

## Two races to show up in primary

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The election books are closed, with two races scheduled for the primary ballot in August and more for the general election in November, including one that's taken place before.

The primary on Tuesday, Aug. 5, will determine which candidates will show up on the ballots for the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The only races for the primary are for the county commissioner in District No. 3, where Vickie Bailey of Jennings and Gene Gallentine of rural Clayton face each other on the Republican ballot. The winner will face Lee Franklin, a Jennings Democrat, in the general for the right to replace outgoing Commissioner Doyle Brown.

For the register of deeds spot, Judith Marietta, Tiffanie Farr and Melissa Chambers of Oberlin and Kari Ketterl of rural Herndon will face off in the Republican primary. The winner will face Shanna Long, an Oberlin Democrat, in the general.

Also in the general, voters in five counties will determine who gets the 120th District seat in the state House of Representatives. Both Rep. John Faber, the Republican incumbent from Brewster, and Bob Strevey, a Democrat from Norcat, are running for the office.

This race shouldn't be new to anyone, since the men have faced each other in the primary three times. Rep. Faber has won each race.

In 2002, Mr. Faber won 5,441 to 2,747, in 2004, 6,662 to 3,609; and in 2006, 4,406 to 2,769.

Others who filed for election

### Many seats remain open

Only Republican party members — no Democrats — have signed up to run for precinct committee man and woman in each township, although there are still lots of openings.

Records show several townships still have no one signed up. The positions will be determined in the August primary, with write-in votes to count. The townships in which no one has signed up then will be determined by write-ins.

Republicans who have filed include:

- Marilyn and Stephen E. Horn for Oberlin Precinct No. 1, the west side of town. (Mrs. Horn is the outgoing county clerk.)
- Sarah and Gary D. Orr Sr. for Alton Township.
- Carol and Dan Wasson for Bassettville Township.
- Marcia and Lyn Reynolds (See JOBS on Page 8A)

include:

- Ralph D. Unger, Republican incumbent from west of Oberlin, for the county commissioner in district No. 2, which he's held for the last 35 years.
- Steven W. Hirsch, an Oberlin Republican, for county attorney, which he's held for the last 19 years.
- Colleen Geihlsler, a Republican from Oberlin, for county clerk. (See ELECTION on Page 8A)

## Report damages for federal program

Anyone with damage from recent storms, whether it be the tornadoes at the end of May or the hail this month, might be able to get some federal assistance.

Patty Skubal, Decatur County emergency management director, said a representative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency was in the county last Tuesday to look at damage from the tornadoes on Thursday, May 22, and the hail storm on Thursday, June 5.

So far, she said, there hasn't been a federal disaster declaration for either storm, but that doesn't mean there won't be.

Mrs. Skubal said the agency can provide grant assistance for the "repair, replacement or restoration of disaster damaged, publicly owned facilities and the facilities of certain private nonprofit organizations."

Eligible nonprofit organizations might include museums, emergency facilities, utilities, schools, custodi-

al care facilities or medical clinics. Anyone with damage can call Mrs. Skubal at (785) 475-8100.

The director said damage to public roads, bridges, water control facilities and parks, including playgrounds, swimming pools and cemeteries, can also be reported.

She said the information on private damage will only be reported to the agency if a declaration includes private assistance.

"So it is up to you whether you report or not," said Mrs. Skubal. "Damage reporting is a good tool for measuring the collective damage to the entire county from recent storms."

Mrs. Skubal said if it's necessary, she will plan a public meeting in the next few weeks to explain the program. She added there is a limited amount of time to report damage, so don't wait.

Reports can also be faxed to (785) 475-8160.

## Man's granddaughter dies in Chapman storm

The tornado which struck Chapman last Wednesday claimed the life of Crystal P. Bishop, 21, a granddaughter of Derry W. Bishop of Oberlin and mother of an 18-month-old daughter.

Ms. Bishop, who apparently was hit by debris while running to shelter, was the only fatality reported from the Chapman storm.

The tornado was in a line of storms which cut a diagonal swath across Kansas, destroying much of that town of 1,400. The same system left millions of dollars worth of damage in Manhattan.

According to a report by KSN Television News, Mr. Bishop said that his daughter and her boyfriend were running with the baby, Bianca Whitefoot, toward a shelter. They were caught in the tornado, he said, and Crystal died after being hit by



Crystal P. Bishop

debris.

The couple's home was demolished, he said, reduced to an empty lot.

A neighbor tried to save Crystal by performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation after the twister passed, the network said, but she died before rescue crews arrived.

Ms. Bishop was born Feb. 10. (See STORM on Page 8A)



**CANCER SURVIVORS** carried the Relay for Life banner (above) during the first lap at the high school track Friday. Ron Beneda (right below) and his father Val walked in the

second lap of the evening. Cheyanna Hale, 2, took to the track in the early hours of the relay.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

## Cancer crews walk night away

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She took off running around the

track, dressed in an oversized white T-shirt and shorts, her brown hair bobbing behind her.

Cheyanna Hale, who will be 3 in August, was probably the youngest team member walking in the Decatur County Relay for Life on Friday at the high school track.

Cheyenna, daughter of Byron and Jean Hale, was part of the Black Peppers team made up of family and friends. Mrs. Hale said her grandfather had cancer and a family friend is going through treatment now.

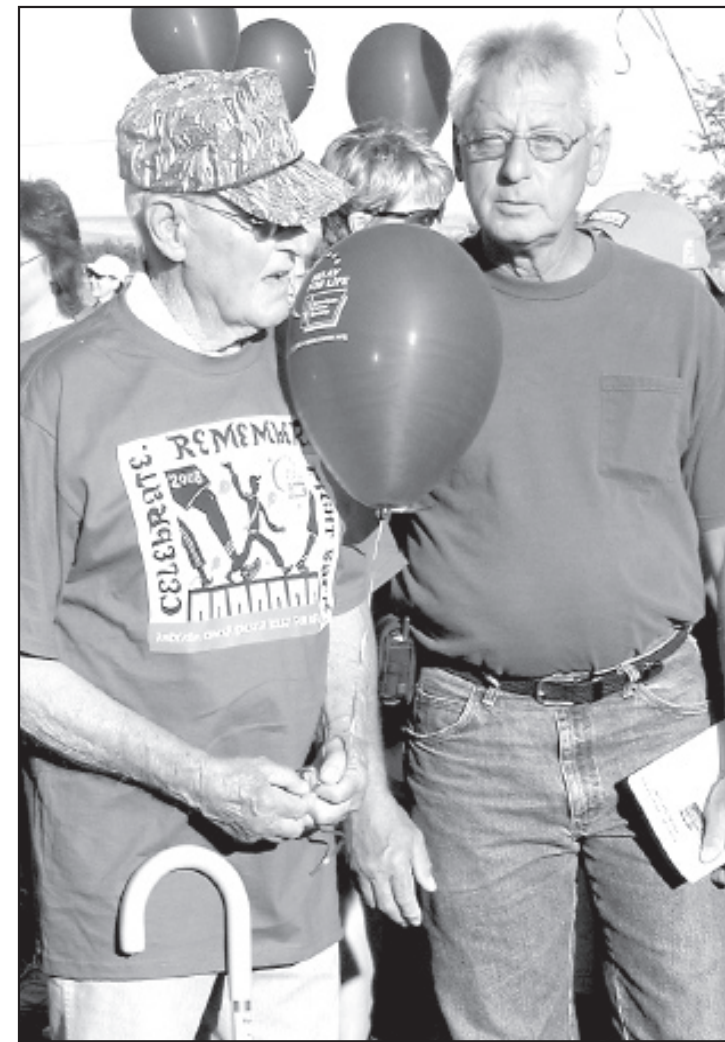
Although the Relay for Life was planned for City Park, when the renovation on the track got done

before the start, the committee moved the event to the track and football stadium. The committee spent the day at the track Friday setting up.

There was a good turnout for the Relay, said Hospital Administrator Lynn Doeden, co-chair with Tiffanie Farr. There were lots of walkers in the beginning, she said, and probably about seven of the nine teams had someone walking every hour of the night.

At about 2 a.m., some of the walkers started dropping out because it got cold, said Mrs. Doeden. The committee tried to help with the teams that didn't have enough walkers

to keep someone on the track at all times. Six of the teams, she said, decided to stay the night.



About 30 cancer survivors showed up to walk the first lap and even more caregivers and family members joined them to walk on the second lap.

The whole event, said Mrs. Doeden, went well, and the track was nice.

This year's Relay, said committee member Regina Stanley, raised \$18,738 before expenses

with \$9,030 of that coming from luminary sales. That's down from last year by \$1,418, she said, but people can still make donations to a committee member.

Dr. Gary Fredrickson was the individual high seller for luminaries and the Decatur Health Systems team raised the most money, around \$3,000, said Mrs. Doeden.

## Farmers check production of wheat types

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Almost 40 people, mostly men, stood in a field west of town early last Tuesday to find out about the 24 wheat varieties planted by Kansas State Research and Extension experts in early October.

The plot, about three miles west of town, is owned by the May family, with the tour sponsored by the extension service.

Roger May said the field was planted Oct. 6 after spreading 20 tons of manure per acre. It was top dressed with 20 pounds of nitrogen this spring.

At the beginning of October, he said, it was pretty dry. Although it may be a little early, he said, the plots should give people a chance to look at how some of the varieties performed.

Dan O'Brien, agriculture economist with K-State, said the wheat market has been exciting this year, with the price as high as \$12 per bushel and now about \$8.56, compared to \$5.37 at harvest last year.

What caused the run up in price, he said, is a fair question. Basically, there was a strong demand for wheat, said Mr. O'Brien, with some



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— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

poor crops around the nation.

To try to figure out what the price is going to do now, he said, people have to look at everything else, including the Corn Belt, and what's being produced.

About a third of the wheat sold this year was exported out of U.S. ports, he said, compared to normal export volume around 20 percent.

In the middle of March, the price reached \$12.21 per bushel, but it

moved down from there.

After the peak, he said, just about every county that could plant wheat did, so there should be about 6 percent more grain this year. The

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# \* Jobs unfilled after filings close in June

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for Beaver Township.  
• Dolores and Todd Tompkins for Center Township.  
• Jim Wesch for Finley Township.  
• Jackie Lafferty for Harlan Township.  
• Patricia and Douglas Brown for Liberty Township.  
• Norma and Commissioner Ralph Unger for Logan Township.  
• Denise Abbey for Olive Township.  
• Connie and Steve Noren for Sappa Township.  
That leaves Oberlin Precinct No. 2 on the east side of town, Allison, Cook, Custer, Dresden, Garfield, Grant, Jennings, Lincoln, Logan, Oberlin, Pleasant Valley, Prairie Dog, Roosevelt, Sherman and Summit townships with neither Republican nor Democrat candidates.

crat, treasurer.  
• Custer — Merlin Anderson, Republican, trustee, and Lowell Holmberg, Republican treasurer.  
• Finley — Jim Wesch, Republican, trustee, and Amanda Graf, Republican, treasurer.  
• Garfield — John Gallentine, Democrat, trustee, and Gwynn Ward, Republican, treasurer.  
• Harlan — Galen Lafferty, Republican, treasurer.  
• Liberty — Roberta Petracek, Democrat, trustee.  
• Liberty — Dave Bose, Republican, trustee and Gerry Tally, Republican, treasurer.  
• Lincoln — David Stapp, Democrat, trustee, and Robbie Henningson, Republican, treasurer.  
• Logan — Millard Kyte, Republican, trustee, and Martin May, Democrat, treasurer.  
• Lyon — Girard McKenna, Democrat, trustee, and Lawrence Carter, Republican, treasurer.  
• Oberlin — Michael Coleman, Democrat, trustee, and Gene Morford, Democrat, treasurer.  
• Olive — Denise Abbey, Republican.  
• Pleasant Valley — Kenneth Carter, Republican, trustee.  
• Prairie Dog — Rick Hickert, trustee and Betty Hickert, treasurer, both Republicans.  
• Roosevelt — Mike Ferguson, Democrat, trustee and Terry Rush, Republican, treasurer.  
• Sappa — Paul Shields, Republican, trustee and Rod Bryan, Republican, treasurer.  
• Sherman — Larry Roe, Republican, treasurer.  
• Summit — Elaine Marcuson, Democrat, treasurer.  
In Dresden and Grant townships, no one filed for either position.

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## Experts evaluate results of wheat tests

John Rich with AgriPro and Brian Olson, area agronomist with the K-State Extension service, took turns talking about results for each variety and some of the other qualities of each type of wheat planted at test plots west of town:  
• Art, which Mr. Rich said is the newest release from AgriPro, said last year in this area, it yielded well. The variety has great leaf-rust resistance, he said, but it doesn't have good drought tolerance under extreme conditions.  
• Aspen is a white wheat, said Mr. Olson. There's lots of research money for white wheat now, he said, and more money in the farm bill to get people to grow it. The standards for white wheat are stricter, he said, adding that this variety has good yield potential.  
• Bill from Colorado State University, said Mr. Olson, has a better disease package than Hatcher. The variety also has good drought tolerance.  
• Bond Cl, also from Colorado State University, he said, doesn't have a very good disease package. In performance tests at Colby, said Mr. Olson, the variety has done surprisingly well.  
• Danby, also a white wheat, would be good for a lot of acres.  
• Fuller has a good yield and has

### \* Grain attracts early crowd

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wheat market isn't the only one moving around, though, he said, all of them are, but no one knows for sure what to expect later this year.  
The cost to produce dryland wheat is up at least \$1 per bushel, he said, maybe more, with all costs moving up.  
It used to be that farmers would get the price they needed to cover the cost of the crops, he said, but depending on the price this year, they might not.  
The supply of wheat will be up,

he said, adding that he doesn't know if that will mean \$5 per bushel wheat, but he doesn't think that amount of supply will let the price to \$13.  
Norm Kinderknecht, with the Kansas Farm Management Association, said he can help farmers get their arms around their costs of production. He said he would come to their home and help with their accounting system and build on that. Basically, said Mr. Kinderknecht he will provide a financial analysis of the year.

impressed with this variety. It might just be a variety that needs to find a niche, he said.  
• Overland, out of the University of Nebraska is a late-maturing wheat that has good resistance to the Hessian fly.  
• Overly, a hard red wheat released from K-State in 2003, is one that always looks good. It needs to be harvested earlier than other varieties, though, because it shatters.  
• Post Rock is similar to Fuller and has a good yield record, although it's susceptible to powdery mildew.  
• Santa Fe, said Mr. Olson, has excellent yield potential, but if the weather turns dry, the crop will hide.  
• Smokey Hill is a later maturing wheat with a good yield potential.  
• T-136, said Mr. Olson, is out of Wichita. It has good drought tolerance and shattering resistance.  
• T-81 is the best variety for adaptability.  
• TAM-111, said Mr. Rich, has had a good time out here the past two years. It looks good in the plot. This variety, he said, performs well under dry conditions.  
• Thunderbolt, said Mr. Rich, has a good record of high test weights.  
Other varieties in the plot included Winterhawk, Spartan, Millennium and Infinity Cl.

adapted to this area.  
• Hatcher is a new release from Colorado State University, said Mr. Olson. It doesn't have a very good disease package, but has had good results in Colby.  
• Hawken, said Mr. Rich, is a later maturing variety. It's recommended to plant at least three varieties, he said. This one would be good to plant because it does mature later, which means there isn't as much chance of an early freeze. It has an excellent disease package. The biggest downfall is it's susceptible

to triticum mosaic virus, which is new.  
The important thing with this new virus, added Mr. Olson, is that people need to control their volunteer wheat.  
• Jagger is susceptible to leaf rust.  
• Jagalene, said Mr. Rich, most people are familiar with. It never seems to look like this variety is going to yield much and then it pulls out.  
• Keota is a hard red, said Mr. Olson, adding that he isn't very

## \* Storm takes life of grandchild, 21

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1987, in El Paso. She grew up traveling with her parents in the military and had lived in Texas, Germany, Missouri and Kansas. A 2005 graduate of Chapman High School, she was a student at Cloud County Community College  
Survivors also include her boyfriend, John Whitefoot, Chapman; her mother, Sandra and Randy Wilmore, and a brother, Phillip Bishop, White City; her father, Derry M. and Lisa Bishop, Arizona; and grandparents,

Robert Ball, El Paso, and Elaine Bishop, Arizona.  
She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Colleen Ball.  
Funeral services were Monday afternoon at the Nazarene Church in Junction City with Pastor Jim Bond officiating and burial in Newport, Tenn.  
The family suggests contributions to the Bianca Whitefoot Education Fund in care of the Danner Funeral Home, Box 758, Abilene, Kan., 67410.

## County OKs deal for used Cat grader

Decatur County commissioners approved buying a 2003-model grader coming off a lease for \$175,000 last Tuesday.  
Tim Stallman, road and bridge supervisor, said the Caterpillar model 140H grader had been leased by Thomas County for five years. When the equipment was turned back in, said Mr. Stallman, he put a hold on it.  
The machine has a snowplow attachment and rear ripper on it, he said. If Decatur County doesn't buy the grader, it will go to eastern Kansas to be sold. New machines after government discount cost \$250,000, he said.  
He said he tried to trade in a Dresser, but the county was only going to get \$9,000. The machine is worth keeping for that price, he said.

The Cat comes with a warranty, said Mr. Stallman. Commissioner Ralph Unger suggested he ask for a three-year warrant for \$3,150, which is the price of the two added years.  
The 1993 Dresser needs a drive line repair, Mr. Stallman. When the drive line popped, he said, it put a hole in the oil pan, so that will need to be fixed.  
A box bridge on the Allison Road six miles southeast of Jennings needs to be replaced, Mr. Stallman said. The six-foot-by-six-foot concrete box collapsed, he said, but part of the road has a wooden bridge under it, so it's OK.  
It's on a county road, said Mr. Stallman, so it has to be fixed right away. He said the crew will replace it with an eight-foot culvert.  
The department needs to replace some of its culvert stock, he said. It will probably cost about \$25,000 to buy at least two six-foot culverts, two four-footers and an eight-foot tube.  
In other business, the commissioners:  
• Heard that Mr. Stallman sent a letter to every agency that received financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for damage from snow storms last winter that the money needs to be spent by July 1 or they need to file for an extension. He said he had filed for an extension for some of the work.  
• Heard that the crew is almost done blading county roads, and will move to the secondary roads when that is done.  
• Heard about a meeting Mr. Unger attended about the Sunflower Cinema and Golden Age Senior Center project. He suggested that County Attorney Steve Hirsch contact Sarah Steele with Gilmore and Bell, a law firm in Wichita, to see if he can get some information about bond issues.

## \* Election features races in primary

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Marilyn Horn has announced her retirement at the end of this term.  
• Jean Hale, an Oberlin Republican, for county treasurer, which she's held for the last seven years.  
• Ken Badsky, also an Oberlin Republican, for sheriff, a job he's held for 23 years.  
• John Bremer, an Oberlin Republican, for district magistrate judge in the 17th District.  
Both Judy Gaumer, the current register of deeds, and Mr. Brown, commissioner for district No. 3, announced they would be retiring at the end of this term.  
Mrs. Horn said polling places will

be open at The Gateway in Oberlin, City Hall (the old school building) in Decatur, the Methodist Church in Dresden and the Sunflower Senior Center in Jennings for both the primary and general elections.  
Anyone who isn't yet registered to vote can do so up to 9 p.m. Monday, July 21, she said. Advance ballots should be ready around Tuesday, July 15.

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## Tractor show purrs on Almena Main Street

The 28th Annual Sunflower Pioneer Power Association Tractor Show at Almena is now in the record books.  
One of the organizers, Bob Underwood of Norton, said all the demonstrations went well. He said there was good attendance, with about 80 tractors, 30 autos and 10 small engines on display.  
Saturday, "Best in Show" plaques were given to: Brian and Angie Schick, Densmore, 1942 John Deere AR; Bob Robinson, Garden City, Small Engine, Rawleigh Schyler, 1916 1 1/2 HP; Brad Anderson, Glade, Self-Restored Tractor, 1941 Farmall BI.  
**Other Best of Show:** Cathy DeWitt, Prairie View, 1950 IHC "C" demonstrator; John Gallentine, Clayton, 1949 John Deere "M"; Norman Wendel, Almena, 1943 Allis-Chalmers WC; Bernard Hinrichs, Bruning, Neb., 1935 Case "CC"; Richard Smith, Upland, Neb., 1953 Oliver 77 Row Crop.  
**Best of Parade Award,** awarded by City of Almena: Bernard Hin-

richs, Bruning, Neb., 1918 Rumley Oil Pull 16-30.  
**Car Show (Saturday):** Best Paint, 1968 Pontiac Catalina, Daryl Clark, Phillipsburg; Best Pre-'59 Original, 1928 Whippet, Jim Marshall, Oberlin; Best Muscle Car, 1970 Chevrolet, Shad Chandler, Almena; Best of Show, 1971 Pontiac Trans Am, Carol Bales, Logan; Best of Show Motorcycle, Daryl Clark, Phillipsburg; Best Custom Motorcycle, by Rick Gitchel, Phillipsburg.  
**Kids Tractor Pull Winners:** 5 to 6 year olds — first, Colten Fischer; second, Conner Bose; 7 to 8 year olds — first, Cadin Kinderknecht; second, Keegan Smith; 9 to 10 year olds — first, Steven Harrison.  
**Sunday Best of Show winners:** Monte Montgomery, Almena, 1952 Massey Harris; Tyler Montgomery, Almena, 1949 Allis Chalmers "G"; Marion Tien, Prairie View, 1955 John Deere 60; Eldo Graham, Almena, 1939 IHC Farmall F-20; Self-Restored Tractor, Bill Anderson, Superior, Neb., 1940 Huber "B"; Small Engine, Gaylen Hansen.

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