

Statz, Cagle vie for County Treasurer

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The only contested race in Phillips County on the Nov. 2 ballot is for County Treasurer.

Incumbent Linda Statz will be the Republican candidate and will run against unaffiliated newcomer Shari Cagle.



Linda Statz

Statz was elected to the position 20 years ago in 1990. She has seen the office change and grow from her first day in 1991 and has had five deputy treasurers throughout her 20 years.

“I love people, and I love numbers,” Statz said. That’s what drives her to do her best each and every day. “I love the job and hope to continue.”

The incumbent considers herself a conservative county treasurer with the smallest office budget. She is proud to note she has passed every audit and balances to the penny every night.

Good relationships with towns, schools and other taxing entities is important to Statz as county funds are invested locally and safely. Statz also considers herself a team player with other elected officials.

With technology changing rapidly, Statz has been deeply involved with converting the office to full use of computers. She has installed a foreclosure program at no cost to the county, installed eRecording program for less than \$200, a one-time fee, and is planning to add a credit card payment system soon.

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Other areas where Statz has strived to save money include the outsourcing of tax notices with other counties, shared lodging costs with other county treasurers and most recently saved \$6,000 in training costs by learning a new system herself.

The Holyoke native has been very involved within the community throughout the years. She has been a Brownie and Girl Scout leader, Cub Scout leader and den mother, 4-H leader, Business and Professional Women's Young Career Woman of the Year, Jaycee-Ettes member, room mother for multiple classes, president of PTA and STP, president of Music Parents' Association, registrar for community blood bank, treasurer of Holyoke School District Re-1J, treasurer of museum and Phillips County Historical Society and teacher for NJC genealogy and crafts.

Other involvement includes treasurer of Holyoke Guys and Dolls square dance club, recordkeeper for both F&H men's golf league and Haxtun gun club, Sedgwick County fair judge for 4-H, president of Frenchman Valley Riders motorcycle club and a Relay for Life volunteer.

Currently Statz serves as treasurer of Phillips County Arts Council and Colorado County Treasurers Association-Eastern Division, both for 18 years.

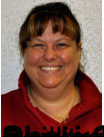
"At one time I carried eight checkbooks in my purse," Statz noted.

She has an associate's degree in business from NJC, is a certified county treasurer and has 20 years of training as county treasurer and public trustee.

Statz and her late husband Ralph have three children. Ralph Jr. (Chip) lives in Colorado Springs, Robyn and her husband have two children and live in North Carolina, and Ralyn and her two children live in Berthoud.

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