor my officers' public relation skills and diligently work to maintaining peace and security.

"I would keep in personal contact with the communities and ascertain its needs and desires," Guggenmos said. "I would also work closely with Bird City and St. Francis to ascertain their specific needs as communities within the county."

As the department head, he sees working with the county commissioners and producing a reasonable budget as a very important part of the position.

Guggenmos said his goal is to maintain peace without infringing on the Constitution and the people's rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

"Protecting life and property is one of the most important functions of any sheriff's office," he said. "It is my strong desire to give the people of

Cheyenne County true public servants as opposed to just law enforcement."

County-wide law enforcement: Throughout my years working in two sheriff's departments, Guggenmos said he has experienced firsthand county-wide law enforcement. I believe it is both cost effective and entirely possible within our county, he said. And, I believe through my experience I have the tools to make that transition.

Guggenmos was born and raised on a small farm 12 miles east of Burwell, Neb. Burwell is a small community just like those of St. Francis and Bird City. His father worked for the Natural Resource District as well as maintained the family farm; his mother was a small business owner with a clothing/bridal shop in Burwell.

"I know the cares and concerns that go with the farming/cattle community as well as those of the business community here in St. Francis as well as Bird City," he said. "I wanted to raise my family in the same type of atmosphere as I grew up in. I am a county boy at heart."

He and his wife, Renee, have been married for 29 years. They have lived in Cheyenne County for 5 years. They have four children, Wesley and his wife Cassandra, Luke a recent graduate of St. Francis high school, now enrolled at Nebraska Christian College, Blaine, a senior this year at St. Francis high School, and Bailee who is 9 years old.

I am running for the office of sheriff because I care about the people of Cheyenne County, David Warren, St. Francis, whose name will appear on the Nov. 6 general election ballot. I want to keep the county a safe place to live and raise a family.

Warren's experience includes being a senior correctional/field training officer at Kit Carson Correctional Center in Burlington, Colo. He has also served on the Special Operations Response Team. This team responded to prison riots and he dealt with problem inmates within our own and other facilities in the Corrections Corporation of America system.

Prior to his service in Burlington, Warren served as a St. Francis Police Department officer and was promoted to sergeant.

His most recent law enforcement experience was with the Sherman County Sheriff's office as a detention deputy and part-time patrol deputy.

Warren sees his most important duty as sheriff is to maintain a staff of deputies who are as committed as I am to protecting the citizens and visitors to Cheyenne County. "Using the taxpayer's money in the most efficient way is also a very important duty I will have," he said.

His number one goal as sheriff will be to crack down on the people who want to deal illegal drugs in

David Warren



Warren

Cheyenne County.

"I will also be committed to developing the best working relationship possible with the City of St. Francis Police Department, Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Service and fire departments."

If he is elected, Warren would like to establish an anonymous tip line or get crime stoppers established in the county.

"I believe that for every crime committed, somebody knows who did it but not everyone wants to get involved," he said. "If they could do so anonymously and maybe get a little money for it more people may come forward with information."

County-wide law enforcement

County-wide law enforcement for Cheyenne County, Warren said, makes perfect sense to me. I believe that if we consolidate the sheriff's office with the St. Francis Police Department, we will have a higher quality of coverage and be able to save the taxpayer's money.

Mr. Warren was born in Illinois and, while growing up, he lived in Indiana, Florida and Nebraska. He graduated from high school in Indianola, Neb. Today, he said he is "proud to say, I am from St. Francis, Kan."

He and his family have lived in Cheyenne County since 1991. His wife, Brenda, is employed at Ross Manufacturing. Before that, she was the director of ABC Preschool. They have two sons, Shawn, who is a dental hygiene student at Colby Community College, and Scott is a junior at St. Francis Community High School.

Obituary

Marie L. Kowalke

Feb. 15, 1918 - Oct. 14, 2012

Former Goodland, Kansas resident Marie L. Kowalke, 94, died Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012, at Colonial Acres Nursing Home in Humboldt, Neb.

She was born Feb. 15, 1918, in Cheyenne County, Kansas, the daughter of Louise Amelia (Roesch) and Everett Edgar Cress. She attended school at South Star School in Cheyenne County.

On April 24, 1942, she and Glenn Bear were married in Delta County, Colo., and divorced in 1945. On March 31, 1947, she and Paul Kowalke were married at the Pleasant Valley Church in Logan County, Kan. On Jan. 14, 1948, she was confirmed in the Lutheran faith at McAllister, Kan. She lived in and around Goodland for most of her life, with shorter

times in Colorado, Arkansas, and Idaho. Her memberships included Lutheran Women Missionary League, 1918 International Birthday Club; Jefferson County Senior Citizens Club, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

Preceding her in death were her husbands Glenn Bear and Paul Kowalke; daughter Glenna Marie Bear; her parents; brothers Carl Cress, Frank Cress, Harold "Bud" Cress; sister Pearl Franklin; and several great-grandchildren.

Surviving family includes daughter Katherine Hauptman and her husband David of Denver, Colorado; daughter Annie May and her husband Gene of Humboldt, Neb.; daughter Pauline Ocker and her husband Larry of Brighton, Colo.; son Everett

Kowalke and his wife Leona of Wray, Colo.; 16 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be Saturday, Oct. 20, at 1 p.m. MT, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland, with Pastor Darian Hybl officiating. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

Friends may share their respects on Friday, from 3 until 7 p.m. mountain time, at Koons Funeral Chapel in Goodland.

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