

RVHS grad joins Redwood SWCD staff

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Editor

Growing up on a big game and crop farm south of Bird Island, Judy Schulte was exposed to a wide variety of activities which ultimately helped lead her toward her career.

“I always wanted to work with something in the environment,” said Schulte.

Working during several summers at Fort Ridgely State Park confirmed that interest, which resulted in a degree in horticulture and park management from SDSU.

The 2002 graduate of RVHS returned home with that degree and began working at the Redwood County FSA office with the CRP program.

“I did that for a little more than a year,” she said.

Schulte had now moved on to a new position with the Soil and Water Conservation District in Redwood County.

For the past three weeks, Schulte has been working as the SWCD district technician, which has her running a variety of different programs.

A lot of what she does involves the technical side of programs such as the Wetland Conservation Act.

“A lot of what I do is working with landowners,” Schulte said. “I let people know what is out there.”

From work with the CRP program to easements and cost-share programs, Schulte is involved in a variety of programs that can benefit landowners and the environment.

During the winter months, Schulte is in the office a little more, but come spring she anticipates being outside a lot.

“I’m here to answer questions,” she said.

To talk with Schulte, you can give her a call at the SWCD office at (507) 637-2427.