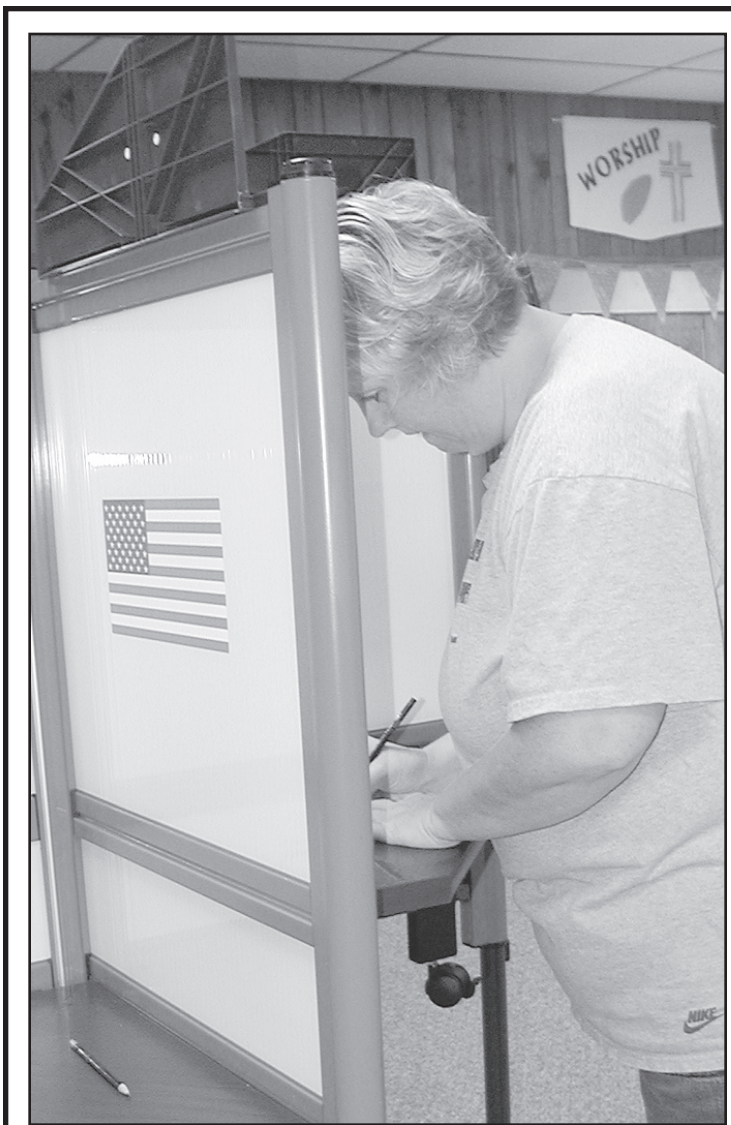


Swimming team finishes season

"We had an awesome season this year and I hope all the swimmers had fun and learned something new," Coach Margaret Poling said. "We traveled quite a bit and sacrificed time and energy to make our season successful. Lots of swimmers went to each of the meets. This is a huge accomplishment and it is what makes our team successful."

Team awards follow:
Relay awards: These swimmers sacrificed a day off to be part of many relay teams, Coach Poling said. They could have chosen not to swim, but because of these swimmers we were able to have 15 relays that scored double team points for the Sharks. This is so important because it takes four swimmers for each relay and we were short some other swimmers, so these kids get the first team award. Relay swimmers include: Cassidy Busse, Christina Frink, Ellee Krien, Lyden Lampe, Mandi Cooks, Garin Cooper, Seth Hilt and Danielle Frink.
Most improved flip turn: boys, Luke Lampe; girls, Audrey Meyer.
Best rookie freestyle: boys, Garin

Cooper; girls, Taighe Weeter.
Best rookie backstroke: girls, Ellee Krien.
Best rookie breaststroke: Jayce Landers.
Most practices: boys, Matt White; girls, Cassie Cooks; least practices: boys, Caleb Frink; girls, Danielle Frink.
Most improved backstroke: boys, Logan Lampe; girls, Lyden Lampe.
Most improved backstroke turn: Matt White.
Most improved breaststroke: boys, Zach White; girls, Cassidy Busse.
Most improved butterfly: boys, Seth Hilt; girls, Alexis Frink, Emma Johnson.
Most improved freestyle: boys, Ben Busse; girls, Emily Elfers.
Regular season
High point awards: 1) Adam Krien; 2) Shadryon Blanka; 3) KC Krien; 4) Lauren Johnson; 5) Cassie Cooks; 6) Tate Busse.
Most overall improved times: Ben Busse, Lindsey Johnson, Zach White, Emily Elfers, Matt White, Logan Lampe, Aaron White.



BRENDA WARREN cast her vote on Tuesday.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Local man takes trip to see Alaska

John Kamla recently realized a second travel dream by going to Alaska (his first was going to Hawaii last September).



Kamla

He flew to Anchorage and took a short city tour, seeing such sights as Earthquake Park, Bootleggers Park, Ship Creek, Lake Hood and Flat Top Mountain in the Chugach Mountains. He took the Alaska Railroad to Seward, where he boarded Celebrity's Millennium for a seven-day cruise, including ports of call at Juneau, Skagway, Icy Strait Point, Ketchikan and Vancouver, British Columbia.

The first day on the cruise was spent at sea, cruising to the Hubbard Glacier. John was amazed by the spectacular blue color of the glacier, watching chunks of it "cave" into the ocean and seeing the large pieces of ice floating around the ship.

In Juneau, John saw the Mendenhall Glacier, Glacier Gardens and Macaulay Salmon Hatchery and took the Mount Roberts Tramway. The next port of call was Skagway, where John took

a van tour into British Columbia and Yukon, stopping at the town of Carcross and Emerald Lake. He then took the White Pass and Yukon Route Railroad from Fraser back to Skagway. At Icy Strait Point, John attempted to go on a whale-watching tour, but rough waves prevented the boat from going out to the point where the whales congregate and feed. However, one whale, a number of bald eagles and a brown bear were still sighted.

In Ketchikan, John took an incredible float plane tour of the Misty Fjords National Monument and in the afternoon, he went on a King Salmon fishing charter. (You'll have to ask him about the one that got away.)

The final day on the cruise was spent cruising the Inside Passage on the way to Vancouver. After departing the ship, John took a tour of Vancouver, where he saw Canada Place, Stanley Park, Lions Gate Bridge, Chinatown, Gastown and Granville Island and went to the Capilano Suspension Bridge.

John remarked that if he could only return to either Hawaii or Alaska, he would prefer Alaska....but it would have to be during the summer!

Commissioners talk about wind energy

By Karen Krien
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Chuck Kribs, one of the Cheyenne County Development Corporation directors, talked about wind-powered energy when the county commissioners met on Friday.

Mr. Kribs said he has been in contact with several companies which put in wind energy towers. Because of the wind speeds, Cheyenne County is one of the areas which has been determined as a good place to erect the towers. However, until recently, there was no way to transport the energy.

Mr. Kribs said that there are plans to put in transmission lines down the I-70 corridor as well as between Burlington and Wray in Colorado. The lines are to be finished by 2013 and 2014.

He said he had received a call from a company in Nebraska that might be interested in the county as a place to establish a wind farm. Another company, he said, had also contacted him.

One of the attractions of the county, he said, is the large farms owned by one person or corporation. They would not need to deal with numerous landowners.

We need to keep on top of wind energy, he told the commissioners. However, Mr. Kribs said he and his wife, Diane, are planning to retire as the directors at the end of the year.

He suggested that the commissioners appoint someone to keep in contact with wind energy companies. Even if the director position is filled immediately, there needs to be someone who will be a constant contact.

Having wind energy towers in the county could mean eight to 11 jobs

in the county and more tax revenue coming in. No decision was made.

Sheriff's request

Sheriff Craig Van Allen said the 2005 pickup needed a new LED light bar. The present bar had been repaired several times and it has melted parts. It just needs to be replaced, he said.

A new light bar with a 5-year warrantee will cost around \$1,500 which he has in his budget. By law, the pickup needs an operational light bar. The commissioners gave permission for him to purchase the light bar.

Emergency medical service

Janelle Bowers, emergency medical service director, requested that the commissioners send Dee Wilson to do continuing education to become an instructor/coordinator. The most of the education will be done through the internet on her own time but she will also have to make several trips to Great Bend. Expenses involved with the trips to

Great Bend will need to be paid.

This is good for the county, Mrs. Bowers said. When she has finished her training, she will be able to teach emergency medical technicians. Wade Krien is able to teach re-certification classes.

Mrs. Bowers said she will write a grant to pay for the cost of Ms. Wilson's class. The commissioners will write a letter of recommendation.

She plans to have a first-responder class in the future. More technicians are needed, especially in Bird City. When the ambulance rolls, two people are needed. I'm concerned about response time, she said.

In other business

• Kari Gilliland, county attorney, had the commissioners permission to go ahead with random drug testing for all county employees. Anyone who gets a check can be subject to the testing.

• James Foster, Kansas Department of Commerce, met with the commissioners concerning opting

into the Rural Opportunity Zone. After discussion, it was decided that Cheyenne County would join, pledging the \$1,500 minimum reimbursement. A resolution will be created and signed at a future meeting.

• Dolores Jenik, county treasurer, was given permission to attend training in Hutchinson Oct. 9-11. There is mandatory training for driver's license testing on Oct. 12. The commissioners gave her permission to close the office that day so the training can be taken.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners will be on Monday when the ballots will be counted again. That evening, they will meet with the St. Francis City Council at 6:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 15, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Deadlines !! Deadlines

We know how all of us hate deadlines —
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