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will feature the candidates running for commissioners in District 3.

Shelley Culwell

Shelley Culwell, St. Francis, is running for register of deeds. As register of deeds, Mrs. Culwell well understands that she is responsible for collecting scheduled fees, maintaining all records and indexing the documents regarding real estate transaction. She feels that her training as a licensed insurance agent will help with the job.



Culwell

"I have enjoyed working with the public in St. Francis for 22 years," she said. Twenty of those years she has been a licensed insurance agent. She is currently employed part time at Farm Bureau Insurance Services in St. Francis. She also owns and operates Ooh La La Spa in St. Francis.

If elected, she said, my goal will be to always keep your records safe, secure and accessible to the public in compliance with state law. I will also provide outstanding service to everyone who comes through the door seeking information or assistance in the friendliest and most professional way possible, along with continuing the efficiency of the present register of deeds.

Mrs. Culwell was born and raised in the Salina area. She said she is proud to be a Kansas native.

"I love this state, this community and want to be a part of preserving its way of life," she said.

Mrs. Culwell said she met her husband, Terry, at the Cheyenne County Fair Rodeo and they were married in 1982. They live on and operate a small farm in the county. Mr. Culwell is also employed by Bitter Creek Pipeline and covers Cheyenne County and Eastern Yuma County, Colo.

They have three children, Ryan and wife, Andi; Bradley and wife, Andrea, and Heather. They also have four grandchildren and another on the way.

"As my family continues to grow in this community, my interests in involvement of the county persists.

Jeanne Dunn

Jeanne Dunn, St. Francis, said she is running for register of deeds because she is ready for new challenges, responsibilities and learning experiences.



Dunn

"I have the experience and skills to fill the position with room for new learning opportunities," she said.

Mrs. Dunn has worked for the Cheyenne County Conservation District as the district manager for over 25 years. She has extensive knowledge of land legals and ownership of land in the county.

Her responsibilities have included submitting annual office budgets to the county commissioners and, she said, I know how to run an office within the budget.

She has computer and accounting skills and works with local, state and federal government agencies.

Mrs. Dunn noted that, even though she works for the conservation district, she is not a federal employee and does not have federal benefits or retirement but, she said, she does have security clearance with the federal government.

She was a business major in college and is versed in office operations. Each year, she undertakes the coordination of the conservation district's tree program.

Mrs. Dunn is a past fair board and 4-H project leader, continuing to volunteer in 4-H and FFA projects. She is a former state board member of Kansas Ag in the Classroom, a member of the Western Prairie RC&D area board, representing the county, a member of the Chronic Disease and Risk Reduction Community Wellness Committee and served for many years on the Cheyenne County Farm Bureau Board as Women's Chairman. She completed the Cheyenne County Leadership Training Program and is the fairgrounds tree project leader.

For 33 years, she and her husband, Jim, have lived on their farm northwest of St. Francis. They raise horses, wheat, corn, milo and operate a cow-calf operation.

They have three daughters, Dr. Jessica (Dunn) Starkey, Jamie Dunn and Jandy Dunn.

Mr. Dunn is a brand inspector as well as works at the ranch.

Melissa Tabor

Melissa Tabor has spent the last two years in the courthouse as the Cheyenne County deputy treasurer. She is now wanting to move across the courthouse hall to be the register of deeds.



Tabor

"I feel confident about being able to help everyone in the community, just as I have in the treasurer's office," she said.

The register of deeds office, she said, uses the same software program as in the treasurer's office that I have used for the last two years.

"I already have working knowledge for the position," she said. "I know the legal descriptions, maps and area people."

"I promise to bring you the same quality of service in a friendly atmosphere that you are accustomed to receiving from me currently as your deputy treasurer," Ms. Tabor said.

Melissa moved to St. Francis in the summer of 1997 with her mother, Connie Holzwarth who is married to Bob Holzwarth. She started school in St. Francis as a freshman, graduating from St. Francis Community High School in 2001.

She worked in the community while in high school and after graduating. She and her fiancé, AJ McAtee plan a September wedding. Melissa has a daughter, Bailey, who is in the third grade at St. Francis Elementary.

"I have a number of ties to the area and county," Ms. Tabor said. "If elected, I will bring efficiency along with knowledge and a pleasant atmosphere to the



ALAN BURGEE and Walter Zarbowski are adjusting the gears on the re-built stroke system to the 1922 Holt Combine. The Thresher Show begins on Thursday and the Holt will be there.

Herald staff photo by Norma Martinez.

THRESHER

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quired for this event starting at 3 p.m. at the Wilkin's Building.

People are welcome to visit the many buildings filled with articles used in the past. There will be demonstrations, new items to see and other activities.

The swap meet will be held on the grounds. This is an attraction that draws collectors looking for certain items.

Visit the buildings

This is the second year for the Thresher Show special section

which was inserted in the *Bird City Times* and *The St. Francis Herald* last week. It is being delivered to subscribers throughout the United States. Extra copies are available on the grounds.

The 2012 president of the Threshers Association is Lonnie

Coon. He has been working with the many volunteers who make the Thresher show a success each year.

For more information, contact Mr. Coon at 785-890-3514; or Ken Beougher, 785-734-2555.

Thresher queen revealed

The 2012 Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Show Queen's identity will be revealed today (Thursday) at the program in front of the grandstands on the show grounds. For the last four weeks, clues have been printed in the Times and Herald and, there have been some close guesses but no one will know for sure until today at 1:15 p.m.

Each year, a committee selects a woman whose identity remains a mystery until the day of her crowning, which is on the first day of the show. Following is the last of the four clues as to who the queen is.

This year's queen said she graduated from eighth grade and then she and her sister boarded in town while attending high school. Boarding in town to go to school was what country kids did then," the queen said. She and her sister went home Friday evenings, then came back to town Sunday night.

Following graduation, she worked again taking care of mothers and children when a new baby was expected. But, it wasn't long until she married a hometown boy and set up housekeeping. That was when her babies started arriving. She and her husband had six children but lost one in infancy.

I always tried to have a flower garden and grass in the yard, she said. They had a large yard which made it a great place for the neighborhood kids to play. However, having the neighbor kids didn't bother her because, "I always knew where my kids were!" she said.

She told about an older woman who once told her, "You can't



2012 Thresher Queen

raise children and grass, so enjoy your children now, the grass will come later." And, the queen said, you know she was right!

After she retired (where she worked was not revealed), she did some traveling but found that she really enjoyed just being at home. "Now I have more time to play with my grandchildren," she said.

Last year's queen, Vernetta Haack, will present a doll dressed in similar attire as what she wore at her crowning. Her doll will be among 38 dolls on display at the Eggers "8" Museum.

The Thresher Show special section was inserted in the Times and Herald last week. The section is full of information and history of the show. Be sure to check out this special section and thank the advertisers who made it possible.

Arts association opens the season

The Western Plains Arts Association is opening its 43rd season of its programming for the northwest area Kansas families.

We are thankful for our loyal patrons who have allowed us to present another wonderful year of quality performances, said Amie Kendrick, board member. We were able to pick up two of the programs we were forced to cut from last year's venue, and again offer a diverse talent of performers.

The calendar below includes a local group as well as a military performance. Ticket purchase levels are available online at www.wpaa.us, or contact the following board members to purchase. Pat Ziegelmeier, Executive Director, 785-460-5518, Amie Kendrick, media correspondent, 785-460-3837, Joan Albers, 785-460-6448, or Carol Rahn, 785-460-7963.

The tentative schedule is: Sunday, Sept. 16, 3 p.m., Queen City Jazz Band, Goodland High School auditorium.

Sunday, Sept. 30, 3 p.m., Cloggers from Nebraska, Atwood High school auditorium.

Sunday, Oct. 7, 3 p.m., Peter Davison, "Up in the Air," acts, Cultural Arts Center, Colby Community College.

Monday, Oct. 8, school performance at Colby Elementary.

Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 15 and 16, Wichita Children's Theatre's "Three Little Kittens," in Winona, Brewster, Hoxie and Oberlin.

Friday, Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m., Home Free Vocal Band, male acappella group, Oakley High School auditorium.

Sunday, Nov. 18, 3 p.m., Celtic Fire Irish show, Oakley High School auditorium.

Sunday, Dec. 9, 3 p.m., George Dryer along with daughter and band Christmas show, Colby High School auditorium.

Thursday, Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m., Troupe America, musical comedy "Church Basement Ladies 2: A Second Helping," Oakley High School auditorium.

Sunday, Feb. 19, 3 p.m., Jeff Davidson and the Trail Riders Band, Quinter High School auditorium.

Sunday, Feb. 24, 3 p.m., Pride of the Prairie Orchestra, Hoxie High School auditorium.

Friday, March 1, 7:30 p.m., The Marvelous Wonderettes, Cultural Arts Center, Colby.

Thursday, March 7, 7:30 p.m., U.S. Navy Sea Chanters chorus, Colby High School auditorium.

Sunday, March 10, 3 p.m., Michael Fitzsimmons presents "Drums of the World," Sharon Springs High School auditorium.

Monday, March 11, school performance, Sharon Springs school.

Sunday, April 7, 3 p.m., Jim Salstrom's songs by John Denver, St. Francis High School auditorium.

Sunday, April 21, 3 p.m., Diamond W. Wranglers' western band Colby High School auditorium.

Other possible tentative shows TBA: other military ensembles.

Note: The schedule is tentative and times listed are for central time. All programs are subject to change. Please check the program booklet which will be printed later this summer for more definite information.



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