



Commissioner tie broken by coin toss

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When the votes were tallied at the primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 7, there was a tie between incumbent Andy Beikman and Dr. Brett Poling, who were running on the Republican ticket for Commissioner, District 3. To break the tie, a coin was tossed and Dr. Poling won the toss.

On Monday, the commissioners met to canvass the ballots. The count still showed there was still a tie.

Terry Miller, election officer, said he was not allowed to count the ballots in a tie so he had Cinda Dankenbring, election supervising judge, and Deb Lindsten, deputy clerk, count the votes. Ms. Lindsten read the names and Mrs. Dankenbring and Dale Patton, commissioner chairman, tallying. The count was made several times and, in the end, the total was still the same. There were 359 ballots but one was blank, making 358 ballots. Mr. Beikman and Dr. Poling still each had 179 votes.

The coin toss was set for 3 p.m. on Monday. Mr. Patton had gotten a gold coin from the bank, both sides were photographed to prove there was a heads and tails. Both Mr. Beikman and Dr. Poling were present for the toss.

Dr. Poling was given the choice of heads or tails, choosing heads. Mr. Patton did the flip and it was heads, making Dr. Poling the winner.

Mr. Beikman said he will run as a write-in in the general election.

"There is some unfinished important business and I would like to see it completed," he said.

Mr. Miller reported that, following the primary election, there



VOTES WERE COUNTED Monday morning after the primary showed a tie in District 3 Commission District. After several counts, there was still a tie and a coin was tossed with Brett Poling winning the toss. Pictured, left to right, are Ernie Ketzner, commissioner, Andy Beikman, commissioner, Dale Patton Commissioner, Terry Miller, clerk, Cinda Dankenbring, election supervisor; Deb Lindsten, deputy clerk and Karan Thadani. Herald photo by Karen Krien

were people who thought they may have received the wrong ballot and would have voted for the commissioner candidates, if they had only had the chance.

"Kansas has a voters rights and responsibilities and within those,

it states the voter is ultimately responsible for voting the correct ballot," Mr. Miller said. If you feel you were given the wrong ballot, please make sure to talk to the election workers. They can correct the situation before you vote

your ballot." One voter, he said, thought that if a person was not sure he/she had the right ballot, they should be allowed to vote again.

"Elections don't work that way," Mr. Miller said. Once you

place your ballot in the ballot box, you are saying you have voted a correct ballot."

Identification was required for a person to vote. This federal law was to be strictly enforced at the election.

One voter left to get their ID, Mr. Miller said, and never returned. The voter could still have voted a provisional ballot and brought their ID to the clerk's office before the canvass and the ballot would have counted.

Drought forage meeting is held

By Tim Burr

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Thirty-five Cheyenne County cattlemen and crop producers attended a meeting on Monday to discuss forage/feeding options in an attempt to utilize drought stricken and stunted corn for livestock feed.

The meeting was held at the Cheyenne County 4-H building at the fairgrounds, sponsored by K-State Research and Extension and the Sunflower Extension District. Sandy Johnson, livestock specialist; Jeanne Falk, agronomist; and Marty Fear, Cheyenne County Extension agent, presented information about nitrate concentration in forage crops and corn.

Nitrates occur naturally in forage crops and corn, and under normal growing conditions do not present a great hazard. Because of the ongoing drought, and lack of feed being grown, producers are looking to salvage damaged dryland corn acres by using them for livestock feed.

With the subsequent stunted growth and overall poor condition of the growing crops, producers should expect nitrate levels to



JEANNE FALK, AGRONOMIST, checks corn stalks for high nitrates at the drought forage meeting held Monday at the fairgrounds. Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

become elevated. Nitrates in high enough concentrations can be poisonous to livestock. Nitrates can be managed to some degree by the

method used to harvest and store the crop.

Johnson and Falk had sampled a number of drought stricken fields

in Thomas and Cheyenne counties, removing corn stalks and having them analyzed at the lab. They pre-

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Denver Brass comes to Sainty

A quintet from The Denver Brass will present "Unlocking the Door to Performance Excellence" in St. Francis at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9. The workshop will be held at the St. Francis high school auditorium, 100 S. College.

Although the workshop is geared to kindergarten through grade-12 students, adults are welcome and encouraged to attend. Adult attendees will not be playing instruments.

At 4 p.m. the Denver Brass quintet will perform a concert entitled "Denver Brass 5: Fanfares & Flourishes." Tickets are available at the door and also at Bankwest, First National Bank, Western State Bank, Milliken Law, Kite and Day, Frewen Insurance, Dr. Tim Poling and from Music Club members.

The high school auditorium

holds 330 people. Jim Milliken, who arranged for the event, estimates that there will be at least 90 students attending from St. Francis, Cheylin and neighboring towns.

That will leave 240 seats for those coming to enjoy the concert, Mr. Milliken said.

Mr. Milliken, local attorney, is a strong promoter of music and has taken many St. Francis and Bird City students and adults to play in the annual Christmas Brassfest hosted by the Denver Brass in downtown Denver. Jim and his wife, Ruth, and their committee hope everyone will support the arts in Cheyenne County by coming to this workshop and concert on Sept. 9.

For more information, call 785-332-3421.

Senator in Sainty Friday afternoon

U.S. Senator Pat Roberts will be in Cheyenne County on Friday, at Cuppa Joe Espresso, 216 Washington. This is the last stop of the day on his 105 county tour with the meeting starting at 3:15 p.m.

The senator will be in Goodland at noon, mountain time, where he

will be speaking at the Goodland Rotary Club at the High Plains Museum, 1717 Cherry Ave.

People are urged to attend the meeting where the senator will be telling about what is going on in Washington and will be answering questions.

Sainty schools begin with half-day session on Tuesday

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The St. Francis swimming pool will close Sunday and school begins on Tuesday. Fall sports practices began on Aug. 13.

School enrollment was held on Aug. 7 and 8. As of Tuesday, Scott Carmichael, principal, reported they were expecting more students to enroll but, even with those enrolling, it appeared that the enrollment would be down a few students compared to last year. The official enrollment will be Sept. 20.

There were 24 graduating se-

niors and this year, there were 18 kindergarteners enrolling

Those missing the enrollment days can come to the school and enroll before school starts.

The first day of school will be a half day with school beginning at 8:35 and ending at 11:35 a.m. There will be no lunch served on Tuesday as it is a half day of classes.

The lunch menu can be found on Page 2 of this issue as lunch will start with the first full day of school.

There are several new improvements in the school. The kinder-

garten, first and second grade rooms along with the grade school music rooms have received new carpet, paint and some have new lights (lights were installed in some of the rooms last year).

In the high school, tile flooring has been repaired, the water fountain near the gym has been replaced and new tiles have been put behind it.

Bus routes have tentatively been set but there could be some changes. Rob Schiltz, superintendent, said those with questions should call the bus garage manager, Sean Straub, 332-8190, or the

superintendent's office, 332-8182. There are changes to a few of the routes but the administration has been able to hold the routes to four buses.

The PTA and Chamber will sponsor "Meet the Teachers" at 6:30 on Monday at the grade school. Parents are encouraged to attend.

The football and volleyball open house will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 24, at high school.

The first varsity high school volleyball game will start at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 28, on the Indian Ladies' home court. They

will be competing against Hoxie and Golden Plains.

On Friday, Aug. 31, the Indians football team will be playing their first game of the season at 8 p.m. in Holyoke.

Doors will be locked

In an effort to ensure the safety of students and staff, all doors but the main entrance door to the school buildings will be locked after the bell rings. Parents and other people coming to the school need to plan to use these doors closest to the office and then check in at the office.

PowerSchool Website

The school has a web site: www.usd297.org. To access the PowerSchool website location, parents need to set their browsers to stfrancis.powerschool.com. The PowerSchool website is individualized. Parents needing an access code should call the school at 785-332-8153 or 332-8143.

Indian News

Indian News information will be provided by Carl Werner, former superintendent, who has taken on the job long with being the athletic director. Following athletic events or other school activities, call 332-8111.