

FFA group attends Husker Harvest

By **KIM WESSEL**
 "She Thinks My Tractor's Sexy" may have been the theme for Husker Harvest Day held in Grand Island on Sept. 14.

Fifteen members of the Oberlin FFA and three sponsors checked out all the new technologies of farming at Husker Harvest Day. Leaving at 5:30 in the morning was a very delightful way to start off the day of fun-filled exhibits.

The group arrived around 8 a.m. and started off to check out all the new equipment. Some of the things members saw were new Ford, Dodge, and Chevy vehicles and new John Deere tractors and cutters. There were also new Yamaha four-wheelers to check out, and many other big dealers were there.

Many different kinds of seed dealers were also showing off their new products.

There were so many different exhibits it was impossible to stop and see each one.

They all had freebies to give away, such as Geist Plastics, where they handed out walking sticks for anyone who wanted one. They were actually pretty neat and should be great for working cattle.

There were great demonstrations on all the new items for sale. John Deere showed off their new tractors and cutters. There were also demonstrations on all the new chutes for cattle, and they even ran cattle through them to show exactly how

great they were. There was also a demonstration on how to tame a wild horse, and how to take care of them.

"My favorite part of Husker Harvest Day was the tire-changing station," said Katrina Wentz. "All the girls could change tires faster than the guys. I changed a tire in a little over 13 seconds, and Alyssa Montgomery did it in 12 seconds."

Out in a field were additional demonstrations of many different types of equipment, such as balers and cutters.

"The trip was very educational," said FFA sponsor Jason Ketterl. "The kids saw a lot of new technologies, lots of fun things to do, as well as great demonstrations."

FFA members who went were seniors Caleb Peters, Justin Zoderow, and David Edgerton; juniors Kim Wessel and Katrina Wentz; sophomores Kayla Zoderow, Corbin Sherlock, Alyssa Montgomery, Jamie Miller, Shelby Jeffery, Malenda Johnson, and Kierstyn Johnson; and freshmen Sam Stapp, John Meitl, and Everett Urban.

The freshmen had to fill out an application in order to go and also had to write a follow-up to receive any points. The officers felt that was a fair exchange, since the FFA paid for the trip including gas and tickets.

Sponsors that went on the trip were Mr. Ketterl, Mandy Sowers, and Randy Leska.



WAVING AT THE CAMERA in English class is Jin Baek, Korean foreign exchange student at Decatur Community High School.

Exchange student hails from Korea

By **KIM WESSEL**
 Jinkeyung "Jin" Baek is one of our foreign exchange students, traveling clear from Korea. She came to the United States during January 2005 and will be leaving December 2005.

She is from Seoul, the capital of South Korea, where she lives with her family. Her father is Wonsuk Baek and her mother is Miyoung Park. She has one step-sister, Gyrin Baek, who is 9 years old. Jin turned 16 on July 22, and is a sophomore here at Decatur Community High School.

Jin traveled for 20 hours from Korea to America, stopping in Inchun, Korea; Tokyo, Japan; and Minneapolis, Minn.; then landed in Denver. Once she reached Colorado, she went on to Parker, Colo., for the second semester of school last year.

During the summer she came to Oberlin to live with Brenda Minor. Then in mid-September Jin moved in with Richard and Delayne May and their children, Danica and Nolan, until she goes back home. A foreign exchange student from Turkey is also living with the Mays.

"I like having both foreign exchange students in my house," said Nolan. "It's a lot of fun because they are both trying to speak English. They mispronounce some things and put emphasis on the wrong syllables. But they are both fun people even if they don't understand American humor."

Jin said, "The schooling of Korea

is different. In Korea, we can't choose a class, we have to take all the classes." She thinks that Korea's schooling is much harder than America's.

Her favorite colors are hot pink and orange, and she doesn't have a favorite movie. Kimchi (spicy, fermented cabbage) and beanpaste pot stew are her favorite Korean foods, and she says she doesn't have a favorite American food.

Going to school and getting an education are her favorite things to do in America because it is free.

"Every moment and memory is my best," said Jin when asked what her favorite memory or moment is of America. Choir is the most interesting class for Jin here, but she likes literature in Korea.

Jin likes going to movies and shopping with friends for fun in Korea. The hardest thing for her to adjust to while in America has been speaking, writing, and listening to English.

She misses her friends from Korea the most, and she will miss her friends from America when she leaves in December.

Jin also said it was pretty easy to make new friends in America, but she also had a hard time because she doesn't think she can speak or understand English well.

She says before she goes back home to Korea she would like to master the English language, and she hopes to stay in touch with all her new friends from Decatur Community High School.

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New Students

By **TERYN GRAFEL**
Rachel Ashbaugh

Rachel Ashbaugh is one of many new students at Decatur Community High School. She comes here from Wichita and is a seventh grader this year.

Her interests and hobbies include basketball, volleyball, and wrestling, and her favorite classes are science and history.

Rachel likes that there is lots of interesting past history here in our town, such as the Last Indian Raid.

One thing she says is different from her school in Wichita is that there were a lot more kids and it was a lot bigger.

Rachel has five brothers, Brent, Bret, Bryce, Jonathon, and Josh. Her father's name is Alex Ashbaugh, and her mom's name is Brenda Miner.

By **KAITLYN STAPP**
Victoria Gilbert

Victoria Gilbert is the daughter of Georganna Wiggins and Edwin Gilbert. She is currently a sophomore at Oberlin. She came here from a large school in Moorville, Miss., where she was involved with the girls softball team.

Victoria has two sisters, Meigan and Morgan Wiggins, whom she likes to spend time with, along with listening to the radio and participating in sports.

So far, her favorite class is English and her favorite teacher is Mr. Williams. Victoria has joined Chanté, and she hopes to become involved with track in the spring.

By **KIM WESSEL**
Josh Stone

Josh Stone is a new sophomore.

He lives in Dresden and transferred from Jennings.

The only difference between Oberlin and Jennings is there are more students here, he said, but the classes are about the same. According to Josh, he likes Oberlin.

He did add that Jennings was air-conditioned, whereas the Oberlin schools are not.

Drawing is Josh's favorite thing to do outside of school, and he also likes to play on Play Station 2. So far his favorite class is study hall.

Josh is the son of Lucy Stone. He has one sister, Stephanie, who is a freshman at Decatur Community High School, and one brother, Theo, who is 21.

By **AMBER BARRATT**
Tammy Wright

Tammy Wright is a new student at Decatur Community High School. She moved to Oberlin from Colby, and her foster parents are John and Caroline Kingery.

This year Tammy is participating in volleyball and is as yet unsure if she will participate in other activities.

So far, she likes the school and has no particular dislikes.

School Menus

Oct. 3-7
OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Menus can be found on page 2A. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

Chanté organized for the school year

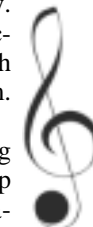
By **JONATHAN SMITH**
 If you need entertainment for your club meeting or other event, Chanté is now ready to perform.

Chanté is a group of girls who sing and perform choreography. They practice with vocal instructor Susan Nelson during fourth hour on Tuesday and at 7:20 a.m. each Thursday.

This year there are 23 young ladies participating in this group including Destry Jackson, Sabrina Dellere, Danyel Jeffrey,

Emma Merrill, Jenny Ploussard, Sarah Marcuson, Jessica Bremer, Malenda Johnson, Farra McChesney, Haley Barrett, Rory Wendelin, Sarah Fringer, Alyssa Montgomery, Jacinta Carter, Amber Mason, Tamara Ketterl, Jolynnda Chase, Makenzie Nelson, Tika Hall, Nikki Wessel, Annamarie Larue, Katrina Wentz and Kayla Zoderow.

If you would like to book Chanté, contact Mrs. Nelson at (785) 475-2231.



Decatur County Community Calendar

(Call Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce to have your organization's meeting updated and listed in next month's calendar.)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
THE OBERLIN HERALD						Mini Sapa Day, 1 Museum, begin 7 a.m.
NOW IN OUR 127th YEAR OF SERVICE						Mini Sappa Antique Thresher & Engine Show, fairgrounds
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Attend the Church of Your Choice Mini Sappa Antique Thresher & Engine Show, fairgrounds Dedication of St. Mark's Church, museum, 5 p.m.	Lions Club, Medical Arts Bldg.; Norcatar Rebekahs , Weight Watchers, Medical Arts Bldg., 5-6 p.m.; DCHS Spirit Week , Oberlin Junior Varsity Football, here, 5:30 p.m.; Jostens meet with sophomores	Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems Masons, 6:30 p.m. Rotary, noon, Gateway Oberlin High School Volleyball at Goodland, 4:30 p.m.	5 Dr. Eskildsen, Decatur Health Systems; Blood Pressure Clinic, Golden Age, 11-11:30 a.m. ; OBA, LandMark, noon; College Planning Night at High School cafeteria, 7 p.m. ; Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m.; AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m. ; Jaycees, 8:30 p.m.	6 Oberlin Junior High School, Football, home, 4:30 p.m. Oberlin Junior High School, Volleyball, home, 4:30 p.m. Oberlin Cross Country Phillipsburg, 4:30 p.m.	7 Oberlin High School Football, HOMECOMING, 7 p.m. Chamber Tailgate in school parking lot, 5 - 7 p.m.	8 Arts & Humanities 'Barefoot in the Park' The Gateway 7:30 p.m.
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Attend the Church of Your Choice Antique Engine Club, potluck, Sappa Manor, 6:30 p.m.	Weight Watchers, Medical Arts. Bldg., 5-6 p.m. ; NO SCHOOL, Teacher In-service; Oberlin Junior Varsity football, Oakley, 5:30 p.m. ; BOE Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	11 Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; Dr. McGowan, Cardiology, Decatur Health Systems; Rotary, the Gateway, noon; DPW, the Gateway, noon; Oberlin High School Volleyball, Quinter, 4:30 p.m.	12 Dr. Eskildsen, Decatur Health Systems; Legion Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m. ; Norcatar Royal Neighbors, AA Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m. ; PSAT Testing, 11th grade; Gifted Seminar, Grades 6-8	13 Chamber board, Chamber office, noon; SOS meeting, Oberlin Elementary library, 6 p.m.; Oberlin Junior High football, home, 4:30 p.m. ; Oberlin Junior High volleyball, home, 4:30 p.m.	14 Oberlin Royal Neighbors, Golden Age, 4 p.m.; Oberlin High School football, home, 7 p.m.	15 NW Kansas Volleyball, Quinter, 10 a.m. NW Kansas Cross Country, Oakley, 11 a.m.
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Attend the Church of Your Choice	Dr. McDonald, cataracts, Decatur Health Systems; Lions Club, Medical Arts Bldg.; Oberlin Junior High Scholar Bowl, Bird City, 4:30 p.m. ; Weight Watchers, Medical Arts Bldg., 5-6 p.m.; Hospital Board meeting, 7 p.m. ; Norcatar Rebekahs; Oberlin Junior High Scholar Bowl, Bird City, 4:30 p.m.	18 Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; Rotary, Gateway, noon; PLAN testing, grade 10; Oberlin High School Vocal Concert, 7:30 p.m.	19 Camfel Production, 9 a.m.; Dr. Eskildsen, Decatur Health Systems; AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.	20 CVB, LandMark Inn, noon; Oberlin Junior High School volleyball, 7th at 2 p.m. in Colby, 8th in St. Francis	21 End of 1st Nine Weeks; Oberlin High School football, Hill City, 7 p.m.	22 Sub-State Volleyball Regional Cross Country
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Attend the Church of Your Choice	Dr. Curry, Urology, Decatur Health Systems; Weight Watchers, Medical Arts Bldg., 5-6 p.m.; Early Childhood Screening, Oberlin Junior High Scholar Bowl, Atwood, 4 p.m. ; Halloween Clean-up, 6:15 p.m.	25 Dr. Doolittle, Decatur Health Systems; Rotary, The Gateway, Noon; American Legion members meeting; Oberlin Elementary musical, 7:30 p.m.	26 Dr. Eskildsen, Decatur Health Systems; Parent Teacher Conferences, 5-9 p.m.; Explore Testing, 8th grade; AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.	27 Oberlin High School football, Hoxie, 7 p.m.	28 NO SCHOOL Parent-teacher conference 8 a.m. - noon State Volleyball, Hays	29 State Volleyball, Hays
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	Dr. Rubinowitz, oncology, Decatur Health Systems; Halloween Spook Parade down main, 4 p.m.; Trick or Trunk on main, following parade; Oberlin Junior High School Scholar Bowl, Golden Plains, 4 p.m.					