

## 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 Norcatour, 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

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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.

Cheyanna, 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.

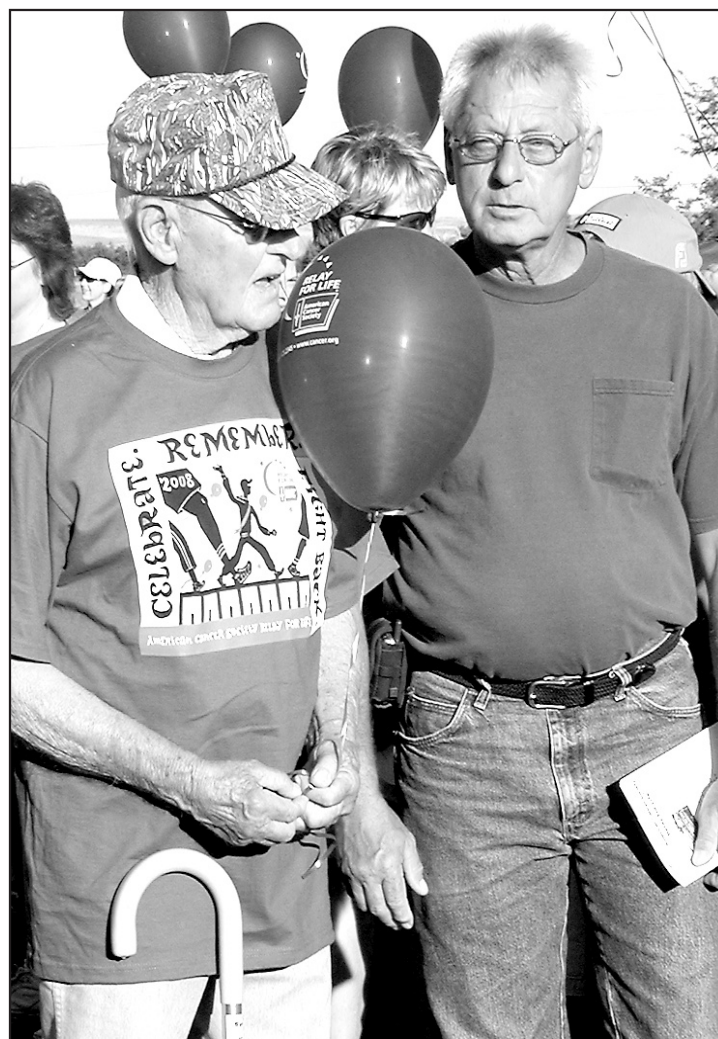
Although the Relay for Life was planned for City Park, when the renovation on the track got done

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



IN THE FIELD last Tuesday, Brian Olson (center), area agronomist with Kansas State University, talked about one of the varieties in the wheat test plot west of town while John Rich, with AgriPro, waited his turn. — 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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