

# Working woman retires

By Karen Krien

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Betty Schorzman is retiring from the Farm Service Agency after over 23 years.

"I'm going to miss the farmers and the staff," she said, although she noted that it will be nice to sleep past 7 a.m. and take a walk in the middle of the afternoon.

Mrs. Schorzman was the office person working with payroll, travel expenses and price supports (loans and loan deficiency programs). When she started, she took care of the production adjustment program payments and was in charge of making sure that when ground was sold, it was put in the other person's name and the land was in the right farm.

She said there have been many, many changes since she began. She said the day she interviewed for the job, she had to ask how to turn on the typewriter. Then computers were introduced and, today, most programs are on the web. No payments are made directly out of the office but come from the National Payment Center. All maps are in the computer and the Geographic Information System is used. We don't use hard copies today, she said.

Change, she said, is good as long as the changes are up and working!

There were always new programs and new stresses but, she said, we were always busy and 4:30 came pretty quick.

"It has been good to help farmers and the great office staff is



**BETTY SCHORZMAN is retiring after 23 years of service at the Farm Service Agency. There will be an open house of Friday.**

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

good at what they do," she said.

Mrs. Schorzman's husband, Keith, has been retired from Bartlett and Company Grain, working only when they need someone. They have two sons, Keith and wife, Becky and Kevin and wife, Angie, and a total of eight

grandchildren. She is looking forward to being able to spend more time baby sitting and just being with the kids.

She is a Sunday school teacher and teaches the "Cubbies" (little kids) at AWANAS at the First Baptist Church. She said some of

her retirement time will be spent organizing and being able to do a better job with these two projects.

She enjoys walking, water color painting and doing crafts. She also thinks she and Keith might do some traveling but, at this time, nothing is set in stone.

#### Retirement open house

A retirement open house for Mrs. Schorzman is scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m. on Friday at the Farm Service Agency office on west U.S. 36.

# Kansas Day is held today

The annual Kansas Day celebration will be held today (Thursday) at the Legion hall in Bird City. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. and a potluck meal follows at noon.

There will be displays and entertainment including the students from St. Francis and Cheylin schools, the St. Francis Singers and the Swingin' Seniors.

Arnold W. Schofield, Kansas historian, will be the guest speaker.

Dr. Schofield served in the United States Army from 1960

to 1966, and attended college on the GI-Bill. Currently he holds the position of superintendent of the Marais des Cygnes Massacre State Historic Site and Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Sites in Linn County.

Before joining the Kansas State Historical Society, Dr. Schofield retired from 43 years of federal service that included 25 years as the historian and cultural resource specialist at Fort Scott National Historic Site. He is a frequent lecturer at universities and a public speaker on West-

ward Expansion, Kansas History and the Civil War.

He has been actively involved in Civil War Battlefield Preservation for more than 30 years and is one of the founders of the Mine Creek Battlefield Foundation that was established in 1999. To date the foundation has raised more than \$1,000,000 and purchased 306 acres of battlefield land. The objective of this foundation is to assist the state of Kansas in the preservation, protection and interpretation of the Mine Creek Battlefield.

He will also make presentations at local schools and at Ye Olde Country Church, St. Francis, for the Historical Society that same day.

#### Thursday evening

For those who might miss Kansas Day activities, Dr. Schofield will be at Ye Olde Country Church, St. Francis, that evening at 7. He will speak to the Historical Society about the Kidder Massacre and Fort Wallace. Everyone interested is urged to attend this presentation.

# Young wrestlers compete in tourney

Three St. Francis wrestlers competed in the Norton kids wrestling tournament on Saturday.

The results follow:

Six and under, Shadryon Blanka, 58 pounds, participated.

Eight and under, Trayton Doyle, 142 pounds, second.

12 and under, Shakotah Blanka, 215 pounds, second.

#### Additional upcoming events

The night of the high school wrestling dual with Goodland, on Feb. 6, the St. Francis kids will be matched up to compete with kids from Goodland's kids wrestling club.

The St. Francis kids will also go to Atwood on Feb. 13, and match up with kids from their club that night during the high school dual.

## Retirement Open House

Honoring  
*Betty Schorzman*

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# Crop consulting company moves

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Two employees of a crop consulting company have located in northwest Kansas.

Crop Quest Incorporated, has moved to northwest Kansas. Two of their experienced agronomists, Grant Havel, who lives in St. Francis, and Norman Kinderknecht, who lives in Colby. They are available to help producers and their operations.

Mr. Havel has over 10 years experience with Crop Quest. He worked in the southwest and northeast Kansas regions. He has extensive experience in agronomy precision agriculture and nutrient management.

His goal is to work with farmers in building a complete trust from day one.

Mr. Havel is married to the former Tish Busby, who was raised in St. Francis. They moved to St. Francis last summer and their two boys, Frank, who is 9, and Bob, 8, are students at the St. Francis grade school. Mrs. Havel works with the Southwest Plains Regional Service Center, Sublette, and conducts in-services for teachers.

Raised on a farm in Cuba, Kan., Mr. Havel knows farming and the problems that occur. His parents now run a greenhouse in Cuba. Mr. Havel graduated from Fort Hays State University in 1998.

"I've enjoyed living in St. Francis and northwest Kansas and look forward to working with producers," he said. He can be reached by calling 785-456-5719.

Mr. Kinderknecht worked for Crop Quest in the late 1990s in the central Kansas area. He has been working as a farm management



Havel

Kinderknecht

consultant the past few years and is excited to be with the company team.

Born and raised on a farm in Ellis County, he has experience in both agronomy and farm financing which can be valuable to the people in the area.

"Farming has been my life since I was born," he said.

Mr. Kinderknecht's wife, Sherry, is a middle school math teacher in Colby.

Mr. Kinderknecht can be reached by calling him at 785-443-3483.

#### Employee owned

Crop Quest is a 100-percent employee-owned company dedicated to providing the highest quality agricultural services for each of its customers.

"The quest of our network of highly trained agronomists and agricultural professionals is to practice integrity and innovation to ensure our services are economically and environmentally sound," said Mr. Havel.

"The company is an innovation-driven leader in crop consulting and agricultural production," Mr. Kinderknecht said. "We offer unbiased crop production recommendations to producers in nine states across the high plains."

"We don't sell products, only great service," Mr. Havel said.

## Oh! No!

## The Big 50!

Love, Rick  
Ashley & Andrea

## Valentine's Banquet

**Saturday, Feb. 14**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**St. Francis Community Church**

A catered meal will be served with entertainment following. Reservations need to be made by Feb. 8. Please call 785-332-4345.

## Medical Technologist Wanted

Cheyenne County Hospital is currently accepting applications for a Medical Technologist. Duties will be to perform various chemical, serologic, microscopic and bacteriological tests to obtain data for the use in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases, in the department of Hematology, Chemistry, Blood Banking, Immunohematology, Clinical Microscopy and Microbiology. Observe, monitor, record, interpret and report results on tests performed with accuracy.

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