



School board prepares for new year

By Casey McCormick

The Cheylin School Board met Monday to tie up items from the previous school year and prepare for new school year. Among the subjects addressed were appointing positions on the board, approving policies and preparing for next month's budget meeting.

It was the time of year again to appoint board members to various po-

sitions. Cheryl Wilkinson will remain as president and Kerby Krien retains the post of vice-president for the 2004-05 term.

As president, Mrs. Wilkinson made appointments to the committees that help in the district's operations. Board member, David Frisbie, is the lone representative for the Northwest Kansas Education Service Center. The Building Committee

members are Mr. Frisbie, Wade Carmichael and Rod Young. The Policy Committee is made up of Hal Antholz, Gerard Pochop and Mrs. Wilkinson. The Northwest Kansas Area Vocation Technical School position will again be filled by a non-board member, Arlie Archer, who will travel to Goodland for the meetings.

The Kansas Association of School

Board's Governmental Relations position will be held by Mrs. Wilkinson. The Personnel Development Committee member will be Mr. Antholz. The Finance Committee positions will be filled by Mr. Krien, Mr. Young and Mr. Frisbie. And the Technology Committee will be run by Mr. Krien, Mr. Young and Mr. Carmichael.

The board also discussed several

policy items. All of the preceding actions by the board from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004 were ratified and certified. It was voted on and accepted that since there was no further business before the board relating to the 2003-04 school year, adjournment sine die (stopping action of the past) was enacted.

Book rental fees will remain the same at \$15 for kindergarten through

fifth grade, \$20 for sixth through 12 and \$50 for a family.

Activity fees were set at \$15 for Vocational Agriculture projects with a maximum of 3 percent charge of project cost if it runs over the \$15. Wood Shop fees will be \$10 with the same three percent charge if the project costs more than \$10. The fee for Project Biology, Physics, Ad-

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GETTING READY FOR LAPS — Whitney Churchwell, Stephanie Busse and Teryn Carmichael adjust their goggles at swim team practice. The season is just about over.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Can you guess who the Queen is?

The Tri-State Antique and Thresher Show will be held July 29 through Aug. 1 at the Thresher Showgrounds east of Bird City. Throughout the four days, there will be many events including the threshing of wheat done the way the farmers threshed it in the "good ole days."

However, one of the main events is the announcing of the Thresher Queen on Thursday afternoon right after lunch. The Tri-State Antique Auto Club Queen will be crown on Friday.

This year's Thresher Queen was the first born of five children. She spent all of her childhood years and most of her adult years in Bird City. She attended school in Bird City and graduated from Bird City High School. All of her married life was spent with her husband and children in Bird City.

In her younger years, she helped care for her younger siblings. Being the oldest, she was her dad's "right-hand boy." If he needed help with anything, she was the strongest and most able to lend a hand. When the last two of her siblings were born, she then remembers helping her mother more. She'd stand on a chair to do laundry on the washboard and then use the wash water to scrub the outhouse down.

Living in a rural community, one starts early experiencing the days of harvest. From the time she was about 13 years old, she spent her summers with a local family, going home only on weekends when the



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family made their weekly trip to town. She remembers getting quite homesick but was so busy she didn't have a lot of time to think about it.

She spent her time caring for the family's children and helping with harvest meals. It's no wonder she turned out to be such a good cook; she started at an early age.

They would get up around 4 in the morning to start breakfast for a crew of about 15. Lunch would be taken out later in the day and then supper was served in the house much later in the evening when the crews came in. It would be past midnight before they would get to bed.

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Several races expected for primary election on Aug. 3

By Karen Krien

The primary election is just weeks away and it is time for concerned citizens and voters to be checking into the candidates up for election and see what issues and goals they have to offer the position.

The primary election is set from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 3 at several different polling places in the county including: the courthouse basement for those voting in Benkelman, Calhoun, Cleveland, Jaqua and Orlando townships; Bird City Legion Hall for those voting in Bird City Township; Peace Lutheran Church for Wano I Township voters; and United Methodist Church for Wano II Township voters.

However, advanced voting has started and those requesting advanced voting ballots may have already sent them in or they need to get them sent in on or before Aug. 3. Deb Lindsten, deputy clerk, reported that the voting booth will be set up and voters may cast an early ballot starting July 20. The booth is in the clerk's office in the northeast corner of the courthouse.

There are sample ballots in the clerk's office or people may go to the internet at www.cheyennecounty.org to check out the ballots.

Those running for offices

Those running for are:

Federal offices

United States Senate: Robert Conroy (D), Shawnee; Lee Jones (D), Lenexa; Samuel Brownback (R) Topeka; Arch Naramore (R) Lawrence.

United States House of Representatives, 1st District: Jerry Moran (R), Hays; no Democrats are running.

State office

State Senate, 40th District: Tim Peterson (D), Monument; Ralph Ostmeyer (R), Grinnell; Dan Rasure (R), Goodland.

State Representative, 120th District: Bob Strevey (D), Norcat; John

Changes made in voting procedures

The 2000 Presidential Election forced many changes to the election process.

"Thanks to Florida and their hanging, dimpled chads, voting will hopefully become standardized across America, or it is intended to, by the year 2006," said Terry Miller, Cheyenne County election officer "You'll notice some changes at the poll this year, but the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) is to be completely implemented by 2006."

The first major change at this year's primary election doesn't have anything to do with Help America Vote Act. Until this year, Kansas had closed primaries, meaning if you weren't a Democrat or a Republican, you didn't vote. Now the Democratic primary will be open to Democrats and unaffiliated voters. The Republicans

were going to open their primary to unaffiliated voters, but a lawsuit blocked that.

What it all means is if the person is registered to vote as an unaffiliated voter, he or she may go to the polls on Aug. 3, and tell the election worker that they would like to vote the Democratic ballot and worker will hand the voter a ballot.

If the unaffiliated voter would rather vote as a Republican, they sure can do that, too.

"The only difference is you, the voter, will have to fill out a 'Change of Party Affiliation' card stating for that day, at least, you will be a Republican," Clerk Miller said. "You then will be handed a Republican ballot and can vote for the Republican candidates. You can fill out the exact See VOTE on Page 4

Faber (R), Atwood; Doug Sebelius (R), Norton.

District Court Judge District 15 Division 1: Glenn D. Schiffner (R), Colby.

District Court Judge District 15 Division 2: Jack Burr (R), Goodland.

District Magistrate Judge District 15 Position 1: Jolene Dodd (D), St. Francis; Robert Van Allen (R), Wheeler; William Fiedler Jr. (R), St. Francis.

County offices

Commissioner District 2: John L. Finley (R), St. Francis; Ray Lee (R), Wheeler; Ronald Loudon (R), St. Francis; Kelly Morris (R), St. Francis.

Commissioner District 3: Andy Beikman (R), St. Francis; Ron Krien (R), St. Francis.

Clerk: Terry Miller (R), St. Francis.

Treasurer: Dolores Jenik (R), St. Francis.

Register of Deeds: Mary Morrow (R), St. Francis.

Sheriff: Eddie Dankenbring Jr. (R), St. Francis; Chuck Kribs (R), Bird City; Gary Morris (R), St. Francis.

Precinct Committeeman and Committeewoman: Steven Carpenter (R) and Darla Dible (R); one each, each township: Benkelman, Calhoun, Cleveland Run, Jaqua, Wano I, Wano II. Also one township treasurer for each precinct.



THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER — Lucky and Baxter didn't seem to mind the 100-plus degree temperatures on Tuesday, as long as they get to hang out with their master, Roy Shrader, as he gasses up at the Philling Station.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

Vehicle renewal notices have a new look with big change

This a world of constant change and the division of vehicles at the courthouse along with divisions across the nation are seeing a big change.

The Department of Revenue, Division of Vehicles has changed the form and process for reminding citizens to renew their vehicle registration. The new vehicle renewal notices will be used for the Aug. 31 expirations. If the person's last name starts with an M, N, or O, look for the new notice after July 15.

The old renewal notice was a pre-printed form and accommodated up to three vehicles. The new renewal notices will be printed on regular pa-

per and will accommodate up to five vehicles per page. The new notice will be mailed in a business-sized envelope.

"I am afraid people will see the envelope and not realize that this is their renewal notice," said Dolores Jenik, county treasurer, urging residents to take special notice of their mail, especially when they are expecting their renewal notices.

The new technology gave the Department of Revenue the ability to perform a better match of the vehicle owner name and address information. For example, if a vehicle is registered to Robert Smith and/or Barbara Smith and another vehicle is registered to

Barb Smith and/or Bob Smith, the matching software will "group" both vehicles on one notice.

Previously, two notices would have been produced and mailed. The ability to list more vehicles on the same renewal notice will reduce the amount of notices and postage used to remind Kansas's citizens to renew their vehicle registration. The new notices will now be printed in Kansas and not with an out-of-state vendor.

Joan Wagon, secretary of revenue, said, "We are pleased to take advantage of new technology that improves the product while making government work more efficient."

