

Few turn out for election

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There was a poor turnout for the general election on Tuesday despite races in several of the positions.

Terry Miller, election officer, reported only 85 votes cast from the advanced voting held in the clerk's office. Overall, there were only 25 percent of the registered voters casting their votes.

In St. Francis, there were three people running for the two positions on the city council. Winning were incumbents, Dale Weeks and Roger Jensen. For mayor, Scott Schultz was the winner.

There was a race for the St. Francis Board of Education, District 2, position 2. Cory Busse was declared the winner.

On the Cheylin Board of Education Nick Ketzner was the winner of the District 1, position 5 seat. The winning write-in candidate was Dale Hazuka.

Election results

St. Francis Mayor

Scott Schultz 178
Larry B. Wilson 122

St. Francis City Council

Roger Jensen 187
Dale Weeks 219
Robert (Bud) Erskin 107

St. Francis Board of Education

District 1, position 1

Mary Beth Miller 322

District 2, position 2

Norman Morrow 139
Cory Busse 156
Jerry White 72

District 3, position 3

Mila Bandel 297

Member at Large

Sherry Weeks 316

Bird City Council

Shannon Ambrosier 57
Frank Serrano 48
Dennis Wright 67

Bird City Board of Education

District 1, position 5

David Frisbee 125
Nick Ketzner 133

District 2, position 2

Belinda Serrano 206

District 2, Position 4

Dale Hazuka (Write in) 10
Dale Hazuka Jr. 34

Sunflower Extension

District 6 Board

Justin Lohr 265
Jeter Isley 163



MARVIN AND DONNA ZIMBELMAN, right, were ready to vote on Tuesday. Working the election table were (l to r) Carol Rogers, Dolores Kincheloe, Carolyn Culwell and Sherry Schultz.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Burn ban in place

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The emergency manager called a special meeting on Monday afternoon to put in place a burn ban for Cheyenne County. The ban will take effect after it is printed in *The Saint Francis Herald* and *Bird City Times* Thursday.

Loren White, Bird City fire chief; Dale Patton, commissioner; Terry Miller, county clerk; and Cody Beeson, sheriff's deputy, met in the office of Ryan Murray, emergency manager.

As of Monday, the conditions were dry to moderately dry. The wind had blown all of Sunday with gusts reaching 35 miles per hour. The Sherman County Commissioners had put on a burn ban in Sherman County at their last meeting.

A controlled burn on March 17 had gotten out of control and burned over 2,000 acres of grassland southwest of St. Francis. It is a time when farmers are burning
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Idalia community holds barbecue benefit

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The Idalia Lions Club, Idalia Fire Department and friends and family of Lynn Weyerman and his son, Brandon, are holding a benefit barbecue and auction to help with their medical and living expenses.

The barbecue will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 17, at the Idalia School in Idalia. The meal will include barbecued pork and beef, beans, tea, water and dessert. The cost is free but donations will be accepted.

An auction will follow. Auction will include a variety of items including pies. People wanting to donate can contact Janet Krause, 970-354-7463. For more information, contact Susie Richards, 970-354-7301 or Katie Weyer-

man, 970-354-7241. Donations of money can be made by sending them c/o Becky Weyerman, First Pioneer National Bank, P.O. Box 96, Wray, CO 80758.

The Weyerman family has had a streak of bad luck. Lynn, who is an employee of LaRana Resources which takes care of gas wells in Cheyenne County for Priority Oil and Gas, and One Source Financial Services, has been battling colon cancer since November. He has been doing well after his surgery and subsequent chemo treatments which are still underway.

On March 19, Lynn's son, Brandon, wrecked his pickup north of Eckley and was flown from Yuma County Hospital to Swedish Medical Center in Denver. He has a spinal cord injury and has undergone three surgeries to date. He is still

in the intensive care unit.

Brandon is expected to have a long recovery at Craig Hospital once he is well enough to begin rehab.

Lynn knows and works with Cheyenne County residents, said Jess Andrews, who is helping organize the benefit. He especially knows the guys at the Equity, Bumper to Bumper and Owens True Value.

"The Idalia community wanted to help the family considering these two major back-to-back medical situations," Ms. Andrews said.

People are encouraged to come to the benefit. If they can't come, a donation of money would be helpful. See advertisement in this issue for more information.



LAST STROKES — Joslyn Ketzner, left, and Lindsey Johnson put on the final touches before the show.

Herald photo by Jodie Hilt

Art show held in Hoxie

By Aubree Schlepp

With pencils and paintbrushes in hand, St. Francis students, kindergarten through 12th grade, will head to the league art show Wednesday through Friday in Hoxie. The show opened Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m., and will run Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon.

The league art show is a chance for all area students to show off their hard work. St. Francis students will be showing an array of artwork, ranging from kindergartners' clay projects to senior-level string art.

"I am so impressed and proud of the level of artwork I'm taking to show," said Mary Beikman, art instructor. "I know each student is outstanding and has enormous potential as an artist."

Students, teachers, parents and community members are encouraged to check out the work that each student creates.



MATT TYGART has his drawing framed and ready for the show.



ADAM GUTHMILLER, top, competed at the Senior National Wrestling Tournament in Virginia Beach, Va. Wrestling at 215 pounds, he won three and lost two.

Herald photo by Kristi Guthmiller

Sainty wrestler attends national tournament

St. Francis Community High School senior Adam Guthmiller attended the Senior National Wrestling Tournament on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Virginia Beach, Va. Guthmiller wrestles in the 215-pound weight class.

In order to qualify for the tournament, a wrestler must be a senior and also have placed either first or second at the state wrestling tournament sometime during

his high school career. Guthmiller was second at state this year.

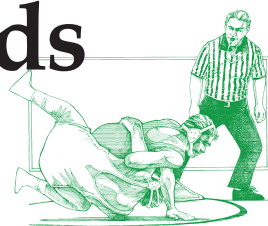
He was one of 25 Kansas wrestlers who attended the tournament. This is a large tournament and it is possible a wrestler could be involved in a 48-man bracket.

"It was really special to go with Adam, see some different country and watch him compete," John Guthmiller, Adam's dad, said.

Guthmiller was involved in

five matches and went 3-2 for the tournament.

Individual results show Guthmiller lost by a fall to Nick Gwiazdowski (New York); won by a fall over Dion Harris (Virginia); won by a fall over Tyler Carlson (Minnesota); won by an 8-2 decision over Zack Bartleson (Florida) and lost by a 7-5 decision to Anthony Grist Jr (North Carolina).



Many participants expected at the PTA talent show

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The PTA Talent Show will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday in the St. Francis grade school gym. This is the second talent show held by the organization and Tracy Neitzel, one of the coordinators, said the response has been great.

There should be a variety of performances from bands, ensembles, vocal and dance numbers, to a roping demonstration, she said.

Judges are Ashley Wright, Cindy Roths and Randy Smestad. Disc jockey for the afternoon is Darren

Kannady of Goodland.

There will be cash prizes given to the first-, second- and third-place winners. There are three divisions: kindergarten through third grader; fourth through sixth graders; and sixth and seventh graders.

Every kid is a winner, said Mrs. Neitzel. Each participant will receive a prize.

The Jobs Daughters will be selling concessions.

There will be admission charged but all proceeds go back to the students. PTA gave each student a book at Christmas, they sponsored

Family Fun Night, provide scholarships to help the spelling bee winner and essay winners, and, on the last day of school, provide the pop and popcorn at the movie. These are just a few of the services PTA provides to the students and school.

Everyone is encouraged to come support the kids at the talent show.

Anyone, neighbors, grandparents and parents are welcome to come to the talent show, Mrs. Neitzel said. "You will be glad you came."