



AMONG THOSE ATTENDING the drought forage meeting on Monday were Lori Janicke and Troy Burr. There were 35

people attending the meeting held at the fairgrounds in St. Francis.

Times staff photo by Tim Burr

## Ranchers attend forage meeting

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 and the 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 on-going 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

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.

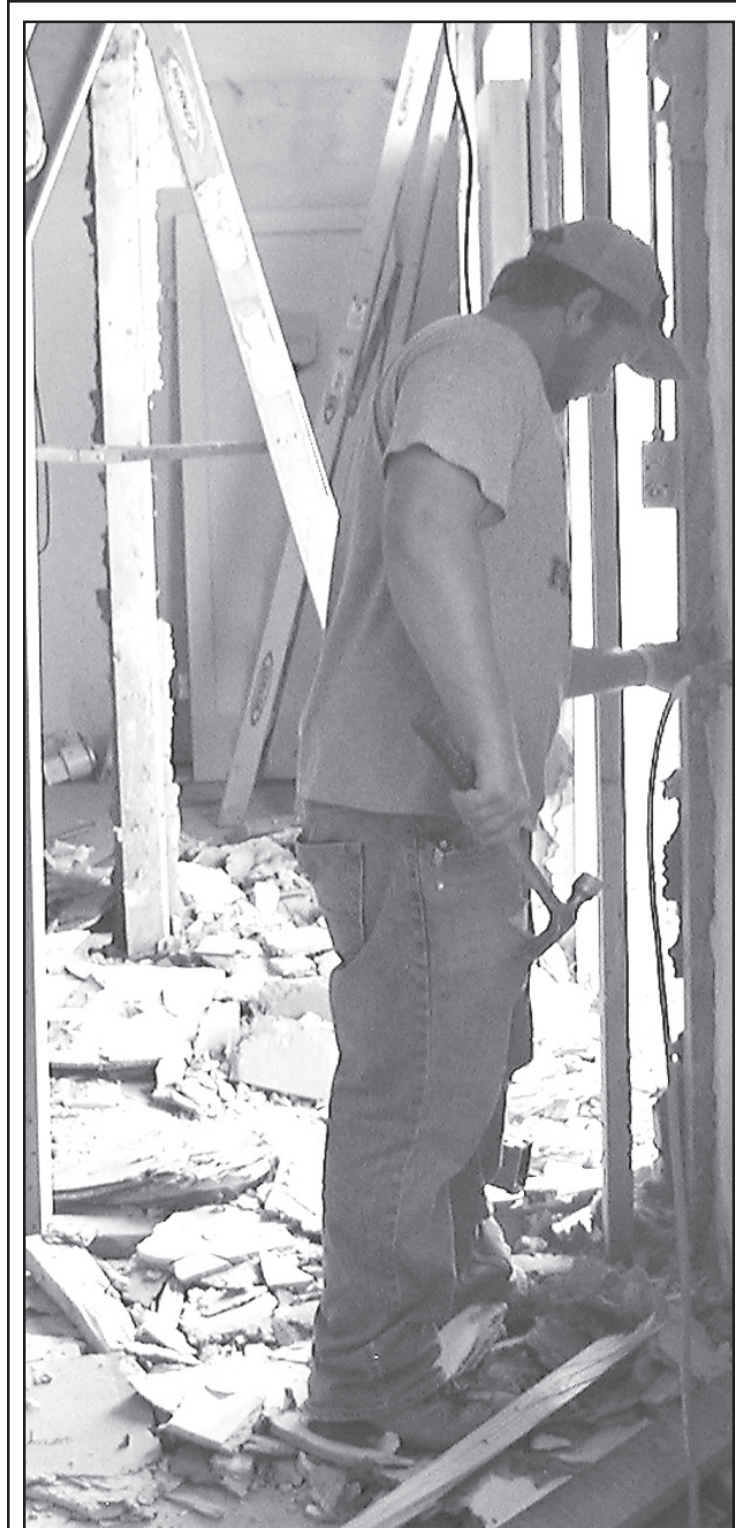
Johnson and Falk had sampled a number of drought stricken fields in Thomas and Cheyenne counties, removing corn stalks and having them analyzed at the lab. They presented pictures and results of their findings, showing different degrees of drought damage and nitrate levels between fields, and "hot spot" locations within the same field.

"On some very severely stricken fields," said Falk, "we expected to see some really high numbers. We were somewhat surprised to find that wasn't always the case.

"You've got to know what your nitrate levels are, and the only real way to do that is to have a sample tested at the lab."

Call our office in St. Francis, said Fear, and we can help you with sampling questions and where to send your sample.

Other meetings were scheduled for later in the day at Goodland and Sharon Springs.



JOE AGUIRRE with Millers Construction is cutting the second of three doors into the American legion Hall. One door remains to be cut on the north side of the building, and they will be ready to start the interior construction.

## Coin toss breaks commissioner tie

By Karen Krien

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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 business and I would like to see it completed," he said.

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

## Girls have sleep over

By Norma Martinez

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Sunday evening, the floor of Christi Antholz's fifth grade room was covered with sleeping bags belonging to the high school volleyball players. They were sitting in a circle on the floor eating pizza and watermelon discussing the summer.

At 8 p.m. they were down to business going over the volleyball rules, uniforms, homecoming dance, seniors T-shirts, pictures and the team trip. After that it was a sleep over with an early rising and volleyball practice from 6 to 8 a.m. They were back at it for a short time in the evening, quitting in time to attend the back to school BBQ.

They need to get back in shape for the Soap Scrimmage from 6-7:30 p.m. on, Friday, Aug. 24. Their first



CASSIE RUCKER was passing pizza to Diana Garcia as Allie Frisbie, Mary Anne Orten, Shayla Hubbard, Danea Magnani, Elsa Burr, Kelsey Miller and Ellie Pocop enjoy their drinks during their sleepover in Christi Antholz's class room.

games are in a tournament with Healy starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25, and a Wheatland quad at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 28.

This year's freshman players are: Elizabeth Keltz, Kelsey Miller, Elsa Burr, Danea Magnani and Diana Garcia. Sophomore players are

Mary Anne Orten and Allie Frisbie. Junior players are Ellie Pochop and Shayna Hubbard. Cassie Rucker is the only senior.

## Students begin school

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The school bell rang and doors opened to the Cheylin schools on Wednesday, a week earlier than many schools in the area. As of Tuesday, there was no enrollment count available.

Back to school night

Instead of the usual open house this year Cheylin had a community barbecue on Monday evening at 5 p.m. in the shelter house. It was well attended, and gave parents, teachers and students an opportunity to get reacquainted. Board members were on hand to cook and serve the hot dog and hamburger meal.

Superintendent Bruce Bolin introduced the new teachers. This year, there are three new teachers; Morgan Kauten for first grade; Hannah Louderbaugh, second grade, and Tish Havel, Title 1, junior high English. Mr. Bolin said he and the board are pleased to have the teachers join the team. There will also be a full or maybe part-time psychologist coming to the school.

Kindergarteners to go all day. Through August they will only attend half days. Kayla Bursch is returning as kindergarten teacher.

There have been no changes in teachers for the other grades. Third grade will be taught by Janice Churchwell, fourth grade, Tammi Carmichael, fifth grade, Cristi Antholz, and Kale Shields sixth grade/activities director.

Inter changing teachers will be

the same as it was last year with: Abbi Dixson teaching Speech/English, Kevin Dixon, Math, Amy Hendricks, Science, Dennis Hengen, Industrial Arts, Rose Hengen, Music/Band, Anthony Blair, PE/Health, Darla Dible, Librarian/Social Studies, Susan Jensen, Business/Computer/Migrant ELL, Max Keltz, Vo Ag, Carol Partch, Special Ed, Matt Wilson/ Tech Room, Technology, and Blanca Rodriguez, Translator.

Other staff members are: Elaine Marcuson, At Risk Coordinator/Migrant ELL, Deb Grace, Speech Pathologist. Jeri Antholz, Kris Burns, Rose Miller, Mary Moore, Anita Pochop, Bobbie Walden, and Melissa Dart are Aides.

Fall sports

Sunday evening a parents-students meeting was held for the football players.

After going over the rules, regulations and events; Pads were checked out to the players. First practice was Monday. A soap scrimmage was at 7:30 on Friday, Aug. 25. Their first home game is with Hitchcock County on Aug. 31, at 7 p.m..

Christi Antholz began the volleyball season with a sleep over for her team on Sunday. After filling them up on pizza she went over the rules and other plans. Their first practice was held Monday morning a 6 a.m. Their first home game with Rawlins, County is Sept. 10, at 5:30 p.m.

## Senator to speak in St. Francis

U.S. Senator Pat Roberts will be in Cheyenne County on Friday, Aug. 17 at Cuppa Joe Espresso, 216 Washington. This is the last stop of the day with the meeting starting at 3:15 p.m.

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.