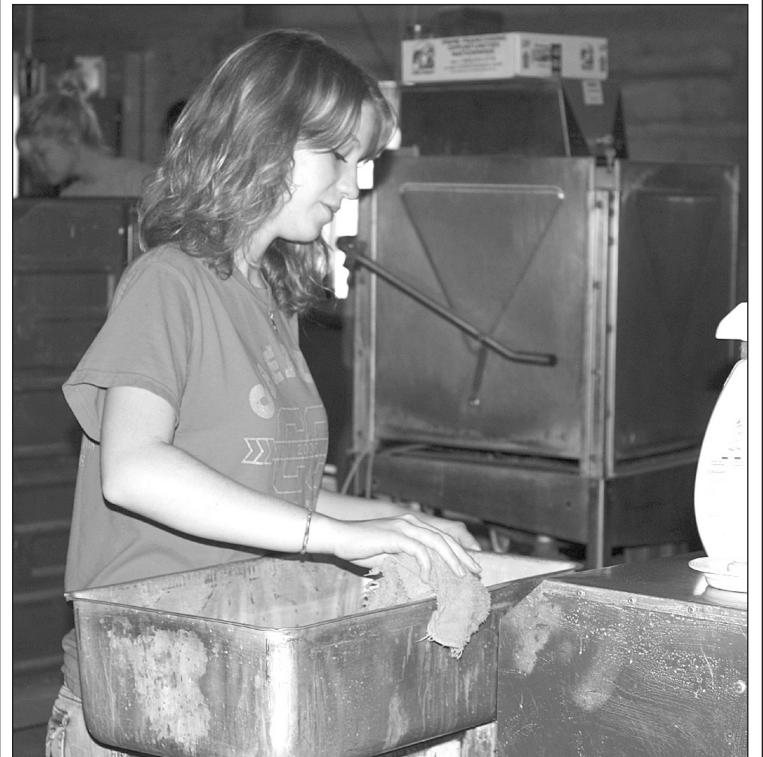
Volunteering her time



ON SATURDAY, Rhiannon Davies and other students from the high school helped clean kitchen equipment and

paint trim for the new recreation center downtown.

- Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

*County budget approved with increases

(Continued from Page 1A) cash from tax dollars. The department had a \$35,533 cash balance at the end of July. Some of that money is bioterrorism grant money, the director said.

"You know where I am going to go for it," said Mr. McEvoy, "that \$50,000 for the airport. It's not going to happen for a few years. I'm just being realistic."

The county keeps budgeting every year for the airport, said Mr. McEvoy, but none of that has been paid out.

Commissioner Gene Galletine said they probably need to do something with the health department, besides no one knows the impact the "swine" flu will have.

When the time comes, the county will have to decide about the airport money, he said.

If the department loses the state grant money this year, Mrs. Gamblin said, it's gone for next year, too.

"I don't think we can take a cut there that will cripple us or put us out of business," said Mrs. Pomeroy. "The community needs a health department. I understand budget cut, but don't think any department should take the majority of the hit.'

The fire department, said Chief Cathcart, also took a substantial cut, around \$25,000. He said he's looking at replacing trucks and has been transferring money to the equipment reserve to help with that

Mr. McEvoy suggested the chief

bring in a plan with the prices. He added that he was a little shocked by the cut, since others weren't taking a decrease like that.

The county can add \$25,000 to the fire department budget, keeping it the same amount, said Mr. Hirsch,

and not have to raise taxes. That could come from the other half of the airport money, said Mr.

McEvoy. "If we are going to give money to the airport," argued Mr. Unger, "then I think we need to put some

money aside this year.' The county is spending down its cash balances this year, said Mr. Hirsch. He pointed out that the fire district is bigger than the county. It's supported by taxpayers in the whole district, not just the county.

Mr. Huntley talked about getting rid of the cost-share program for spraying weeds, which would shave a little bit off his budget. Both Mr. Unger and Mr. Gallentine said people might not spray their weeds without the program.

ployees, said Mr. Huntley, works in the recycling department. He said he talked with the county clerk about getting that employee paid for his work out of another budget.

One of the weed department em-

Mr. McEvoy agreed that needs to be done so they have a better idea of what is being spent on the recycling program.

The commissioners did approve the budget with the two increases, but decided to wait to publish it.

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*Local channel shuts off Friday

(Continued from Page 1A) computers and telethons.

In February 2008, the volunteer group held it's last telethon because the sound on the cable channel wasn't what it use to be.

The channel, he said, is run live variety of items shown on the cable, through the picture now. including Oberlin City Council for office and more. Those events, on Friday. he said, were run live.

Sunday services.

There's only a few paying customers left, he said, with nonprofit neer for 45 years before retiring and and others not having to pay for their helping start the cable channel.

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last Wednesday, said Mr. Hirsch, his

class got together and watched their sixth-grade play and then attended

Principal Duane Dorshorst said

"He was a bit of a perfectionist,"

said Mr. Dorshorst, "when it came to

ready, he would pull the song out of

Earlier in his career, said Mr.

Dorshorst, he asked Mr. Buchholz

what he will remember most about

Mr. Buchholz is his passion for

the funeral together.

teaching kids music.

the concert."

Before Mr. Buchholz's funeral

*Music teacher

remembered

advertising. The money that comes in through business ads, said Mr. Benton, is hardly enough to pay the monthly phone bill.

While the technician here for Eagle Cable has done a great job, he said, others from the company out of The Gateway. Besides the come in, the channel has just gotten telethon and the ads, there's been a worse. He said fine black lines run

Unless someone in town wants meetings, the hospital forum, can- to help run the channel, he said, the didate forums for people running committee plans to pull the plug

Mr. Benton said he's not sure if For the past nine years, Mr. Ben- there is any money left in the acton said, the channel also has run a count. If there is after the phone bill tape of the United Methodist Church is paid, he said he thought it would be given away.

Mr. Benton was a broadcast engi-

why he didn't take the fifth and sixth

graders to Hays to perform at the Northwest Kansas Music Educa-

tors Association competition. Mr.

Buchholz told the principal that the kids here were more advanced, able

to not only sing the melody, but the

Mr. Dorshorst, "his humor and his

and model), yard work, basketball

and the Decatur Area Theater As-

love for music at our school." Besides music, Mr. Buchholz

"We will miss his passion," said

harmony of the song.

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Treasure Hunt coming soon

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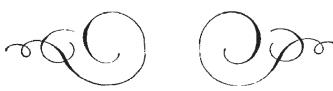
The annual 400-Mile Treasure to be into the Chamber office by Hunt along U.S. 36 is just 2 1/2 Tuesday. weeks away.

along the highway or from somewhere in town can get on a map being made by the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce for \$5, said Chamber manager Carolyn Hackney.

Carolyn Applegate, with the highway group, said Ms. Hackney planned to get the information on the Internet, and for that, it needed Hackney said.

Anyone who wants to be on the Anyone who wants to sell wares map needs to turn in their name by Monday, Sept. 14, said Ms. Hackney.

The maps will be handed out at a Chamber information booth set up at Stellar Sales during the weekend of Friday, Sept. 18, to Sunday, Sept. 20, or people can pick one up at the Chamber office. There is no charge for maps, Ms.





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