



New sheriff, old commissioner voted in



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The polls closed at 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Terry Miller, election officer, along with the election committee, finished up the job of counting votes cast in Cheyenne County.

Mr. Miller said it was a record year for voters turning out at the polls. At the polls located at Peace Lutheran Church, St. Francis, there were six people waiting for the doors to open at 7 a.m. By 11 a.m., Mr. Miller reported that 47 percent of the registered voters had voted.

There were several local races along with a state senate race and the president race that were helping bring the voters out.

In the local race, Cody Beeson won over Shane Guggenmos and David Warren; Brett Poling won over Andy Beikman, a write-in, for commissioner, District 3; Dolores Jenik won over write-in candidate, Melissa Tabor-McAtee. Incumbent Ralph Ostmeyer was the winner over his opponent, Allen Schmidt, for another term as State Senator, 40th District.

In Cheyenne County, Ward Cassidy, 120th District Representative, was running unopposed, having beat Richard Billinger in the primary election. He had 413 votes. In the United States president's race, the Republican party voted in Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, although when the The Herald and Times went to press Tuesday evening, the final results of the presidential race was still up in the air.

Cheyenne County voters turned out in record numbers with 76 percent of the voters casting ballots. There are 1,908 registered Cheyenne County voters and a total



LYN WILEY cast his vote in the general election held Tuesday. *Herald staff photos by Karen Krien*

of 1456 cast their vote on Tuesday.

The advanced voting booth was closed at noon on Monday. Mr. Miller said there had been 442 voters casting their ballots. There had been 116 ballots sent out in the mail and all but nine had been returned.

Candidates and the number of votes they received are listed below:

Sheriff

- Cody Beeson - 910
- Shane Guggenmos - 272
- David Warren - 242

LARRY FORSYTHE checked out his ballot on the way to vote. Showing their identification were Ted Busse and John Guthmiller.

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Commissioners receive Village lease agreement

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The Cheyenne County Commissioners, at the Wednesday, Oct. 31, meeting, reviewed a preliminary lease agreement between the Good Samaritan Society and Cheyenne County. Jeff Paulsen, Good Samaritan Village administrator, had sent the lease, noting that the lease had been sent to the county attorney the end of August. Kari Gilliland, county attorney, said she had been working with Kevin Berens, chairman of the Good Samaritan Village advisory board, on the lease.

Both of the commissioners present at the meeting, Andy Beikman and Dale Patton, expressed concern over the fact that the end of the year when the lease is to be signed, is almost here and they still had not received information they had asked for from the Society.

We know how important the nursing home is to the residents, staff and the county, said Mr. Beikman, but we are also respon-

sible for the people's tax money. There is also the matter of property insurance which the county is responsible for. We need to know exactly what the county is going to be responsible for, Mr. Patton said.

The commissioners had called for the county insurance, EMC, to do a review which was made, but the company is still waiting for the inventory list from the Society.

Over a year ago, the taxpayers voted up to 6 mills for the nursing home. Depending on what a mill is valued at each year, 6 mills is approximately \$200,000.

Before the commissioners hand over that much money, they said they need to know what the nursing home brings in and pays out. In other words, they would like a profit-and-loss statement. They asked that a profit-and-loss statement be given to them each month but they have not seen one.

Randy Fitzgerald, regional director for the Society, said the nursing home does not make any money and the county will need to

subsidize the home. Mrs. Gilliland said that the commissioners had been given a breakdown of those figures and, when they took out the funded depreciation, the home was in the black.

The depreciation, Mr. Beikman said, is a fancy name for a savings account. How can they use that as a negative?

They agreed that they would like the money to be paid monthly after they have seen a statement. And, Mr. Beikman said, the Society says the nursing home loses \$1,200 a month - that's not even close to 6 mills or \$200,000.

We are not afraid to come to a contract agreement, they both said, but we are sure that the people want us to act responsibly with their money.

If they, the Society, are sincere in saying they want a good contract, then they should agree to our terms, Mr. Patton said.

They talked about the abatement paid to the county hospital.

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Shakespeare, Socrates, Mark performs in St. Francis

They're here! Shakespeare, Socrates and Mark arrive Friday in the person of Patrick McWilliams.

For those of you who have been reading the articles about his performances, said Sue Griffin, one of the coordinators of the three-days of events, you can probably guess what a rare treat these events will be. We first learned about Patrick from Bonnie Cram who heard about his amazing performances and was bold enough to ask if he would come to St. Francis.

When he agreed, the Cheyenne Center for Creativity members worked with the high school to bring Patrick there, created programs on Saturday that the community could attend and arranged to use the Old Country Church for his performance on Sunday that is open to everyone.

On Friday, Mr. McWilliams will work with David Morrow's speech class on Shakespeare's Sonnets and then perform The Trial of Socrates: A Juror Speaks for a general assembly at the end of

the school day in the high school auditorium.

The community programs for Saturday are listed below. People are welcome to attend one or both.

From 10-12 Saturday morning - A workshop on Shakespeare's Sonnets will be held at 109 N. Quincy (just north of Washington). Come hear how the Sonnets were meant to be heard and pick up some tips about using the Bard's language. This should be a

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Former newspaper owner dies

Neil Burrow, age 95, former owner and publisher of The Saint Francis Herald and Bird City Times, died Sunday, Nov. 4, 2012.

He and his wife owned the newspapers from 1974 to 1984. They were also the former owners and publisher of the newspaper in Haven.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Reformation Lutheran Church. Visitation was one hour prior to the service.

He was buried next to his wife, Lorraine, of 65 years in Reflection Pointe Cemetery, Wichita. Lorraine died in November 2008.

Mr. Burrow proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II.

He is survived by his son, Gary (Camille) Burrow of Mulvane; daughter, Gayle Burrow of Redondo Beach, Calif.; granddaughter, Jane Burrow-Branine and her husband, Jon; brother, Richard (Imogene) Burrow, Wichita.

Memorials may be made to Reformation Lutheran Church, 7601 E. 13th, Wichita, KS 67206.

People are welcome share memories at <http://watsonfuneral.com>.



HALLOWEEN COSTUMES ARE FUN - It was obvious that Kaitlynn Calderon felt good about getting dressed up. She had just won a cupcake in the cake walk. Below, Tyce McAtee had a sign telling everyone that he would work for candy before the parade.

