

## Fair board books two new events

### Evenings are filled for the week of the fair

By **KIMBERLY DAVIS**  
The grandstands are booked solid for the week of the Decatur County Fair, with two activities the Fair Board has sponsored in past years and three new ones.

On Tuesday night, the board will sponsor Mutton Bustin, a kids rodeo event; on Wednesday, Anita Hirsch will head up local talent; on Thursday will be the Colgate Country Showdown sponsored by Coyote Country radio; on Friday, a roller demo derby with KFNF radio announcing; and on Saturday, a tractor pull sponsored by KFNF.

President Ken Badsky said the board decided to try something new Friday night with the roller demo derby, which involves three-car teams.

The Friday night spot had been offered to the Lion's Club for a demolition derby, but the club turned the spot down, saying fans and drivers wouldn't be able to get to town in time to participate. In past years the club has held the derby on Saturday evenings, but this year the fair board decided to have the tractor pull on Saturday, the only night it was available.

The board wants 12 teams signed up for the roller demo event. Each team needs three cars. The first car, said Mr. Badsky, is the ball. It needs to be a small white car with a stripe in the team's color. The other two cars can be anything. One is a pusher and the other is a blocker, but the two can be interchanged.

The idea is for the pusher and blocker to work together to get the ball car around the track. The ball car is not allowed to run on its own; it has to be pushed. No other team can touch the ball car, but they can try to stop the other pushers and blockers.

The goal, said Mr. Badsky, is to get your team's ball car around the track and not let the other teams move theirs. He said he wasn't sure how many laps the winner will have to make.

Each team will be a different color, and both the pusher and blocker car need to be the team color.

The pusher and blocker need to have the insides stripped and the glass in the windows taken out, said Mr. Badsky. The gas tank needs to be moved to the back and the battery to the front. He said the cars may need a bar on the door also.

It won't be real expensive to get a car ready, he said.

Registration is \$100 per team. Once the registration is paid, each team will be given a color.

The purse will be around \$1,200 and \$1,500, said Mr. Badsky, split among those who make it into the finals. Trophies will also be given out for first through third place.

Mr. Badsky said anyone interested in forming a team can contact him or any fair-board member. He said he already knows of three or four teams in Oberlin that want to participate.



**IN THE LIBRARY** before graduation Sunday, Linda Glaze helped Liz Boyd put on her black robe. Many seniors received help taping down the white collar.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

## Seniors say goodbye at graduation

By **KIMBERLY DAVIS**  
Parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and friends milled around the cafeteria and high school gym Sunday waiting for graduation to start.

It was around 2:15 p.m. and there were still 15 minutes to kill until the 25 seniors in the class of 2005 would walk into the gym to "Pomp and Circumstance" played by Jennifer Hirsch and Sarah Marcuson.

Some sat in their seats on the bleachers, others took little ones to the bathroom while still others put

cards for the graduates on tables set up in the cafeteria.

Each student had a table with a display of pictures of themselves and awards and honors they received. The tables each had some kind of basket or bowl where guests could put cards.

Around 2:25 p.m., everyone got settled and waited to see their graduate march into the gym.

After the DCHS Singers performed "Showin' Us the Way" by Focelli, Salutatorian Anthony

Marshall addressed the crowd.

The future, he said, that most unpredictable and most sought-after thing for the human race: The future is now, he said. It is in our hands.

The song "Break Away," to which the class walked out of the gym, said Mr. Marshall, is about someone born in a small town who has the opportunity to break away. The song is fitting for this class.

"Oberlin," he said, "is our true home."

After graduation, many will be

leaving best friends, new friends and the past, he said. This is home, though.

Mr. Marshall said the speakers at graduation often leave the class with advice. Up until yesterday, he said, his advice was going to be "don't treat yellow snow."

Instead he said, "Don't worry about tomorrow; it is just tomorrow. Don't worry about yesterday, but attack today now."

Before leaving the podium, Mr. (See SENIORS on Page 5A)

## 'Ride for Love'

### Couple rides for God

By **KIMBERLY DAVIS**  
A husband-and-wife missionary team rode into Oberlin for the weekend, preaching and praying for support for three petitions they are carrying horseback across the country.

The petitions ask people to support prayer in schools and public places and public display of the Ten Commandments, to make abortion for birth control illegal and take a stand against liberal "activist" judges.

Dixon and Gayle Hayes from Rockville, Mo., both in their 50s, camped at the Decatur County fairground for the weekend, leaving Monday morning for Danbury, Neb..

Last August, said Mrs. Hayes, her uncle had a stroke and later committed suicide. She said she went to the funeral and started thinking about the afterlife.

At home, she said, they have Gospel sings every Friday night. She said she was telling her husband that she knew when she got to heaven, there would be a pony for her to ride. She said she would ride around talking to people about God.

Mrs. Hayes said her husband



**BRIDLE IN HAND**, Gayle Hayes prepared her horse for a long day's ride while her husband Dixon tightened up a

saddle. The couple left Oberlin Monday morning.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly

asked why she just didn't do it now. "People say I wish I did this and I wish I did that," she said. "Instead of wishing, you need to do it now."

On April 16, the couple left Missouri. They travel around 20 miles a day, riding two horses and lead-

ing another horse and a mule packed with their gear.

Along the way, they have stopped to camp at fairgrounds or people's homes. Mr. Hayes said everything has been provided for

them. God has put people in their path who gave them a place to stay, plus water and food for their horses and for them.

The couple learned about Oberlin (See RIDERS on Page 12A)

### Mission reaches one man

Two missionary riders say their real ministry is meeting people on the road.

Gayle Hayes said she and her husband Dixon meet people and pray for them and with them.

One of those was a man named John.

Mr. Hayes said they were riding on the road outside of Topeka when John drove by them with a trailer. He came back and picked the couple up and let them stay on his property. Mr. Hayes said they stayed the night and noticed the John drinking beer.

The couple told John they were going to church on Sunday and John said he would take them and pick them up afterward, but didn't want to go to the service.

John said his father was a Baptist minister. His mother got cancer and John prayed and prayed for her, but she still died.

During the Hayeses' stay with John, the couple said, he changed and started believing and trusting in God.

When the ride started, said Mr. Hayes, they thought if they could change one life on the trip, it would be worth it. Now, said Mrs. Hayes, they are expecting more.

## American flags will fly at area cemeteries for Memorial Day

Members of the Oberlin American Legion Post are getting ready for their annual Memorial Day ceremony at the cemetery to honor all who have served the United States in peace and war.

The ceremony will start at 10 a.m. on Monday around the monument towards the east side of the cemetery, as in past years. The master of ceremonies will be post Commander Walter Pennell.

Susan Nelson will sing the national anthem, and Don Harrier will give the opening and closing prayers. The Sons of the American Legion will lay a wreath at the monument while the auxiliary and junior

auxiliary place one at the Gold Star Memorial.

Staff Sgt. Randy McHugh, who recently returned from a year in Kuwait and Iraq, will speak. He served three months in Germany

in 2003 and 5 1/2 months on airport security duty in Nebraska after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Sgt. McHugh has served with the Kansas National Guard for 16 years and (See SOLDIERS on Page 12A)

# \* Soldiers, vets to be honored in ceremonies

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the Nebraska National Guard for 9 1/2.

Members of the Legion, the Sons' color guard and firing squad, the Herndon Veterans of Foreign Wars color guard and the auxiliary color guard and Girl Scouts will present a gun salute while Brent Smith and Allie Moore play Taps on their trumpets.

There will be 376 American flags flying high in the cemetery. Each represents a man or woman who served the country from Oberlin. Seventy-five flags given to the Legion over the years have been retired and seven have been returned to the families.

**BIG TIMBER, JENNINGS**  
The Jennings American Legion will be in charge of a 10 a.m. service on Sunday at Big Timber Cemetery. A potluck will follow at 12:30 p.m. at the Jennings Senior Center. Beverages will be provided but bring your own table service.

Services on Monday will begin at 10 a.m. at the Jennings Cemetery, with the Jennings post in charge.

The Czech Museum will be open from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For a tour, call Neoma Tacha at 678-2470.

**HERNDON**  
Memorial Day services will begin at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Home in Herndon. Kenneth Palmer, a retired naval commander, will speak. Father-Danier Richards will be chaplain. Veterans of Foreign Wars and auxiliary members will be in charge. The auxiliary will host a luncheon from noon to 5 p.m. at the post home.

**NORCATUR**  
The 116th observance of Memorial Day at Norcatatur will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday. All veterans, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and school children are asked to meet at the bank corner at 1 p.m. to form the parade for the march to the Norcatatur Cemetery.

The parade will start at 1:30 p.m., with services at the cemetery to begin at 2 p.m. Maj Barry Brooks will speak. "The Star-Spangled Banner" will be sung by Andrea Marshall and Pastor Kathy Aeillo will give the opening prayer. This will be the 33rd consecutive year that the Avenue of Flags will be on display.

The Educational Building will be open for refreshments after the services.

**LYLE**  
The Lyle community will observe Memorial Day at 10 a.m. on Sunday. The Jack Helt American Legion Post of Lebanon, Neb., will provide services at 10 a.m. at the cemetery. A potluck dinner will follow at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Building.

**SELDEN-LEOVILLE**  
Memorial Day services will begin at 9:30 a.m. Monday at Leoville and at 10:30 a.m. at Selden. The Selden American Legion Post will present the colors, followed by a flag salute. The Legion auxiliary chaplain will give the invocation and Shirley Emigh will speak.

The Legion chaplain will be in charge of placing of a wreath. The benediction will be followed by a rifle salute by the American Legion and "Taps."



**EARLY MONDAY MORNING**, Dixon and Gayle Hayes couple planned to ride to Danbury. packed their belongings onto their mule and spare horse. The — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

# \* Riders spread God's word in Kansas

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lin from their preacher, Steve Highlander, who formerly worked for *The Oberlin Herald* and had a church in Oberlin. He now heads the Rockville Baptist Church.

The couple said they had four scheduled stops on their trip, including one at Oberlin, where they spoke at the Lund Covenant Church.

"We are just ordinary people," she said, "with a great big God."

Mrs. Hayes said their "Ride for Love" is for the Lord, and they go where He sends them. The Hayeses maintain a website at rideforlove.org.

They hope to carry the petitions around the country and then take them to Washington. Mr. Hayes said he thinks they will have around 250,000 signatures by then. When they return home, which will probably be next April, they hope to have an audience with the governor of Missouri.

Mr. Hayes said so far the people in Kansas have been the best yet. He said he appreciates everything the people they have met have done for them.

Eighty percent of Americans profess they are Christian, said Mr. Hayes. What would happen if all those people stood up together?

The couple both had jobs before leaving for the trip. When they got the call to make this ride for God, he

## Couple seeks signatures for three petitions

Two riders from Missouri stopped in Oberlin for the weekend, carrying three petitions which they will take to Washington on abortion, prayer in schools and judges.

The text can be found on Dixon and Gayle Hayes' website at [www.rideforlove.org](http://www.rideforlove.org).

The petition on judges: "Whereas we believe that our nation is in crisis because of the increased moral decay, putting the lives and souls of our children at risk. We the undersigned, petition the President of the United States of America, Congress and all State Governments to stop the judicial activism against the original intent of our Constitution. Stop them from forcing segregation of the church and state into all parts of society and especially the education of our children. Stop their support of the agendas of the Atheists, Humanist, Communists, Marxist and the Post Modernist influence to our

teachers and future leaders from the professors in higher education institutions. Insist that they promote patriotism and the sovereignty of the individual, the state and the nation."

Prayer: "Whereas we believe that our nation was founded on Christian principles as evidenced by the abundance of references to God and religion throughout the personal and public writings of the founding fathers of our nation, we the undersigned petition the President of the United States of America, Congress and all State Governments to require all Courts to respect and protect the religious rights of all Americans as guaranteed by the First Amendment, specifically 'That congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...' and that the courts not be allowed to erroneously use the phrase 'separa-

tion of church and state' to supercede the original intent of the First Amendment. We believe this to include verbal prayer offered freely in schools and other public venues and the public display of the religious items, including the Ten Commandments, on public property."

Abortion: "Whereas the Constitution guarantees the right to life and liberty, as stated in the 14th Amendment, and we believe that human life starts at the moment of conception; We the undersigned petition the President of the United States of America, Congress and all state governments to make abortion on demand, as a means of birth control, illegal, specifically putting a stop to all partial birth abortions and that Congress pass appropriate laws making adoption, as an alternative to abortion, faster and more feasible for those wishing to adopt."

# Brazilian team visits Oberlin

By CYNTHIA HAYNES  
Five Brazilians spent the weekend in Oberlin, visiting businesses and learning how we live.

Fabio Perreira, Joselito Sarmento de Oliveira Jr., Wirla Lima Iatalesi, Marcelo Francisco da Silva and Marcos Antonia da Cruz, are taking part in a Rotary International Group Study Exchange between Rotary District 4430 in Brazil and District 5670 in northwest Kansas.

The group arrived in Kansas on May 2 and started their visit in Abilene. They will fly home Monday from the Wichita airport.

In between, they have visited or will visit Salina, Great Bend, Ellis, Hays, Colby, Oberlin, Beloit, McPherson and Lindsborg.

Rotarians take the team members from town to town and they live with families wherever they go.

In Oberlin, Mr. Perreira, a mechanical engineer and the group leader, stayed with Bob and Kay Gaskill; Mr. Oliveira, a policeman, stayed with Gary and Jody Shike; Mrs. Iatalesi, a Portuguese teacher and translator, and Mr. Silva, a mechanical technician and product designer, stayed with Kelly and Sue Glodt; and Mr. Cruz, a classical musician, were guests of Gary and Sarah Fredrickson.

The Brazilians were based in Colby from May 14 to 19, but they visited Goodland and attended a Colorado Rockies baseball game in Denver and got to see the mountains.

After arriving in Oberlin on Thursday, and getting settled, the team toured the Decatur County Feed Yard, Oberlin Elementary School and the Decatur Community High School before lunch on Friday. Jim Hollowell and Oberlin Rotary President Lee Gilliam treated the team to lunch at the Re-Load and

gave them a ride to Norton, where they visited New Age Industrial, an aluminum fabricating plant.

After returning to Oberlin, the team attended the Class 2A Regional Track Meet on Friday.

Saturday morning, Mr. Gilliam gave the visitors a tour of Creative Dimensions, his company, which makes custom cabinets. After lunch at the LandMark, the team toured the Last Indian Raid Museum.

Sunday was a free day, and the Glodts took some of the team to McCook for fishing and water sports while others took a day off.

Sunday evening, the visitors were off to Beloit and the last week of their stay.

A Kansas team will be going to Brazil in exchange next summer.

Under the Group Study Exchange program, sponsored by Rotary International, team members are younger professionals who are not Rotary members. The team leader is a Rotarian. Mr. Perreira is president of a Rotary Club in his home town of Sao Paulo, the largest city in Brazil.

# Council will hold a special meeting on Thursday

The Oberlin City Council will hold a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at The Gateway to discuss the re-drilling of well No. 9 and other items.

The city received bids almost 60 days ago to re-drill No. 9 and rework well No. 10. The city applied for an emergency water grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to pay for the work, which was approved by the state office. So far, though, the city has heard nothing from the Washington office. Although the council was expecting to

hear on the grant by this time, as of Monday no word had come in.

The council had wanted to get well No. 9 re-drilled by the beginning of summer so there would be a little more water this year. The two wells are too close together, and they can't be pumped at the same time.

The bids for the project expire at the beginning of June. The council had just one regular meeting in May because several people were going to be out of town for the second meeting of the month. Also on the agenda is the planning commission's recommendation to

add the special use for a home at 407 E. Ash for Trish Henningsen to operate a therapeutic massage business.

The council will also discuss a power supply contract with the Kansas Municipal Energy Association.

need, said Mrs. Hayes. "He has been with us every step of the way," she said, "Every day is like a present. When you wake up, you never know what is going to happen."

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