



LIZ GIENGER KNEALS AS SHE helps Rachel Huffman paint yellow stripes on the west side of the high school as part of the Join Hands project.
Herald times staff photo by Karen Krien

Teen travels to Harvard

Christina Schoenrogge, a freshman at St. Francis Community High School, recently returned from Boston, where she attended a People-to-People Leadership Summit at Harvard Law School. Schoenrogge, along with fellow delegates from around the world, participated in leadership activities, toured Boston, and visited museums. The places she visited included the Holocaust Memorial, Old Ironsides, the home of Paul Revere, the graves of John Hancock and Benjamin Franklin, Plymouth Rock, Fenway Park, and other places along the

Freedom Trail.

During the week-long program in Boston, she learned about effective leadership and how to develop her own leadership abilities to make a difference at home.

Hands-on activities at Hale Reservation and other significant local venues, workshops on Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens, visits to John Fitzgerald Kennedy (JFK) Library and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and speeches from motivational speakers Josh Shipp and Eric Bostwick gave her a new

perspective on what it takes to lead.

"This program made me more of an outspoken individual rather than the quiet person in the background. I am personally more outgoing than before this experience as a result of the summit" said Schoenrogge.

She also says, "I met some really great friends that I hope to see again soon and never forget."



Schoenrogge

Livestock compensation program

Angie Berens, county executive director of the Farm Service Agency announced that eligible livestock producers only have until July 18 to apply for benefits under the Livestock Compensation Program and Livestock Indemnity Program.

"We still have many producers who haven't signed up for these programs yet," stated Mrs. Berens.

The compensation program provides benefits to livestock producers for feed losses occurring between Jan. 1, 2005,

and Dec. 31, 2007, due to a natural disaster, such as drought. Livestock producers must apply in the county where the livestock were physically located on Jan. 1, of the year of the disaster.

The indemnity program compensates livestock producers for livestock losses between January 1, 2005, and Dec. 31, 2007, which resulted from natural disaster, including losses due to blizzards that started in 2006 and continued into January 2007. Livestock producers must apply for this program in their Farm

Service Agency administrative county office where their farm records are maintained.

For these programs, producers incurring a loss in more than one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007 qualifying years will only earn benefits in one of those years.

"For additional information, contact our office at (785) 332-2183 before the July 18 deadline," said Mrs. Berens. Interested producers can also access these and other program fact sheets on the web site, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; click on Fact Sheets.

County health department needs new health nurse

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Cheyenne County is one of a few counties in Kansas to have a county health department operated through the hospital. However, the hospital administrator said with the latest resignation, the county's department is unmanned for the present.

Les Lacy, Cheyenne County Hospital administrator, reported that Susan Roelfs, county health nurse, has had health issues. He and Mrs. Roelfs agreed that she would not be able to return to her position but would continue to work at the hospital. Kate Jenkins, county health administrative assistant, had also turned in her resignation.

He said that the Cheyenne County Clinic in St. Francis is giving immunizations and he has been in contact with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and other county health people concerning the situation.

"I want you to know that the hospital remains committed to providing county health services," he said.

He added that they are looking for someone to replace Mrs. Roelfs, asking if the commissioners had any recommendations. They did not.

Road and bridge report

Dave Flemming, road and bridge supervisor, presented his monthly work schedule.

The commissioners signed two permits for Noble Energy to bore under county roads.

Mr. Flemming presented the 5-year plan which included straightening out a county road, replacing a bridge with culverts, making it a low-water crossing, continuing to keep the Hnizdil bridge (southwest of St. Francis) on the plan and adding a surfacing project north of St. Francis starting at the Republican River bridge and continuing to the substation, where the road splits.

Conservation District

Jeanne Dunn, Conservation District secretary, brought in the District's 2009 budget. She invited the commissioners to take a tour sometime and see what the board is doing in the district.

Conference call

A telephone conference call was held between the Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas' president Jerry Michaud and the commissioners. Also talking on the call was Bonnie Burr, board member from Bird City. Mr. Michaud thanked the commissioners for receiving the call, which saved the board money by not having to travel.

The service helps people with disabilities. He said, if these people can be helped in their own community, it costs an average of \$35,600. If the person is placed in an institution, it costs an average of \$116,000 to \$163,000 per person.

He pointed out that, in 2007, Cheyenne County's costs for services was \$149,000 but the amount received from the government was \$139,992. Last year, the county gave \$8,480. He asked if they would consider giving more.

After the conference was over, Commissioner Andy Beikman pointed out that Ellis County had far more people using the service and paid considerable less per person. The matter will be considered again when it is time to set the budget.

Public hearing

Amy Griffey, representing the Northwest Planning and Development Commission, conducted a public hearing for the Bird City Dairy grant closeout. After the hearing, she presented a request for payment of the Community Development and Building grant funds and a grant closeout transmittal form was signed by the commissioners.

In other business

In other business:

- A thank you note from Katie Marin for the scholarship money was read.

- Karol Lohman was approved as a new fair board member.

- Executive session was called by Deb Lindsten, deputy clerk, to discuss personnel. When they came out of the session, they approved for Carl Williams, maintenance supervisor, to use sick time out of the courthouse's "sick pool."

- It was noted that, as of July 1, the state mileage rate has gone up to 50.5 cents.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the commissioners has been set for 8 a.m. on Tuesday, July 15, in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

Book Review

Book review from
St. Francis Public Library

Up Close and Dangerous

By Linda Howard

A mysterious plane crash... a dangerous trek through the Idaho wilderness... a smoldering attraction... and a deadly game of cat and mouse. In her latest tour de force of romantic suspense, New York Times selling author Linda Howard blends these elements into a gripping story that will keep readers breathless - and leave them begging for more. For in Linda Howard's world, trust can be a weapon, a kiss can be a threat, and intimacy can be deadly.

Bailey Wingate's scheming adult stepchildren are surprised when their father's will leaves Bailey in control of their fortune, and war ensues. A year later, while flying from Seattle to Denver in a small plane, Bailey nearly dies

herself when the engine sputters - and then fails.

Cam Justice, her sexy Texan pilot, manages to crash-land the aircraft. Stranded in the wilderness, and struggling to douse her feelings for the ruggedly handsome man by her side, Bailey begins to wonder whether this was a mere accident. Who tampered with their plane? Who's trying to reunite Bailey and her husband in the afterlife? Cut off from the world, and with little hope of rescue, Bailey must trust her life - and heart - to Cam, as they battle the harsh elements to find a way out of the unforgiving wilds and back to civilization... where a killer may be waiting to finish the job.

Sexy, suspenseful, and lightning fast, Up Close and Dangerous a beloved author at her dazzling best.



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