

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 freshmanatSt.FrancisCommunity 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 Monument, Old Ironsides, the home of Paul Revere, the graves of John Hancock and Benjamin Franklin, Plymouth Rock, Fenway Park, and other places along the

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

"We still have many producers

who haven't signed up for these programs yet," stated Mrs.

The compensation program

provides benefits to livestock

producers for feed losses

Freedom Trail.

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

Hands-on activities at Hale individual Reservation and other significant rather than the local venues, workshops on Seven quiet person in Habits of Highly Effective Teens, visits to John Fitzgerald Kennedy more outgoing than before this (JFK) Library and Massachusetts experience as a result of the Institute of Technology (MIT), summit" said Schoenrogge. and speeches from motivational speakers Josh Shipp and Eric Bostwick gave her a new

Livestock comensation program

natural disaster, such as drought.

Livestock producers must apply

in the county where the livestock

were physically located on Jan. 1,

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

program

of the year of the disaster.

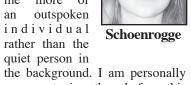
The indemnity

Angie Berens, county executive and Dec. 31, 2007, due to a

occurring between Jan. 1, 2005, for this program in their Farm

perspective on what it takes to

T h i s program made more of outspoken



She also says, "I met some

really great friends that I hope to see again soon and never forget."

Service Agency administravive

county office where their farm

For these programs, producers

incurring a loss in more than

one of the 2005, 2006 or 2007

qualifying years will only earn

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.

"For additional information,

benefits in one of those years.

records are maintained.

## County health department needs new health nurse

By Karen Krien

karen.k@nwkansas.com department operated through the Jerry latest resignation, the county's department is unmanned for the Mr. Michaud thanked 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.

County Clinic in St. Francis is services was \$149,000 but giving immunizations and he the amount received form the has been in contact with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and other He asked if they would consider county health people concerning the situation.

hospital remains committed providing county health services," he said.

He added that they are looking for someone to replace Mrs. Roelfs, asking time to set the budget. 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

telephone conference Cheyenne County is one call was held between the of a few counties in Kansas Developmental Services of to have a county health Northwest Kansas' president Michaud and hospital. However, the hospital commissioners. Also talking administrator said with the on the call was Bonnie Burr, board member from Bird City. 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. He said that the Cheyenne Cheyenne County's costs for government was \$139,992. Last year, the county gave \$8,480. giving more.

After the conference was over, "I want you to know that the 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 **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



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