

Parties to vote for committees on August ballot

Decatur County voters will select two precinct committee members for each major political party in each township and Oberlin city precincts in the August primary.

Each township elects a man and woman committee person for each party. If someone who holds elected office dies or resigns, said County Clerk Marilyn Horn, it is up to those precinct committee members of that party to select someone to fill the spot.

So far, not every township has someone filed to run in the election for the positions.

As of Monday, filings for Republican precinct committee included:

- Ardith Wayne and Stephen Horn for Oberlin City No. 1.
- Pat Glenn and Kenneth Morgan for Oberlin City No. 2.
- Gary and Sarah Orr for Altory Township.
- Daniel and Carol Wasson for Bassettville Township.
- Lyn and Marcia Reynolds for Beaver Township.
- Dolores Koerperich and Todd Tompkins for Center Township.
- Connie Grafel and Thomas

Frankie for Finley Township.

- Sid and Cheryl Metcalf for Harlan Township.
- Victoria Bailey for Jennings Township.
- Richard Shaw for Liberty Township.
- Troy and Debra Marshall for Lincoln Township.
- Ralph and Norma Unger for Logan Township.
- Karen Metcalf for Oberlin Township.
- Denise Abbey for Olive Township.
- Steve Noren for Sappa Township.
- Monte Moore for Summit Township.

So far everyone who has filed for the precinct positions are Republicans, Mrs. Horn said. No Democrats have filed.

Townships where no one has filed at all include Allison, Cook, Custer, Dresden, Garfield, Grant, Lyon, Pleasant Valley, Prairie Dog, Roosevelt and Sherman. The last day to file for the election is noon on Monday.

Just one more touch



AT THE NORCATUR CEMETERY, Carl Lyon, owner of C.W.'s Welding, Norcat, put the finishing touches on the entrance sign. The historic sign was damaged earlier this year when it was wiped out by a motor home. Mr. Lyon was able to completely restore the sign and reinstall it before Memorial Day services. — Herald staff photo by Carolyn Plotts



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

Eleven of 17 teams do 'Walk Kansas'

Could you meet the challenge of walking 423 miles, the equivalent of walking across Kansas?

Seventeen walking teams consisting of 102 people participated in 2006 Walk Kansas in Decatur County. Eleven of the 17 teams walked more than the 423 miles needed to do a virtual walk across Kansas.

The team reporting the most miles walked was the Road Runners, captained by Kasey May. They combined to walk a total of 864 miles during the eight-week walking period.

Other teams that walked enough miles to walk across Kansas and their captains included MA and the Gals (Montine Alstrom) – 745 miles; Odd Man Out (Cindy Sattler) – 701 miles; District Sweaters (Pam Simonsson) – 580 miles; City Bombers (Karen Larson) – 574 miles; Changing Challengers (Regina Stanley) – 567 miles; 50 Plus Gals (Linda Schroer) – 551 miles; Piece of Cake (Judy Elwood) – 543 miles; Cranky Cruisers (Byron Hale) – 498 miles; Red Kats (Linda Glaze) – 474 miles; and the Moving MaMas and the Chick-a-dees (Gina Montgomery) – 424 miles.

The top five individual walkers, their teams and the number of miles walked were as follows: Kasey May (Road Runners) – 260 miles; Carla Britton (MA and the Gals) – 226 miles; Dana Marintz (Hackney's Hikers) – 186 miles; Stephanie Blau (Road Runners) – 171 miles; and Judy Wenger (City Bombers) – 156 miles.

time period: Vickie Lippelmann (District Sweaters) – 423 servings; Judy Elwood (Piece of Cake) – 356 servings; and Linda Hollowell (MA and the Gals) – 294 servings.

None of the teams met the minimum of 1,680 cups of fruits and vegetables for the eight-week period. Top teams were: District Sweaters (Pam Simonsson) – 1,484 servings; the City Bombers (Karen Larson) – 1,246 servings; Changing Challengers (Regina Stanley) – 1,068 servings; Odd Man Out (Cindy Sattler) – 979 servings; and MA and the Gals (Montine Alstrom) – 908 servings.

This year, Oberlin Elementary School participated in Walk Kansas as individual classes rather than teams of six. Sixty-nine kids participated. The second grade walked the most miles, a total of 1,440 by 13 children. The first and fifth grades each walked a total of 1,400 miles, followed by the third-grade with 760. The kindergarten class turned in a total of 640 miles while the fourth grade reported 560. This comes to a grand total of 6,200 miles walked by 69 students in eight weeks. That's enough to have walked across Kansas a little over 14 1/2 times. The program was run by school nurse Johanna Mason. Congratulations to Oberlin Elementary!

Congratulations to all of the participants for a great year in the Walk Kansas program. If you would like to participate in Walk Kansas 2007, start to plan now. It is an great opportunity to promote health and fitness for the entire family. It's also a great way to enjoy time together as a group or one-on-one with a child or teenager.

Man touring state for governor's race

By KIMBERLY DAVIS

Ken Canfield says he threw his hat into the ring for the governor's race out of a desire to serve the state and its people.

Mr. Canfield, a Johnson County Republican, has never held public office before, but he says that's an advantage. He says he wants to serve the state to the best of his ability.

He and his running mate, state Rep. Kathe Decker of Clay Center, chair of the House Education Committee, were in Oberlin to talk at KFNF and to a few people downtown before moving on to Norton.



Ken Canfield

Mr. Canfield heads the National Center for Fathering, based in Kansas City. Over the years, he said, he has talked with groups about the role of fathers. He and his wife Dee have five children and two sons-in-law.

He said he is on the side of the state's entrepreneurs, the people who build businesses and create jobs. They can't thrive in Kansas with the state's taxes, he said. The fact is, he added, that people in Oberlin are paying more taxes than those in California.

Mrs. Decker said she filled her

husband's seat in the Legislature when he died in 1998. She said she knows about education and being a small business owner.

Clay Center, she said, is the biggest city in which she has lived. Mrs. Decker said she understands the economic issues in Clay Center and other small, rural communities in the state.

"We are at a crossroads in Kansas," said Mr. Canfield. "The state's future is at stake, and the people need to decide what to do."

The two candidates talked about taxes with Steve Haynes, publisher of *The Oberlin Herald*.

Former Rep. Stan Clark probably understood the budget more than

anyone else he knows, said Mr. Haynes.

People have to decide what they want and what they want to do, Mr. Canfield said. In Johnson County, they don't mind taxing themselves heavily for schools, said Mrs. Decker, but it hurts everyone else in the state because of the equalizing formula.

The two didn't say they had the answer for school financing.

Mr. Canfield said part of the platform he is running on is to "enhance our great schools by maintaining local control and partnering with parents, teachers and communities to make certain our students have the tools they need to succeed."

Commissioners review jury-duty pay

People who get selected for jury duty might be paid more, depending on what the Decatur County commissioners decide.

The commission received a letter from District Judge Bill Elliot at its meeting last Tuesday about the increase. The judge suggested that the commissioners allow \$10 for the first day and then increase it to \$50 a day for each day of a trial.

The commissioners will decide at a future meeting. In August, they

will work on the budget and have the chance to look at the request again.

Commissioners approved purchase of chemicals for the noxious weed department. Director Gaylen Huntley said he is out. The chemicals will cost an estimated \$10,000.

Mr. Huntley said he and Curtis Richards planned to work on an old four-wheeler to possibly be used to drag the ball fields.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved turning two roads in Roosevelt Township into minimum maintenance roads. The first road is located seven miles east, five and a half miles north and a mile and half east. The other road is located three miles north and a mile and half east. There was no one to protest the change at the meeting.
- Agreed to close the road between Hall and Commercial heading west out of town, with no one in to protest it. The city has a hearing

- set up for Thursday, June 22, for the part of the road that is in town.
- Approved closing a road in Custer Township located eight miles south and one mile east from the intersection in Oberlin. There were no protests.
- Presented Eldon Huntley with a 20-year certificate for his time as an emergency medical technician and driver of the transportation bus.
- Presented Kirk Ulery with a 10-year certificate for the road crew.

City may upgrade

The Oberlin City Council will discuss a possible upgrade to the fence that will go around the new lagoons at the waste water treatment plant during a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at The Gateway.

City Administrator Gary Shike said the fence would have a heavier gauge and coating at a cost of \$2,000 more. He said he told the contractor that he would have to talk with the council about the change.

The council will look at the bids for the 1998 Ford, a surplus police car.

A representative from the Northwest Kansas Family Shelter will be at the meeting to request money from next year's budget.

The meeting is open to the public and should be aired on the cable local access channel 7.

Harvest Countdown contest starts today

It may seem hard to believe, but it's time for Oberlin merchants' annual Harvest Countdown contest.

Boxes and cards have been placed at participating businesses for people to guess when the first load of wheat will be cut and brought in to either a Decatur Co-op Association or Hansen-Mueller elevator.

Anyone 18 and older can enter by guessing the day and time the first load will come in. Enter as many times as you want.

The first load must be 14 percent or less in moisture content to count. There is no purchase necessary to

make a guess about the first load. Participating businesses will have a Harvest Countdown sign in the window.

The contest starts today and runs until 4 p.m. Friday, June 23, unless the first load arrives before that. Previous winners and previous

first loads are ineligible. Employees and relatives of *The Oberlin Herald* also are not eligible to win.

First prize will be \$50 in scrip money, spendable only at sponsoring Oberlin businesses. Second prize will be \$35 and third will be \$15.

10th Anniversary Drawing Winners

Kansas Bear Winner(s)
Phyllis Screen - Oberlin • Roxie Erickson - Oberlin
Terri Woolsey - Oberlin • Shirley Johnson - Oberlin
Joy Votapka - Oberlin

Annie Oakley Winner(s)
Lillian Green - Atwood • Cathy Fraker - Oberlin
Julia Clinkenbeard - Wisconsin • Sally Henningson - Oberlin
Dan Sturgill - Norton • Lynn Kolbert - Culbertson

Mercantile Gift Certificate - Gina Montgomery - Norcat
Kansas Foods - Pat Yost - Oberlin
Buffet for 2 - Sonja Arney - Arvada, Co
Gift Certificate for Room Winner(s)
Linda Thieben - Danbury • Barbara Waters - Bird City
Zetta Oakley - McCook • Karol Seymour - Bird City
Roger Prideaux - Atwood • Betty Mickey - Atwood
Tammy Fredrickson - Oberlin

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