

# \* Voters decide top candidates for the general

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member. However, there were several other races to keep voters interested. **State Board of Education, District 5**

Embattled incumbent Connie Morris was running neck-and-neck with challenger Sally Cauble, with Mrs. Morris trailing slightly at 6,153 to 6,808 with 355 of 609 precincts counted for the Republican spot on the November ballot.

Mrs. Morris failed to carry Cheyenne County, where she lives, losing the vote 250 to 282.

Decatur County voters gave the nod here to Mrs. Morris with 314 votes to Mrs. Cauble's 269.

**Governor**

In unofficial returns at 10:15 p.m., with 1,918 of 3,305 precincts reporting, Sen. Jim Barnett of Emporia seemed to be leading the seven-man field in the Republican primary for a candidate to go against Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, a Democrat, in November.

Mr. Barnett had 35,338 votes or 33 percent. He was followed by Ken R. Canfield of Johnson County with 28,427 or 26 percent, and Robin Jennison of Healy at 25,589, or 24 percent.

Other Republican candidates, Rex Crowell, Dennis Hawver, Timothy Pickell and Richard Rodewalk, all had less than 7 percent of the vote each.

Decatur County voters preferred Mr. Jennison, a former speaker of the Kansas House, giving him 196 votes to Canfield's 148 and Barnett's 93. Both Jennison and Canfield campaigned here.

**Representatives**

With no primary opposition, 1st District Congressman Jerry Moran of Hays had no problem taking the Republican nomination in his bid to retain his job in Washington. He received 544 votes in Decatur County.

Likewise, Mr. Faber had no opponent for the Republican nomination for his seat in the House. He had 545 votes here.

Bob Streyve of Norcat, had no opposition in the Democratic primary. He will try to unseat Mr. Faber in November. He tallied 135 Democratic voters in the county.

## \* Man wins seat

(Continued from Page 1A) will walk his district — which covers the east side of town and Center, Olive and Roosevelt townships — again. He said he wants to find out what's on the voters' minds and get some of the things that they want accomplished incorporated with things he is looking at as well.

One of the things Mr. McEvoy has said he wants to see happen if he is elected commissioner is to update the equipment and technology in the dispatch office, where he works as a substitute.

Reached at home Tuesday night, Mrs. Lohofener said she had thought the election was going to be close.

"I wish Stan well," she said, "and hope that he will look at things in a positive way."

Mr. Keahey has lived here since 2001, when he went to work for the U.S. Farm Service Agency office. Now he is mostly retired and said he has time to attend meetings and do the commissioner job.

"I have a love for small communities," said Mr. Keahey. "It's just great here. I love it here. I want to give something back to the people and I can if I become the commissioner."

Both men will campaign for the next three and a half months before they meet head-to-head on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Then in January, the candidate with the most votes will take the District 1 position, now held by Patricia Glenn.

The vote count is unofficial until county commissioners meet at 8:30 a.m. Friday to canvass the results.



**STANDING BY A RACE CAR**, sisters Cindy (foreground) and Sarah Murray are still racing despite a serious family wreck earlier this summer. — Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

## \* Sisters learn life lessons on dirt track

(Continued from Page 1A) while," said Sarah. "We were horrified when the news came."

"So many people have come forth to give us a hand," said Cindy. "We just want to thank everybody. It really makes you feel good that the people in our community care so much. It shows the character of the Oberlin community."

David says he plans to continue racing this season. Cindy last raced July 16, just a week after the accident.

The sister duo already had a hectic summer schedule with mini-truck racing, plus volleyball and basketball camps.

The saying: "Like father, like son," has been around for a long time, but "like father, like daughters" is a new twist.

In this case, Murray has two daughters who once sat on his lap.

Things are a little different today, as they are strapped in the front seat of racing mini-trucks. David has taught both girls tricks of the trade that have helped them win along the way, stuff like knowing when to accelerate on the track and when to swing high or low for better racing position.

Together, the sisters have won 17 races in the tri-state area, bruising a few male ego's along the way.

A lot of athletes can trace their success back to a single event. Sarah, 17, a senior this fall at Decatur Community High, said for her, the Lady Red Devils winning the 2005 Northwest Kansas League volleyball championship and going to state, along with advancing to the basketball regional and the state track meet, have taught her how to excel in whatever she does.

She has won nine dirt-track races, eight in McCook and

Culbertson, Neb., and one in Oberlin.

"I think what I have learned from my high school coaches and what I have learned from my dad and what I have picked up on the dirt track have helped me in all levels of competition," she said. "I have a burning desire to be the best I can be in every sport I compete in. I think I will compete until I get out of college."

Cindy, 15, will be a sophomore this year. She is learning the ropes early.

She is not old enough to have a Kansas driver's license, and can't drive on the streets by herself, but on the track she matches up with the rest of the competition. So far, she's won eight races in McCook and Culbertson.

"I decided not to compete in track and field this past year and devote my time to working with

Dad learning what it takes to be a winner," she said. "I will still compete in volleyball and basketball this season."

"During the winter, the off-season racing months, I will work with my dad learning more about engine building. After I graduate from high school, I intend on competing on the dirt track circuit while I attend junior college, after that, both of us are not sure if we will still compete or not."

This Friday night they will both compete in Culbertson.

Each week, David says, he sits down with the girls and goes over a game plan for each race. The girls never know who they will compete against until they are in the pit, but they are prepared for whatever comes up.

"What they have learned on the track has helped the whole family get through this crisis," he said.

## \* Bus company to open in fall

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Sardo should need another 38. At a meeting in May, BCI officials said that they would be moving some of their key people to Oberlin and sources in town say that up to eight houses are now being purchased.

While she could not give specifics, real estate broker Carolyn Burtis said she could confirm that she is working on several housing deals for people with BCI.

Vice President Lee Gilroy said he bought a home in Dresden so he could be close to the new business.

Mr. Gilroy said the company is planning to open Nov. 1, which

means there will be people working in the shop then. At this point, he said, they're not sure how many jobs will be created.

Until the opening, he added, they will be modernizing the facility and making it suitable for the operation. That will start next week. The firm is trying to use as many local contractors as possible, he said.

The first thing will be securing the property, which includes installing cameras, since there has been one break-in since the negotiations started.

Mr. Gilroy said there were several reasons why BCI chose to locate a plant in Jennings. He said they

wanted a central location in the United States without being right in "tornado alley." Another part was the dry climate, because electrical components don't work well in a lot of humidity.

The work ethic in this part of the country is great, he said, which is important. He said the plant might help bring back people who wanted to stay but didn't have a job.

A downside was not being next to a large airport or Interstate, but there is a solution in the works. The Oberlin City Council has looked into a larger runway at the airport in Oberlin to handle corporate jets, something both firms say they need.

## \* Party a hit for young and old

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Dance and a couple dozen women, some of them with children in their arms, went out to do the Electric Slide.

Between songs, the deejays gave away door prizes donated by downtown merchants. T-shirts went for the bargain price of \$2.

Across the street at the ReLoad, Mick Barth and crew served barbecued beef and pork with beans and

corn until it was all gone and then went inside to turn out pizzas, hamburgers and cold beer and soft drinks for more hungry people.

Down in front of Fidele's Electric and Woodworking, chefs at four smokers were turning out barbecue contest entries in chicken, pork, beef, ribs, and miscellaneous categories. (Story and photos on Page 1B.)

Over in the drive-through at the old bank, next to Johnson Real Es-

tate, a pie and homemade ice cream benefit by the high school football mothers, friends and classmates of the Urban boys raised money to help with medical expenses for Everett Urban.

It was a hot, sultry night and a dip in a cool ocean would have been welcome, but participants at Oberlin's Beach Party were just glad for the sand, music, food and fun.

## Fires keep Jennings team hopping

The Jennings Rural Fire Department were kept busy last week with two fires, one right after the crew had returned from helping Norton firemen battle a major blaze on Monday.

Chief Kerry Green said they got the first call around 10:30 p.m. Monday when a power line rubbing against a tree sparked a grass around

Lawrence Carter's garage. By the time the firemen got to the house, which is about eight miles south and two west of Jennings, Mr. Carter had the flames out.

Around 11 p.m. Thursday, the department got a call that there was a pasture fire four miles east of Jennings and a half mile to south of K-383. Chief Green said the pasture

is owned by the Griffiths.

The fire was started by lightning, he said, and although the rain that followed had almost put it out, some weeds were still burning. Chief Green said they made sure everything was out since the wind was starting to kick up. The department was in the field for about 2 1/2 hours and he said probably an acre burned.

## Host families needed for students

The DM Discoveries student exchange program is looking for host families in this area for the coming school year.

The organization is looking for host families for three students who want to come to the area for the next

year. Rebecca Jamison, with the organization, said there are two 16-year-olds and one 17-year-old.

Oberlin School District Superintendent Kelly Glodt said the school can take up to three foreign exchange students in one year. He said

he doesn't know of any coming yet.

It is ideal to have the students in homes before school starts, he said. If you're interested in having a student, call Ms. Jamison at (785) 754-2192.

## Oberlin Arts & Humanities 2006-2007 Schedule

### Season Ticket Events:

<b>August 20, 2006</b> City Park	7:00 p.m. Sun. .... 6:00 p.m.	<b>Turpen Tyme Ragsters</b> Grilled Sandwiches prepared by Decatur County Museum (Donations Accepted)
<b>October 14, 2006</b> Gateway Theater	7:30 p.m. Sat. ....	<b>"On Golden Pond"</b> Stage Presentation by SW NE Community Theater
<b>October 28, 2006</b> Gateway	6:30 p.m. Sat. ....	<b>Eli Barsi Western Concert</b> Dinner Theater - 6:30; Theater-7:30
<b>November 18, 2006</b> Gateway	7:30 p.m. Sat. ....	<b>Ronnie Kole</b> World Famous Pianist
<b>January 27, 2007</b> Gateway	7:30 p.m. Sat. ....	<b>Ben Ulin</b> , Comedy Illusionist
<b>February 17, 2007</b> Gateway	7:30 p.m. Sat. ....	<b>Jay Antle</b> , "Mobilizing the Masses" Remembering World War II - Home Front Posters
<b>March 11, 2007</b> Gateway	2:00 p.m. Sun. ....	<b>K-State Singers</b>
<b>April 15, 2007</b> Gateway	2:00 p.m. Sun. ....	<b>Todd Green</b> , Instrumentalist
<b>April 29, 2007</b>	2:00 p.m. Sun. ....	<b>Local History Tour</b> - Traer & Herndon

### YOUR MEMBERSHIP ALSO SUPPORTS:

November 25, 2006 Sat. ....	Holiday Arts & Crafts Show
Spring, 2007 Sat., Sun. ....	High Plains Art/Fest
Spring, 2007 .....	Senior Recital
TBA .....	Anna Seeber Shaw Basic Drawing Workshop

For Program information call Ella Betts (785-475-3557) or Mary Henzel (785-475-3329)

Information also available at [www.oberlinarts.org](http://www.oberlinarts.org)

Season Tickets:

- \$60 Each, all season ticket events; one Dinner/Theater
- \$125 Family, all season ticket events; all school age youth and two Dinner/Theater
- \$65 Single Family, all season ticket events; all school age youth and one Dinner/Theater

Tickets will be mailed to you if the mail-in form below is completed with payment enclosed and returned to Oberlin Arts & Humanities, Ella Betts, 601 N. Penn, Oberlin, KS 67749

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

State type of ticket as above

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| 1. \$60. x _____ tickets \$ _____  | \$75. (1 ticket) Patron \$ _____               |
| 2. \$125. x _____ tickets \$ _____ | \$100. (1 ticket) Benefactor \$ _____          |
| 3. \$65. x _____ tickets \$ _____  | \$500. Corporate (includes 4 tickets) \$ _____ |

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact:

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