

## Questions answered during tour

### Congressman stops here to talk with people

By **KIMBERLY DAVIS**  
 Instead of the usual wrap-up, Congressman Jerry Moran let people ask questions and decide what he would talk about during a stop at the LandMark Inn on Thursday.

Rep. Moran said he planned to head back to Washington on Monday with 33 out of 69 stops on his annual listening tour under his belt. During the tour, he said, he's trying to highlight attractions and points of interest in his counties, including bed and breakfasts like the LandMark, lakes and other spots.

With most of those in the audience being those who attend every year, Rep. Moran asked what they wanted to hear about.

"Are we going to lose out in agriculture?" asked Connie Grafel, marketing director for The Gateway and the Economic Development Corp., referring to the

battle over the new farm bill. Rep. Moran said he thinks it will be OK. He said he is on the side of wanting to balance the budget. The president proposed a \$9.1 billion cut in agriculture spending over three years, he said, but the House proposed a \$3 billion cut.

Rep. Moran said he didn't think they would need to cut the Farm Bill much beyond \$3 billion. A lot of the bill is nutrition programs, food stamps and programs like that, he said.

Spending will have to be reduced, he said, but he didn't think it would directly affect farmers.

"I want to reduce the deficit by half in five years," said Rep. Moran.

The Agricultural Committee will work on where the \$3 billion will come from, the congressman said. Some, he said, will come out of the cotton program and surely the committee will be able to cut



**OUTSIDE THE LANDMARK INN** on Thursday, Congressman Jerry Moran stopped to visit with Jack Metcalf before he went inside to talk with constituents. The congress-

man stopped here as part of his 66-county Big First listening tour.  
 — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

some from the nutrition programs.

People who care about nutrition, the environment and farmers are all components needed to pass a farm bill, said Rep. Moran.

"We complain that people don't

understand our way of life," he said, "but I guess that I don't understand mass transit systems. We all need to get together."

Someone suggested having some people come here and learn what

farmers do. People in Washington, said Rep. Moran, will agree to come here as long as they are close to an airport. There are some who have made it out here.

Does Social Security need to be

fixed now? asked Ms. Grafel.

Rep. Moran said he thinks the program is OK right now, but there are minor changes that could be made. Social Security (See TOUR on Page 10A)

## Insurance experts look at bowling alley, lounge

Insurance experts came out last Wednesday to assess the damage to the Red Crown Lounge and Centennial Bowl, which were destroyed in a fire last Monday.

Co-owner Mory Zodrow said the insurance adjusters have contacted them a couple of times. The insurance agents assessed the damage. Mr. Zodrow said although he and owner Ken Morgan have been contacted

there hasn't been any final word from the insurance company.

Mr. Zodrow said they haven't made any decisions about what to do and won't until they see what the insurance company says.

Deputy Sheriff Randy McHugh said the state fire marshal's investigator is still working on the fire and the sheriff's department is continuing its investigation.

The property has been turned back over to the owners, said Deputy McHugh.

Mr. Zodrow said he will be there from 5 to 7 p.m. today for people to come in and get bowling balls and other property that was left there.

Although Deputy McHugh said the sheriff's office and fire marshal will work together and share information, he said he

is waiting on the fire marshal to get any information.

Basically, said Deputy McHugh, the fire marshal collected the evidence and then took it back to the lab. The fire marshal originally said it would take 30 days before he had a report, which would be the end of June.

Deputy McHugh said in a fire like the one at the bowling alley, Fire Chief Bill Cathcart

decides if it is a crime scene. If so, then the fire marshal is called in and it is the sheriff's responsibility to seal off the area, which is what they did.

Any criminal investigation falls back on the sheriff's office. Sheriff Ken Badsky said they still have some interviews to do and will be taking stuff to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation in Great Bend.

## Piece of Oberlin in movie

By **KIMBERLY DAVIS**  
 A small piece of Oberlin hit the big screen at the beginning of the month with the release of "Cinderella Man," a new boxing movie which features vintage exercise equipment from the LandMark Inn.

Gary Anderson, owner of the inn, said in January 2004, a movie production company, "Colder than Jersey Productions," called him. Mr. Anderson said the woman he talked with said she was searching on the Internet for the vintage equipment. The LandMark Inn's website came up. She saw some pictures and gave him a call.

The woman talked with Mr. Anderson about renting the equipment. Originally, it was to be shipped to Toronto, Canada, in March 2004, but actor Russell Crowe was injured while training for boxing scenes in the movie.

In July, said Mr. Anderson, he sent out two rowers and a stationary bike. The company kept the equipment for the whole month.

Both of the rowers are used in the movie, he said, but the bike wasn't. Instead the company built a replica using the bike as a model.

"Cinderella Man" is set in the 1930s. The story is about an unemployed boxer named James Braddock, played by Mr. Crowe, who makes a comeback. His success gives people living in the Depression hope. Renee Zellweger plays his wife.

Mr. Crowe works out on the equipment supplied by the LandMark Inn during the movie.

Mr. Anderson said he has had the equipment since 1994. He said he got it when he was shopping for fixtures for the Oberlin Mercantile Company in eastern Illinois. The store owner said he had to buy everything that was left in the store, which included the antique exercise equipment.

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**CHECKING OUT A 1934 PLYMOUTH COUPE**, Alyssa Montgomery (above left), Shelby Jeffrey (middle) and Amie Ritter had their hair and faces done up for the car show on

Saturday. Gary Allen (below) showed off his 1950 Willys M38 Jeep to admirers Jim Andersen and son Clay.

— Herald staff photos by Cynthia Haynes

## Car enthusiasts pack Main Street

By **KIMBERLY DAVIS**  
 Main Street was packed Saturday with vendors, vehicles and spectators for the fourth annual Museum Car Show and Summerfest.

The show, sponsored by the Last Indian Museum and KFNF Radio, brought in 82 vehicles from Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas. Dana Marintzer said that is about the same number the show had last year. A lot of people, she said, didn't want to get their cars out because of the mud.

Greg Fidele, museum board president, said the group decided to cancel the cruise-in Friday night earlier in the day with the threat of bad weather.

On Saturday, vehicles started to

line Main Street early on for a "show and shine." Most of vehicles had their hoods up all day so that spectators could check out the engines. The cars remained parked while people milled in and out of them. Others shopped at the vendors or got lunch in front of Farmers Bank and Trust.

Around 1 p.m., a soft hum or loud roar, depending on the vehicle, caught the attention of many as drivers headed out for the poker run. Winners were Christopher Wasse Miller, Oakley, in his 1967 Chevy Impala, first; Jerry and Bev Marques, Colorado, in their 1965 Chevy Corvette, second; and Regan



## Relay deadline looms

This is the last week to purchase luminaries for the annual Relay for Life on Friday, June 17, if names are to be printed in the program.

All luminaries need to be purchased by Monday for the names to appear.

Each luminary is \$10 and they can be purchased in honor or in memory of any person.

To purchase a luminary, call Carla Depperschmidt at 475-3452 or Jean Hale at 475-8103.

Luminaries bought after Monday will not appear in the program but the names will be announced during the ceremony.

The relay will start at 7 p.m. at the high school track. The evening will kick off with a survivors' lap, then care givers will join for a lap. Andrea and Anthony Marshall will sing, the community band will play and Stan McEvoy and Kent Ploussard will deejay all night.

Around 8:30 p.m., games for kids will start. Around 8:45 p.m., anyone who's interested can get their hair cut for Locks of Love. Donors need to have 10 inches of hair to cut off, which will be made into a wig for a child.

At 10 p.m., the luminary ceremony will start, with the lights on the track lowered and candles lit.

Games will be played every hour, said Chris Dempewolf, and gift baskets will also be given away. All teams should provide one gift basket.

Any team that wants to set up tents and spend the night can do so. At least one team member is supposed to be on the track for the entire 12 hours.

Closing ceremonies will be held at 7 a.m. Saturday, depending on the weather.

The committee is looking for anyone who wants to help set up the relay on Friday afternoon and those who want to help clean up the following morning.



*In the middle*

# \* Tour brings people together to get answers

(Continued from Page 1A) needs to be fixed before it becomes a big problem, he said, but the biggest problem is health care costs.

While in Washington, he said, he spends a lot of time on health care, especially rural health care.

The cost of insurance is the crisis of the day, said Rep. Moran. He said he talked with hospital administrators and even they complain that cost of insurance to cover employees is going up.

There is a kind of defensive medicine going on, he said. Doctors are running lots of tests to make sure they don't get sued.

The cost of prescription drugs is huge, he said. There should be a prescription drug benefit plan under Medicare, but not until something is done about the cost of drugs.

Rep. Moran said he supports the importation of drugs from Canada, as long as local pharmacists are used.

People aren't taking responsibility for what they do or what they take, said Cynthia Haynes, a pharmacist and co-owner of Nor'West Newspapers.

What is Congress doing about the issue? asked Kay Gaskill.

Nothing on health care, said Rep. Moran. The question about drug costs hasn't been addressed, he added. Congress took the easy way out.

Ten million Americans are already importing drugs from other countries, said Rep. Moran, but he doesn't want to lose Main Street drug stores. With mail order drugs and the Internet, he said, he is afraid the stage has been set to lose the drug stores we have.

People may complain about health care costs, he added, but elected officials don't have the answers and haven't come together to solve the problem.

How is health care in Decatur County? he asked. Great, good, said banker Bob Gaskill.

Why aren't there limits put on advertising for drug companies? Mr. Gaskill asked. Half of what you see on television are drug ads.

Rep. Moran said he thinks they need to reform the way they give patents for new drugs.

Is there a way to equalize the playing field for banks and credit unions, asked Gary Walter, with The Bank. Credit Unions aren't taxed like banks, he said.

When credit unions were created,

said Rep. Moran, they filled a niche. He said he and Rep. Tom Osborne of Nebraska have been working together to find a way to level the playing field.

Bankers, he said, have a great commitment to their communities.

The federal government has cut the budget for programs, said county Commissioner Doyle Brown, and people have asked the county for more money. Is there anything that can be done about this? Mr. Brown didn't say any specific programs, just in general.

When the government orders communities or agencies to do something, Rep. Moran said, and then cuts the budget, it creates a problem. The commissioners should be able to decide on what programs they want, he said, and what taxes should be raised.

The federal government sometimes uses grants to start programs and then drops the grants, he said, and the community has to decide if they want to continue with the program.

If there is going to be a requirement passed by the federal government, said Rep. Moran, the government needs to pay for the program or it should not be required.

Mr. Gaskill asked if he is going to run for governor? Rep. Moran said around six weeks ago, a story ran saying that he would run for re-election to the House.

That was after he told about four people that if he had to decide that day, re-election would be his choice, he said.

"I struggle with this one," he said. Mr. Gaskill said he likes Rep. Moran where he is.

"You are doing a great job," said Mr. Gaskill, adding that he doesn't agree with everything that Rep. Moran does, but about 98 percent of it.

"You do such a great job in Washington," said Mr. Brown. "It is a benefit to have you where you are."

Rep. Moran said he dislikes being one of 435 House members and constantly having to decide how to walk the line, to be part of the Republican team, but still cast votes for Kansans.

On the other hand, he said, "You have all allowed me to have the political job I wanted."

Basically, he said, he is still trying to figure out what to do.

Rep. Moran went on to Norton after the stop here.



Rep. Moran



**BEFORE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**, museum Curator Sharleen Wurm and board members put up a kiosk in the cemetery near the Last Indian Raid Monument. On one side, she put information about Oberlin and the other, facts about the raid and museum.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

# \* Show packs street

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Badsky, Oberlin in his 1968 Ford Fairlane 500, third.

Throughout the day, judges looked over the vehicles and decided which would go home with the trophies.

Awards went to:

• **Museum Choice:** Gary Allen for his 1950 Willys Army Jeep.

• **People's Choice:** Bob and Vickie Adams, Colorado, for their 1935 Chevy two-door coupe.

• **Mayor's Choice:** Rich Shaw, 1928 Chevy one-ton truck.

• **Best Antique:** Dwayne Jones, 1928 Ford Model A.

• **Best Motorcycle:** Tom Purvis, 1963 Cushman scooter.

• **Best of Show:** Roger Blume, 1931 Ford Model A sedan delivery.

**The top 10 winners** were David and Rebecca Dean for their 1935 Ford sedan flatbed; Terry and Tammy Hilker, McCook, for their 1937 Ford coupe; Mike Devers, Colorado, for his 1948 Chevy sedan delivery; LeRoy Kraft, Colorado, for his 1956 Chevy; Bill Biel, Colby, for his 1931 Ford A sedan delivery; Pat and Lorrain Friend, Colorado, for their 1948 Chevy; Greg McKenna, Colorado, for his 1931 Ford A coupe; Dan Jetter, Colorado, for his 1967 Chevy HT; Gary McClanahan, Colorado, 1934 Plymouth coupe; and Roger Blume, Goodland, for his 1931 Ford A sedan delivery.

Mr. Fidele said the workers at the pancake feed Saturday morning were really busy and they had a great turn out for lunch. All of the money raised will go into the museum general fund for maintenance.

"The show turned out really well," he said. "It was too bad to cancel the cruise-in, but Saturday was wonderful."

# \* Actor uses machines

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He said he decided to keep the equipment. It is in the room downstairs outside the sauna. He also has a push-up machine. The oldest piece of equipment is from 1868 and the newest from 1930.

Some of the guests try the machines out to see how they work, he said.

Mr. Anderson said although the movie came out this weekend, he didn't see it since it isn't playing anywhere around here yet.

# Alliance discusses fireworks

The Oberlin Business Alliance started discussing what to do for the Fourth of July holiday weekend at a meeting last Wednesday.

Connie Grafel, marketing director for The Gateway and the Economic Development Corp., asked if the group wanted to have games or anything.

In the past, alliance members have had games, and for the last few years the lifeguards have had activities at the swimming pool.

Rusty Addleman, owner of Addleman Drug Store, said Mike Demp-

ewolf is going to renew his license to set off fireworks. Mr. Addleman said if there is any expense for getting relicensed, the alliance should help pay for it.

The group talked about doing fireworks again and said the supplier still hasn't sent them a bill for the last couple years.

Ms. Grafel said she would check with the swim team about games and possibly having someone in the park selling burgers.

The group discussed alumni weekend, which was held over Memorial Day weekend. Karen Metcalf, with the Dresser, said she

thought the hospitality room was a good idea and people enjoyed it. She said she thought they should put a sign out on the street or sidewalk to show where the room is. Mr. Addleman said he thought they needed to get the word out about the room and said maybe the alliance could do something through the alumni association.

Kurt Vollertsen, owner of Ward Drug Store, said the alliance had Judy Scott and four boys from Sappa Valley Youth Ranch help set up tables and chairs for the room. They did a good job, he said, and he had fun working with the boys.

# County considers budget request

Decatur County commissioners received a request from Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas at their meeting last Tuesday for continued support in the new budget.

Director Jim Blume thanked the county for its continued support. He said the service works with 12 people from Decatur County.

The county should have pulled in \$25,000 in taxes, if everyone pays

So if the motor vehicle tax and all the taxes are paid then the agency would receive \$28,000.

Mr. Blume said the service has a waiting list of 100 people and some are from Decatur County.

He said he is disappointed in Congress for wanting to take money away from Medicare since that money helps many of the disabled.

If the money isn't there, those people won't be able to get the help

they need.

Mr. Blume said he had hoped to bring the new director, Jerry Michaud, to introduce him, but he was sick. The commissioners thanked Mr. Blume for his 30 years of service.

The commissioners said they will take the request up again at budget time.

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and the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce welcome Farm & Home Appraisal to the business community  
*The Chamber Board welcomed Farm & Home Appraisal service Herb Shirley, who has joined RJ Metcalf Real Estate with his Penn.*



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and the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce welcome Fort Sappa Creek Antiques to the business community  
*The Chamber Board welcomed She and her husband, Ralph, Lynn Clapper, co-owner of Fort Sappa Creek Antiques, located at their son, Bud Clapper. 180 S. Penn.*