



**VISITING OBERLIN**, Isabelle Clause, 2, McCook, and her grandmother enjoyed the merry-go-round on Friday at the Decatur County Fair.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

# \* Cuts help county's budget woes

(Continued from Page 1A) the budget time. Although the commissioners discussed whether to possibly cut out the recycling program or maybe charge for it, they decided to leave the same amount of money in the budget. The Northwest Kansas Recycling Group asked for an increase, but the commissioners decided not to go along. Mr. McEvoy said they want some comments from people on that program and see if they are willing to pay more taxes to keep it going.

There was some discussion about whether to keep the \$50,000 in the budget for the city's airport project, said Mr. McEvoy. The \$50,000 was budgeted for the airport project for 2010.

The commissioners also adjusted some numbers in other departments, he said. It will be a lean year.

The approved budget sets the county's property tax levy at 67.121 mills, which will raise \$2,073,613. That does not include the extension budget. The levy last year was 64.321 mills, which included the extension budget.

A hearing on the budget is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday during the regular commission meeting.

# \* Jennings plans fun day for all

(Continued from Page 1A) everyone a chance to meet Barbara Patterson, the new pastor of the Jennings United Methodist Church.

Kolaches, a Jennings Czech specialty, will go for a dollar each or \$11 a dozen. They may be reserved by contacting any member of the Kolache committee.

A community garage sale and bake sale will begin at 8 a.m. in the Jennings Legion Hall, followed by pony rides, mini-train rides downtown, a cake walk, dunk tank, a giant slide and other children's games.

The Czech Museum will open at 10 a.m. A Wobble Trap Shoot also begins at 10 a.m. at Bill Heilman's farm. A treasure hunt is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. at the American Legion Hall. The winner gets \$50 toward purchases at the auction later. Bingo begins at 11 a.m.

All events will be closed during the parade, which starts at 1:30 p.m. Participants should call Marge Hartzog at (785) 678-3010 for parade details. No entry fee is required.

After the parade, queen candidates will be introduced. There is no age limit and the winner is determined by voting. Each person may cast one vote at the speaker's stand until 4 p.m. Hoxie's Old Time Band will entertain during lunch time and the parade.

The Jennings Fire Department will be displaying a 1996 International 9400 Tanker Truck, which holds 5,200 gallons of water, purchased with proceeds from past Fun Days.

A children's tractor pull for children ages 4 to 12, sanctioned for the Kansas State Fair and sponsored by the Great Northwest Insurance Agency, will start at 3 p.m. in Heritage Park.

A drawing for one boy's and one girl's bike and helmets, donated by the Jennings Fire Department and emergency medical technicians, will be at the conclusion of the tractor pull at the speaker's stand. Names may be entered at the kolache stand or speaker's stand. There is no cost to enter, but you must be present to win.

The firemen's team barrel competition, a contest among teams among area fire departments, begins at 4 p.m., followed by the hog roast. After dinner, the reigning queen, Jasmine Wahlmeier, and her mother, will crown the 2009 queen.

An auction of items donated by area businesses and people will follow, with a street dance featuring Mobile Music Express to cap the evening.

Donated items are available for viewing at the Bank of Jennings. For information, call Kerry Green at (785) 678-2647 or Stann or Marge Hartzog at (785) 678-3020

# \* Carnival goers enjoy five good nights

(Continued from Page 1A) kids didn't run, but it was fixed for the rest of the carnival.

The Octopus had a few problems, but the workers were able to keep it running all week. It has an electrical problem that the authority plans to have fixed, she said.

Ms. Scott said she's not sure on how the concession stand had done, but heard that they ran out of food and had to get more from the grocery at the end of the week.

The group managed to find enough volunteers to run the rides and games and work in the concession stand again this year, she said. The carnival wouldn't happen without them and without those who helped on the work nights, helped set everything up and helped tear everything down.

She said she's heard lots of positive comments so far, including how good the rides looked, how clean everything was and how well

maintained. Unlike past years, there weren't any problems with the ferris wheel. Volunteers worked on the motor up to Tuesday, making sure it would run smoothly.

The volunteer members of the authority, said Ms. Scott, have three-year terms, which means next year could be their last carnival. The authority formerly was under the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce, but the chamber severed its ties to the group.

Ms. Scott said the authority members are looking for people who want to take the places of the current members after next year's carnival.

Members include Ms. Scott, Stephanie Blau, vice president; Ms. Schissler, Candi Ketterl, secretary; Melinda Grafel, Elden Huff, Jim Wesch, Dana Koerperich, Dana Marintzer and Vicky Ray.

# \* 4-H'ers favor food, arts, crafts at fair

(Continued from Page 1A) Mr. Noren said he enjoys being involved in 4-H, especially taking stuff to the fair each year and entering it. He said he also likes going on the 4-H field trips through the year.

The teen, who is in the senior division of 4-H, said he also likes the program because he enjoys learning about different programs and skills he will be able to use when he's older.

Besides the 4-H members and open class, it also takes volunteers to run all the events smoothly.

Mr. Hale said anyone who wants to volunteer should call the extension office at 475-8121. One need

is for superintendents, who help get the items checked in and set up.

Judges usually come from another town. The Northwest Kansas Area Extension Office has names of people who have judged at other fairs, said Mr. Hale, so they use people from that unofficial list when they need judges here. Those names are updated yearly, he said.

# \* Schools get ready to welcome students

(Continued from Page 1A) said, noting that the board hasn't set goals yet for this year.

The mission statement is to, "Provide a supportive learning environment for all students. Instill in students the knowledge and skills for success and expect excellence for all."

The district held enrollment last week, said Mr. Dorshorst, although they don't have any numbers yet. Some of last year's students haven't enrolled yet, he said. If anyone has yet to enroll, he added, the parents and student should stop by the office at the school they will be attending.

# County deals with lost check

The Decatur County commissioners approved canceling a check and re-issuing one for the Beaver Valley Rural Fire Department.

Clerk Colleen Geihlsler said the check for \$2,500 from last year was never cashed. She said the rural department lost the check.

The commissioners approved re-issuing the check.

The commissioners approved locking in a propane contract with Mid-Plains Energy for the Jennings ambulance building. The county will pay \$1.29 per gallon while Decatur Co-op gave a bid of \$2.59.

Commissioner Stan McEvoy said the fair board agreed to pay \$50 per fair event to the fire department and ambulance department and allow free admission to the events for the people who work on standby crews.

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