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# Annual relay set to raise cash to fight cancer

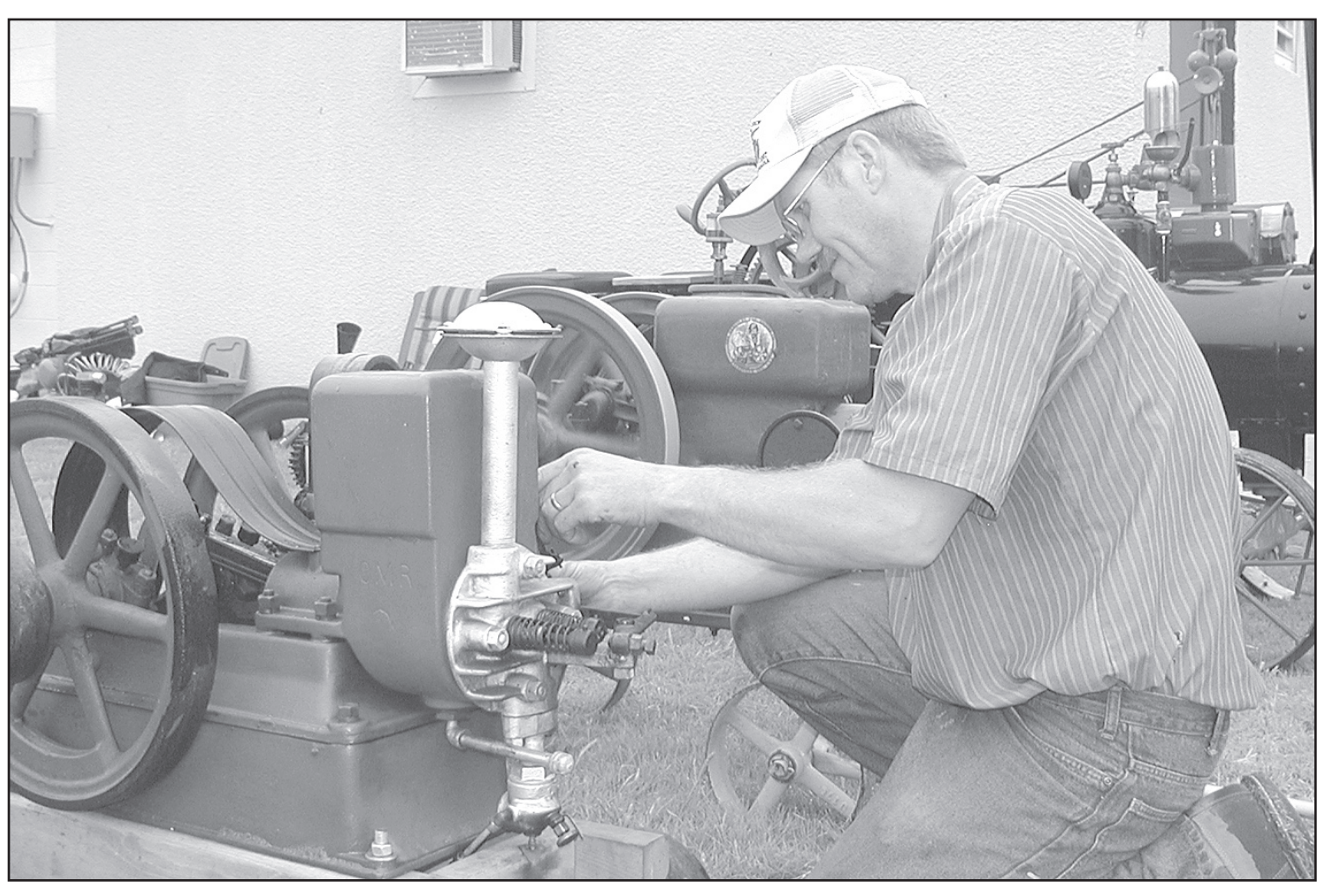
It's just about time for the Decatur County Relay for Life. This is the eighth year for the event, which helps raise public awareness and money for cancer research and support those who are or have fought cancer. The event will start at 6 p.m. Friday, June 19, at The Gateway, with a barbecue for survivors and caregivers. That will be followed by a public barbecue at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be served for a donation. Dave Bergling and Robert Groneweg, owner of R&M Service Center, will cook the meat, which has been donated by the May Family Farms. At 7 p.m., cancer survivors will walk the first lap inside The Gateway. Their caregivers will join them for the second round. Members of the five teams will then take to the floor, walking in turns until 7 a.m. Saturday. The five teams, said Ralph Unger, a committee member, represent Decatur County, two from Decatur Health Systems, the Decatur Professional Women and Jennings. Norma Unger, another committee member, said if there are people who want to form another team, they

could make it work, although it's too late to order T-shirts for them. Teams are selling luminaries either in honor or memory of someone fighting cancer or who has died from it. Anyone who wants to buy a luminary can see the form on Page 4B of today's paper and mail in a check. The luminaries purchased now won't be in the Relay for Life program handed out that night, but will be included in the list read at The Gateway. Doyle and Kay Brown will be the featured survivors this year. Doyle, a farmer and former county commissioner, and Kay, a retired teacher, both are survivors and both have helped each other as caregivers. The couple lives near Jennings. Other committee members include Marilyn Horn, former county clerk; Melinda Grafel, who lives outside Traer; Carla Depperschmidt, grade school secretary; Jean Hale, county treasurer; Linda Schroer, who works in the road and bridge office; Charlie Haag, high school principal; Pam May, with May Family Farms; and Rhonda May, a city council member and consulting geologist.

# Highway 36 group to meet in Atwood

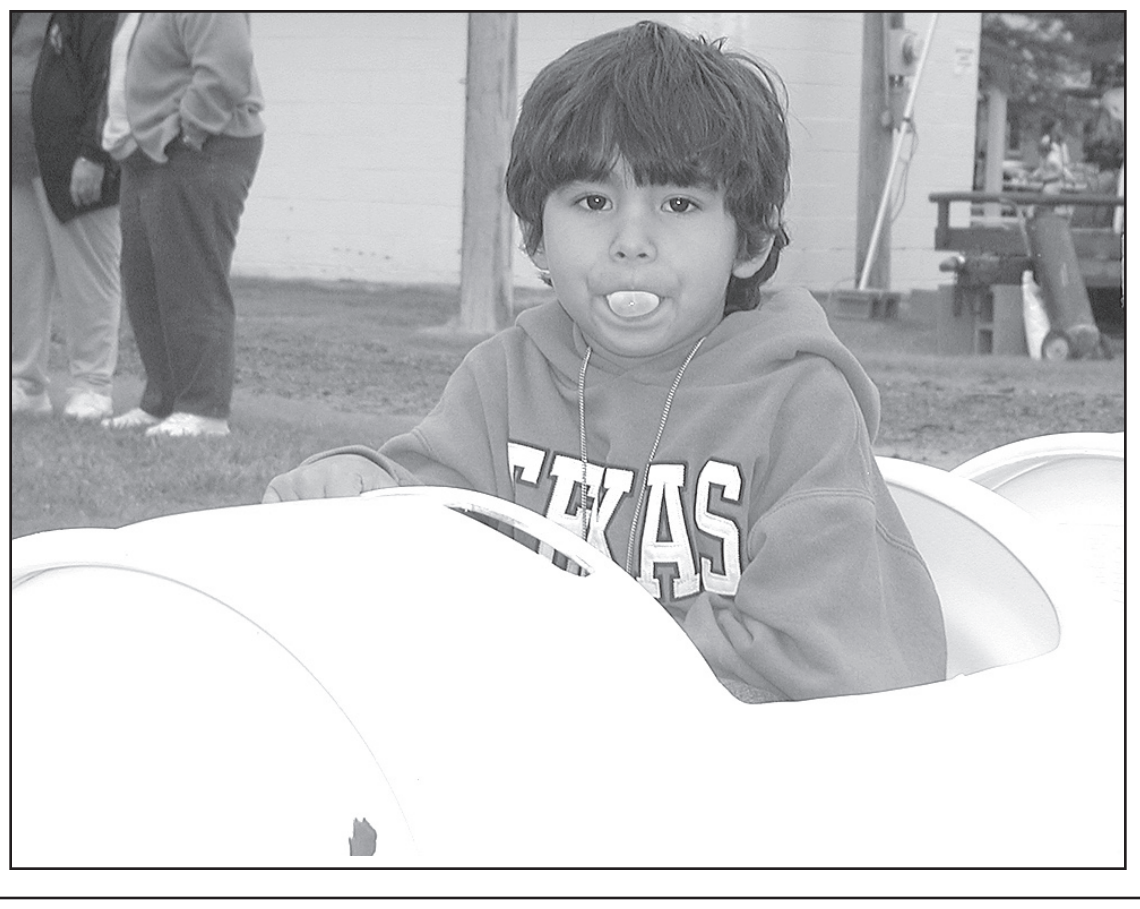
The United States 36 Highway Association will hold its annual meeting Friday in Atwood, with members and dignitaries set to hear a report on an economic survey of the route across Kansas by experts at Fort Hays State University. A reception and social hour from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the "Not a Hilton But It'll Do" motel and convention center on U.S. 36 will kick off the meeting. Chris Sramek, Rawlins County chamber president, will offer a welcome during the reception. The meeting starts at 8 a.m. Friday with registration, followed by a welcome at 9 a.m. from Mayor Betty Mickey and the Atwood Chamber. President Steve Haynes of Oberlin said the association meets twice a year. The association is to promote traffic and business along the road, promotes improvements to the highway and good transportation in general. Before lunch, there will be reports

from the Kansas and Missouri Departments of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration and discussion with some of the state legislators. Over the lunch hour, there will be reports from Dr. Preston Gilson and Dr. Gary Brinker of the Docking Institute for Public Affairs at Fort Hays State. The institute is working on a study on widening and improving U.S. 36 to a four-lane expressway across the state. The \$48,000 study is being paid with grants of \$2,000 each from the counties along the road and a \$30,000 grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Mr. Haynes said. In the afternoon, the association will hold a business meeting and elect officers. Tickets for the luncheon are \$18 each at the door. All U.S. 36 Association members, the public in general and anyone interested in transportation issues are welcome to attend.



# Young, old enjoy car show

**THE SMALL GASOLINE ENGINE** that Keith Kuhn of Hoxie (above) was working on during the 16th Annual Antique Tractor and Classic Car show in Selden on Sunday, could run anything on the farm in the 1920s and '30s, he said. Meanwhile, Rojelio Loya, 6, Rexford, was having fun blowing bubbles and riding in the show's bucket train,



— Herald staff photos

# Harvest Countdown contest begins

The Oberlin merchants' annual Harvest Countdown contest starts today. The contest gives people a chance to make a guess on time and day of the first load of wheat is going to be brought into the participating elevators in Decatur County, including the Decatur Co-op in Oberlin, Kanona, Jennings, Herndon, Danbury, Neb., Ludell, Lenora and Ed-

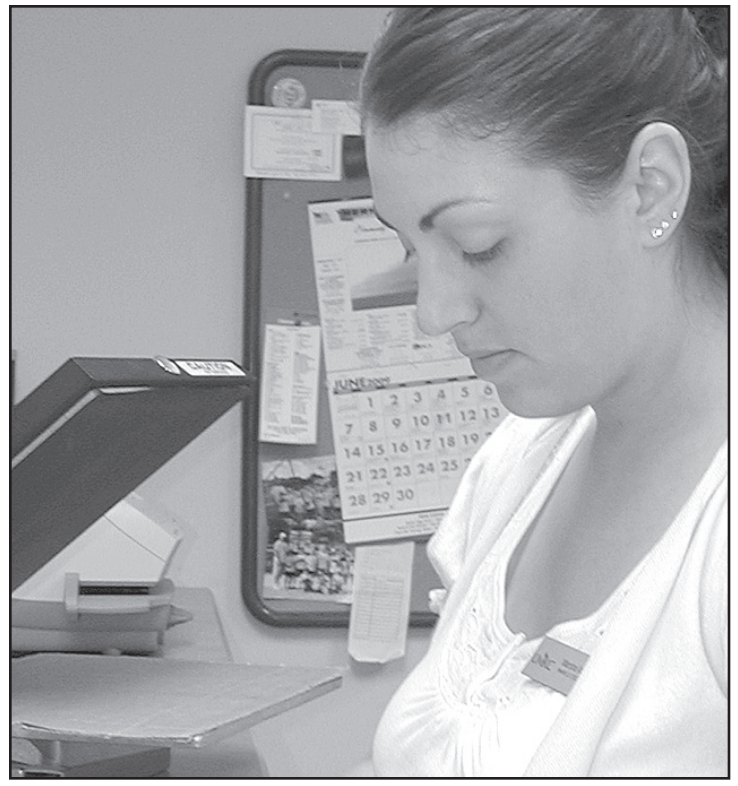
mond, Hi-Plains Co-op in Selden or Dresden, and Hansen Mueller Grain in Oberlin or Cedar Bluffs. People 18 and over can entry to win, although those who have won in the last five years and anyone who has delivered the first load in those years are ineligible. Also relatives of the person delivering the first load and employees of the newspaper aren't eligible to win.

The contest is put together by *The Oberlin Herald*. Sponsoring businesses include Decatur County Title and Abstract, Decatur Co-op Association, Farm Credit of Western Kansas, Fredrickson Insurance Agency, Hansen Mueller Co, Hi-Plains Co-op, Hirsch and Pratt, Gohl Home Planning Center, KFNF, Pizza Hut, Raye's Grocery, Southwest Implement and Ward

Drug Store. The deadline to enter is 4 p.m. on Friday, June 26, or when the first load comes in. Winners will receive \$50 for first, \$35 for second and \$15 for third. All prizes will be in script money which can be spent only at sponsoring businesses. No change will be given.

# Pharmacy intern studies at drug store

A Kansas City pharmacy student is helping out at Ward Drug Store for a couple weeks this summer as part of her curriculum. Marsha Weber, granddaughter of Joan Larue of Oberlin, will work at the store on Main Street until Friday. At the pharmacy, she said, she's helped with the process of filling prescriptions and handling drug orders. Miss Weber said she hopes to have a chance to work with some patients before her two weeks is up. Miss Weber said she started her education at Bethany College, which she attended for three years, before going to pharmacy school at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. This will be her fourth year in the five-year program. Miss Weber grew up in Ellis. Her parents are Charlene and Ed Weber and her mother is a 1973 graduate of Decatur Community High School. She said she decided to study pharmacy because she's interested in knowing how medications work and how they affect different people. Part of the pharmacy curriculum, said Miss Weber, is doing a two-week "retail rotation." As the curriculum is set up now, she



**AT WARD DRUG STORE**, Marsha Weber, an intern from the University of Missouri, Kansas City, worked behind the counter. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

only needs to do this rotation, the class a year younger than her will have to do an additional two-week hospital rotation. She said she doesn't have any plans after she finishes school, although she's certain that she wants to work for a retail store or an independent chain. She added that if she stays in Kansas, it will most likely be the central or eastern part of the state.

# Amusement group seeks volunteers

Summer is in full swing — despite the cool weather — and the Decatur County Fair and Carnival are just two short months away. To get ready for the events from Tuesday, Aug. 4, through Saturday, Aug. 8, the county Amusement Authority plans community work nights each Wednesday at the fair-

grounds through July. The first is set for tonight. Workers are also needed for the games and rides at the carnival. Anyone who wants to volunteer for one of those jobs can contact Stephanie Blau at (785) 470-0222 or Judy Scott at (785) 470-7269 or sign up at the entrance next to the

Chamber of Commerce office. Melinda Grafel said she needs workers for the concession stand for the late shift from 8:30 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, but other shifts are filled. Anyone who wants to serve can call her at (785) 322-5234.

# Mayor breaks tie vote on ordinances

Mayor Joe Stanley, in a rare tie-breaking vote Thursday, sided with two councilwomen who wanted more time to approve proposed changes in the city's administrative ordinances. Councilmen Rob McFee and Bill Riedel voted to approve the ordinances, which have been on the agenda for the past three months. Councilwomen Marcia Lohofener and Rhonda May voted no, saying they wanted to understand the changes better. With Councilman Ray Ward absent, Mayor Stanley — who usually does not vote — had the tie break vote. He voted not to approve the ordinances, saying that they could wait until the next meeting to allow more time for the council members to look at the proposed changes. Ms. May said she would like to compare the old administrative ordinances to the revised ones. She

added that she thought the council members need a little longer to review the changes. Administrator Austin Gilley, who did the revision, said he would welcome that. Some of the administrative ordinances include having a salary range for each job, said Mr. Gilley. The council would set a salary range for a position and then the administrator would be able to set the pay rate in the range. The ordinances also say that the positions of city superintendent, foreman and public works director are all the same job, which is now held by Dan Castle. Mr. Gilley said by changing that in the administrative ordinances, it doesn't change the job, but helps clear other ordinances, which use different names in different places. A lot of it is just miscellaneous clean-up, he said. At the Thursday, April 2, meeting, Mr. Gilley handed out a copy of the

administrative ordinances with the words taken out, struck through and the changes included. The council has been studying the ordinances ever since.

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