## **Swim** lessons are over

Swimming lessons ended with testing on Thursday, July 14. A fun time in the pool for all was held on Friday. There were 38 swimmers enrolled. These lessons ran from July 5 to July 13.

Pre-school level 1 had seven enrolled for ages up to 5. In order to pass they had to learn: water entry and exit, blowing bubbles from nose and mouth, to float on front and back with help, glide on front and back with help and water safety rules.

Learn to swim level 1 had nine enrolled. In order to pass they had to learn: water entry and exit, blowing bubbles and holding breath under water, bobbing five times, front and back float 5 seconds, front and back glide for four body lengths, arm and leg action on front and back.

Learn to swim Level 2 had 10 enrolled. In order to pass they had to learn: jumping into chest deep water, change of direction of travel while swimming, roll from front to back/back to front and continue swimming, rotary breathing, elementary backstroke, front and back crawl and treading water.

Learn to swim Level 3 had five enrolled. In order to pass four enrolled. In order to pass they had to learn: headfirst en- they had to learn: headfirst entry in deep water, rotary breath- try in deep water, underwater turns, tread water and work on ing, treading water, dolphin and swimming, front crawl w/roscissors kicks, survival float and tary breathing, elementary back-



FORREST BURR is testing a preschool level student.

Times staff photo by Norma Matinez

back float in deep water, treading water, front crawl w/rotary breathing, and elementary back-

Learn to swim Level 4 had

stroke, breaststroke, sidestroke, and butterfly.

Learn to swim Level 5 had three enrolled. In order to pass they had to learn: shallow dive into deep water, tuck and pike surface dive, front and back flip stroke perfection.

#### Letter to the Editor

#### Commissioners in favor of sustaining long term care in Cheyenne County

Letter to the Editor:

concerning the future of longterm care in Cheyenne County. long-term care facility known as the Good Samaritan Village is the Good Samaritan Society.

facility has come into question. the commissioners.

Due to the fact that the Good some form of ownership may be presented to the commissioners at some point in the future.

Therefore, after a great deal of discussion, we, the commissioners determined that it was necessary to find out IF ownership and/

County, THEN would the Chey-There has been some confusion enne County taxpayers be in favor of sustaining this service?

We feel that this question needs At this point in time, the existing to be presented to the Cheyenne County taxpayers due to the long-term effect loss of the serprivately owned and operated by vice would have on the county as a whole. Some of the long-term Unfortunately, the continued effects would include job loss, ownership and operation of the loss of not only long-term care residents, but also loss of popu-As such, the question of how to lation, negative economic impact sustain this service within Chey- on all business aspects throughenne County has been posed to out the county as well as loss of youth in the schools.

We commissioners are united in Samaritan Village is still pri- support for sustaining some form vately owned and operated, the of long-term care in Cheyenne commissioners do not have any County. However, the question of control regarding ownership and whether or not the taxpayers of operation of the facility. How- Cheyenne County are willing to ever, it appears that the option of support a possible increase in tax should some form of ownership or operation of the long-term care facility be presented to us in the future, must first be answered.

The remaining questions such as who will operate the facility, when will funds be needed to or control of the facility would sustain the facility and whether become an option for Cheyenne or not there will continue to be a

long term care facility in Cheyenne County cannot be answered until the initial question is an-

Again, we, the commissioners, are supportive of sustaining longterm care in Cheyenne County. Please cast your vote at the upcoming special election so that we will know if the taxpayers are in agreement with them.

Andy Beikman, commissioner Ernie Ketzner, commissioner Dale Patton, commissioner

#### **Student News**

#### **Fort Hays State** University

John Binning, of McDonald, a junior, has been named to Fort Hays State University's deans honor roll for the spring 2011 semester.

The roll includes only full-time (12 credit hours or more) undergraduate students who have at least a 3.60 grade-point average for the semester. Both on-campus and Fort Hays State University's Virtual College students are eligible.

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## Resolution signed at meeting

for noxious weeds in the county. It will require that every landowner take the responsibility to treat the weeds on their land.

Kansas law states under the noxious weed control program that all landowners, both public and private, are required to control and eradicate all noxious weeds on lands they own or manager.

The county commissioners agree that, instead of trying to cover and spray the entire county, along with 22,000 miles of right-of-ways and the Kansas Department of Transportation's right-of-ways, there is a more effective way to serve the county. The county noxious weed director will now be concentrating his efforts to treat the right-of-ways.

The commissioners want to implement a practical and achievable plan to concentrate all efforts into the county and state right-of-ways. This will allow the noxious weed

The Cheyenne County Commis- supervisor to cover the county and is their land. sioners recently signed a resolution find infestations, then contact landowners about their problem.

Trying to spray for landowners and coverings all right-of-ways just can't be done effectively, said Justin Lohr, weed supervisor.

This war on noxious weeds has been a long and costly battle with little progress, he said. We need to get a handle on these infestations. The only way this can be done is setting priorities and having the landowner take the responsibility of taking care of their own land.

Many landowners have done a good job of taking care of their weeds, Mr. Lohr said. However, there are others who have not.

The resources are there: custom applications, private applicators, aerial spraying and the cost-share program.

Landowners, he said, should manage their own weeds by making it a part of their land-management practice. After all, he said, it Lohr at 785-332-8840.

"Spraying our right-of-ways will be like putting up a barrier to suppress the weeds and take control of

our own problems," he said. The commissioners are asking everyone to please not farm or spray the ditches in the county as it

is costly for everyone.

"When farmers and applicators burn off the weeds in their fields and over-spray the ditches in the process, the only things that grow in the ditches are weeds, noxious and unwanted," Mr. Lohr said.

When it is farmed, there is no ditch and the water on the road has no place to go.

"This causes damage to the road," he said. "The purpose of the ditch is for water runoff and to keep the roads safe.

"Remember, everyone pays for the maintenance of the roads.

For more questions on weed control and ditch maintenance, call Mr.

## Hospital asks for more money

By Karen Krien

Les Lacy, hospital board administrator, board members, Kari Gilliland, Jerry Toler, Mike Bandel and Jane Young. along with Mila Bandel, county health nurse, met with the Cheyenne County Commissioners at the Friday meeting. They had come to ask for the full 12 mills plus the 1-cent sales tax to support the hospital. Mr. Lacy pointed out several times that the people had voted in 1996 to allow the commissioners to raise that amount.

Historically, Mr. Lacy said, we have not asked for any more than we need. The recession, critical mass and charity care are some of the things that has put the hospital in the position that the 12 mills is now needed. There are also new requirements and unfunded mandates, ongoing equipment and repair needs.

"I know that the county has a lot of challenges with the nursing home, road and bridge but the vote was done previously," Mr. Lacy said. "We have a long history of not asking for things that we don't

"If we want services, we are going to have to pay for them," said Ernie Ketzner, commissioner. "We need to keep our hospital and our nursing home and we want to be as tight as we can in spending. We

want to move forward but to move ties with funding problems. forward, we are going to have to

As you face these issues, Mr. Lacy said, remember the voters made this decision to allow 12 mills. We are here and we need it to repair finan- have to look at what services they cial issues. When they are repaired, we will look to back away. The future is uncertain.

Terry Miller, county clerk, said recently, he had received three requests on what the county pays for the hospital and the nursing home, indicating that there are other coun-

Tom Keller, St. Francis, asked, in a worst-case scenario, what if the county can't fund that, what is the backup plan?

The board, Mr. Lacy said, would will cut. If we are not able to sustain things, we will have a very minimum service, but it will also be the end of the hospital.

If we give everyone what they want, not including the road grader, Mr. Ketzner said, it will be an additional \$200,000 more.

## Swim team members travel to Imperial

Cheylin swim team members 51.07; short free- 41.43. traveled to Imperial, Neb., on Saturday for this year's qualifying meet. Qualifying were Diana 100 free- 90.92; breaststroke, Garcia, Mary Anne Orten and Tia

The championship meet was held in Lexington, Neb., on Saturday, July 16..

Results from Imperial follow: Diana Garcia: backstroke, qualstroke, qualified with a time of ified with a time of 89.22.

MaryAnne Orten: 200 long free, qualified with a time of 212.17; qualified with a time of 45.79; short free; qualified with a time of

Tia Sager: butterfly, qualified with a time of 40.54; backstroke, qualified with a time of 41.29; breaststroke, qualified with a time ified with a time of 50.13; breast- of 45.89; individual medley, qual-

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