Bonnie Hill will be sleeping just a little later and probably not doing nearly as much cooking when school begins in August. Mrs. Hill retired at the end of the school year after having worked in the school cafeterias for 28 years. Of that 28 years, 24 years were spent as the food service manager.

Mrs. Hill's morning started before 6:30 a.m. as that was when she walked through the school door prepared to start work for the day. She had taken over the position of food service manager after Alice Isernhagen retired.

In the past nine years, she had helped with breakfast and cleanup and then, over the noon hour, she helped serve in either the juniorsenior high school or the grade school. The rest of the time was spent doing book work and she said

taking her place and Mrs. Kinen has already put her book work on the computer which Mrs. Hill said will be much quicker.

started in 1993, Mrs. Hill said her day and those of the other cooks started much earlier. However, she thinks that the breakfast program is good for the students and the par-

"It is handy for parents who work and leave home before the kids and it really isn't that expensive," she

50 students in each of the schools

She said that Sainty students receive much better breakfasts than some of the students in other

"We had hot breakfasts four of the five days with eggs and toast, breakfast casseroles and other hot foods along with cold cereal and fruit," she said. "Other schools often serve just cold cereal."

Besides having the satisfaction of providing nutritional meals for students, she said that the highlight of her work was when kids came back to the kitchen and said thank you and that they had appreciated the

"You would be surprised at how many nice, polite kids there are,"

Only two months have gone by since her retirement but she said she is enjoying every minute of it.

winter, will be embroidering," she She and husband Dale have no big plans at this time. She said she

miss going to work when school starts but she said she will miss the people she worked with as well as the kids and teachers.



AFTER 28-YEARS of cooking at the school, Bonnie Hill has retired and is looking forward to the free time at home.

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Jenice Hartman, St. Francis, spent July 8 through 10 at the Capital Plaza in Topeka participating in the Miss Kansas American Junior Teen Pageant. She said it was one of the most memorable and fun experiences she has ever

"I had a blast!" she said.

She came home winning several awards including "Miss Hostess" for which she won a crown, sash and trophy, "Spirit of America" which she received a trophy; and the People's Choice Award" which came with a plaque. Just for participating, she had a crown and sash.

Unfortunately, she was not the winner of the pageant but could have participated at the Miss Na- Laura Lamb, St. Francis. Mr. tional Junior Teen Pageant in Or- Lamb served as her escort during lando, Fla. However, she said she the pageant.

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"I would like to go back again next year," she said.

While in Topeka, Jenice performed a clarinet solo, entered the different categories including photogenic, fashion model, spokes model, acting, best thank you note and being a volunteer.

She was asked to help with the Missouri Junior Teen Pageant but since that is held during the Cheyenne County Fair, she decided not to. However, she plans to help with the Children's Miracle Network fund raising held in Galena. The Children's Miracle Network **Teen Pageant.** helps children in hospitals.

Jenice is the daughter of Pat and

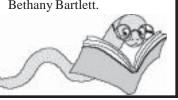
JENICE HARTMAN won several awards when she participated in the Kansas Junior

R Kansas State Senator

Student honored for grades

Violet Wilhoft, a student of Labette County Community College, with a 4.0 grade point average, has been named to the president's honor roll.

She is the daughter of Steve and Karissa Wilhoft and the granddaughter of John and Bethany Bartlett.



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Clerk makes news in the Hays Daily

Thursday, July 22, 2004

Cheyenne County Clerk and Election Officer Terry Miller recently made the news in the Hays Daily News.

In an article written by Joy Leiker, she wrote that Mr. Miller center on Cheyenne County's new decided to put copies of the county's ballots on the Internet. The Secretary of State's official had simply ask that he make sure the scanning ballots were clearly marked as a "sample."

It is less that two weeks before the Aug. 3 primary election and county clerks in Kansas are accustomed to spending lots of time on the phone and next to the fax machine — handling inquiries from journalists all over the state about what's going to be on the local

Mr. Miller found the Internet as a way to "beat the system" and speed it up a little bit.

"Before the election, we ended up sitting at the fax machine," he said in the article.

He normally handles queries form journalists in both Kansas and asks for a copy of the ballot.

He has never tallied the costs of

pinch a few pennies. It also makes them available to any county resi-

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dent or anyone who has an interest in the election. The ballots are listed front and

www.cheyennecounty.org.

Mr. Miller admits he's not much of a "techie" and the whole Web site is a work in progress. In the beginning he simply had a couple of sample ballots online, enough so that both county commission districts would be represented. Not, all eight versions of the ballot — one for every township in the county are listed separately. That way, Mr. Miller said there's no confusion over what will appear on what bal-

"I just started it," he said of the Web site that is only a couple of months old. "I'm doing everybody's offices. I told them all to get me information."

Other clerk's offices haven't necessarily joined the Web site bandwagon, but the clerks in Decatur Nebraska. Every time the reporter and Sheridan counties have switched from the standard faxes to another can't-live-without-it techthose faxes, but in the end he thinks no logical advancement — e-mail.

Former resident earns nursing degree

Cindy Merklin Mitchell of Anne Schachtshabel of Wilber and Wilber, Neb., graduated from Michele Ferretti Southeast Community College, the School of Practical Nursing, at Beatrice, Neb., on July 16. She was one of four students who graduated with distinction, with a grade-point average above 3.75.

A celebration party was held at their home following the graduation. Those attending were Cindy and Mike Mitchell, Kimberly, Andrew and Justin of Wilber; Leon and Darlene Merklin of St. Francis; Howard and Dorothy Mitchell of Pittsburg; Sherry and Terry Griffiths, Stacey and Doug Kaszak and family, Lyle and Flo Wieck, all of Lincoln, Neb.; Sara Beckman, Jake, Cole, Beau and Paige of Idalia, Colo.; Alvin and Sylvia Zimbelman of Goodland; Diane Troshynski and children, Joey

Leon Darlene Merklin spent a few days at the Mitchell home and drove over to see the terrible damage of the tornado at Hallum, Neb.

of Crete, Neb.

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it made for a long nine-hour day. Next year, Alice Kinen will be "I just enjoy being home, working in the yard and garden and, this When the breakfast program

will have more free time to go see her kids who live out of town and she is already enjoying having time to devote to grandkids. Mrs. Hill does not think she will

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