



Girls second at state

STUDENTS CHEERED (above) for the Lady Red Devils during state-tournament games in Emporia over the weekend. The girls lined up to slap the hands of their opponents (left) under the net. Coaches Sheri Ruf (below, right) and Melissa Dreher watched as their team played.

— Photos by Brenda Breth



Grain piles continue to build up

Millions of bushels picked during fall harvest

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Piles of corn and milo cover the ground at area elevators as fall harvest continues with about 90 percent of the grain already accounted for.

Brian Olson, area agronomist with Kansas State University Research and Extension, said he thinks less than 10 percent of the corn crop in this part of the state remains to be cut.

Considering what was going on last year at this time, the harvest is going considerably better. He has seen quite a few fields that are ready to be planted for next year. The corn has already been picked and stored in — or by — the elevators.

The weather this fall has helped. While last year, it seemed to rain or snow enough to keep people out of the field, this year it's been dry and farmers have been able to get to their corn and milo.

While the weather might be good for fall harvest, Mr. Olson added, it hasn't been for next year's wheat

crop, mostly planted over a month ago. There are a lot of fields where the crop is not yet showing or only a small percentage is up.

The wheat needs some moisture to get going, he said.

Decatur County and the Oberlin area seem to have a little more of the crop up compared to Thomas County, where it's been dryer. Anyone driving west to Colorado will see how brown it is the farther they travel.

While wheat harvest might seem a long ways away, this summer's crop is now being moved by truck and rail at the Decatur Co-op.

General Manager Kurt Anderson said the co-op loaded a train last week, moving wheat out for export. Monday afternoon, a semi truck and trailer were at the co-op to get a load of grain.

Mr. Anderson said last time he checked, which was last week, the co-op had taken in over 5 million bushels of fall crops at its seven (See CROPS on Page 8A)

Voters cast ballots before election day

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Lots of Decatur County voters decided not to wait until election day to cast their votes, using the advanced voting system instead.

Advanced voting ended at noon on Monday with 300 people already in to fill out their ballots, either electronically or by hand.

With no county races, said Kimberly Davis, managing editor of *The Oberlin Herald*, the staff at the newspaper decided not to hold the paper for results. She said the newspaper will carry the vote totals next week, after each has been canvassed by the Decatur County commissioners.

While there are races statewide, there's only one office up for elec-

tion at the county level. It's for commissioner in district No. 1, where incumbent Stan McEvoy, a Republican, is running uncontested.

The only regional race is between Democrat Bob Strevey of Norcat and Republican Ward Cassidy of St. Francis for the 120th District seat in the Kansas House of Representatives.

All of the polling places for the county were to be open Tuesday, including those in Jennings, Dresden, Oberlin and Norcat.

County Clerk Colleen Geihlsler, who serves as the county election officer, said the county hired 51 people to work the election, not including the courthouse staff, who also helps with the process. (See VOTERS on Page 8A)

Authority reports \$10,000 in profits

The Decatur County Home-Owned Carnival came and went three months ago, and now the final bills have been paid, leaving about \$10,000 in profit to be put away for next year.

The carnival took in about \$65,000, said Jen Schissler, an Amusement Authority board member, and ran up about \$55,000 in bills.

Ms. Schissler said the authority profited about half of what it did last year.

"We had a lot of electrical repairs made on the carousel, which really

cut into our budget," she said, "but it was work that was really needed. The money we profited this year will be used for more repairs. The carousel is still in need of some electrical upgrades. The twist over has had some work done on it since the fair. The seats of the octopus will need redone before next fair."

Judy Scott, authority president, said the profit will be used to start next year's carnival to order food, any needed parts, toys or for whatever comes up.

Ms. Scott said there is money in (See CARNIVAL on Page 8A)

Pheasants Forever banquet planned

The Sunflower Chapter of Pheasants Forever is gearing up for its annual banquet to help kick off pheasant season the evening before the first day of hunting.

Opening day is Saturday, Nov. 13, with the banquet scheduled for the night before at The Gateway civic center at the intersection of U.S. 83 and U.S. 36. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, and the prime rib dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets for the dinner are \$25, said Charlie Haag, banquet chair. No reservation is needed. Hunters can also buy a Pheasants Forever

membership for \$35.

The evening will include a live auction and door prizes, but the group will not have a silent auction this year.

New this year, said Mr. Haag, is that each hunter 18 and younger who pays the \$25 to get in will not only get a membership in Ringnecks, the group's youth unit, but will also be entered to win a door prize.

The first youth drawn for the door prizes will win a lifetime Kansas hunting license, compliments of the Sunflower Chapter, he said, but each young hunter will win a prize.

Mr. Haag said the group plans

to hold two new raffles this year. Tickets for the first one, to win the Traeger grill, will sell for \$25. Only 54 tickets will be sold.

Tickets for the second one will sell for \$20 and again, only 54 tickets will be sold. The winner will get his or her choice of any item off the auction table with the exception of the mystery gun or the youth auction item.

The group still plans to have a four-gun raffle as in the past, Mr. Haag added.

Two of the big items on the live auction table are tickets for the University of Kansas vs. University

of Colorado basketball game in Boulder, along with a night's stay in a four-star hotel on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

The other is for the Kansas State University-Colorado basketball game in Boulder along with a night stay in the hotel on Wednesday, Feb. 2.

The money raised at the banquet is used for chapter projects, including improvements at Sappa Park. This year, the group really wants to stress the importance of getting kids involved in hunting, he said.

Pantry needs food and cleaning items

The Decatur County Food Pantry is short on a few food and cleaning items and could use some donations before the holidays.

Anyone wanting to donate items should take them to the United Church at 109 N. Griffith Ave.

between 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Monday to Friday.

Melanie Anderson, who works at the church and supervises the pantry, said the donations have been coming in fairly well, but there are some items that the pantry is just running out of, including flour, sugar, tuna and baking supplies.

Ms. Anderson said the pantry can always use the basics, including

canned fruit and vegetables of all kinds. Some other items include ketchup, mustard and spaghetti noodles and sauce.

The pantry also accepts cleaning supplies, laundry soap and personal hygiene items. Cleaning and laundry items, said Ms. Anderson, always go fairly quickly.

While there is a good supply of toothpaste for now, she added, the

pantry is low on toothbrushes.

Demand has remained fairly steady, she said. It seems the pantry has had more people in this year to get help than in the past. A lot of the families that are coming to the pantry for items were just making it before, she said, and now they are struggling and need help.

People can use the food pantry up (See FOOD on Page 8A)

Time falls back Sunday

Clocks will jump back an hour Sunday morning as Daylight Saving Time comes to an end for the year.

The clocks will turn back an hour at 2 a.m. Sunday, which means the nights will seem even longer throughout the winter as the sun continues to set earlier and earlier.

This is the first time that the change has occurred after Halloween, due to a change in federal

law a couple of years ago. The change now is set for the first Sunday in November. Time will change back on the second Sunday in March.

While the official time change is overnight, most of us probably will set the clocks back Saturday night before going to bed or when we get up Sunday. Just don't forget, or you'll miss that extra hour of sleep and be early for everything Sunday morning.



*Crops being picked

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elevators. Every location, he said, is storing both corn and milo on the ground.
Corn harvest is just about done and the milo isn't too far behind it.
Janice O'Hare at Hansen Mueller Grain in Oberlin said the elevator has taken in 2.5 million bushels during fall harvest. At the elevator in Oberlin, the grain is being stored in bunkers, while in Cedar Bluffs, the elevator is full and the grain is going on the ground.
Throughout harvest, said Mrs. O'Hare, Hansen Mueller has shipped out by truck from 300,000 to 400,000 bushels of corn and the grain has been good and dry.

*Voters to pick winners

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Election workers man the polls, count the ballots in each town, deliver the ballots to the courthouse and then post the numbers.
Ms. Geishler said she heard on Monday that the secretary of state is predicting a 47.5 percent voter turn out. She said she's being optimistic and hoping for a 60 percent turn out here
All polls were to be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Contests on the ballot include:
• Jerry Moran, a Hays Republican; Lisa Johnston, Democrat; Joseph K. Bellis, Reform Party; and Michael Wm. Dann, Libertarian, for the U.S. Senate.
• Tim Huelskamp, Republican, Fowler; Alan Jilka, Democrat, Salina; and Jack Warner, Libertarian, for US representative for the 1st District.
• Sam Brownback and Jeff Colyer, Republicans; Tom Holland and Kelly Kultala, Democrats; Kenneth W. Cannon and Daniel J. Raublon, Reform Party; and Andrew P. Gray and Stacey Davis, Libertarians; for governor and lieutenant governor.
• Chris Biggs, an appointed Democrat; and challengers Kris Kobach, Republican; Derek Langseth, Reform; and Phillip Horatio Lucas, Libertarian, for secretary of state.
• Derek Schmidt, Republican challenger; incumbent Steve Six, Democrat; and Dennis Hawver, Libertarian, for attorney general.
• Ron Estes, Republican; and incumbent Dennis McKinney, Democrat, for state treasurer.
• Sandy Praeger, Republican, the incumbent, unopposed for commissioner of insurance.
• Sally Cagle, Republican, unopposed incumbent for state Board of Education in the 5th District.

Ready for the holidays



ON HALL STREET Monday afternoon, city employee Nan Stanley went up in the bucket truck to hang banners for the holiday season. — Herald staff photo by Kim Davis

*Food needed for local pantry

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to three times a year. She keeps track of how many times a person or family use it in the church records.
Each of the churches in the county take a month each year to ask members to bring food for the pantry. There is also an annual food drive at Stanley Hardware starting around Thanksgiving and ending at the start of the new year. Each year, the goal is for people to bring in 2,000 items, all of which are donated to the pantry.

People don't have to wait for their church's turn or for the food drive. They can donate whenever they want. Some people bring something in every week.
In 2008, 190 adults and 109 kids used the pantry for a total of 299 people helped, she said. In 2009, 342 adults and 199 kids used the pantry for a total of 541.
So far this year, 290 people have used the pantry with two months left. Some of those people have used it more than once.

*Carnival group saving for ride

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the authority's savings account, too. She said the board has been trying to save up to get a new ride, but that's the long term goal.
She said the group has been whittling down the maintenance on the rides, so hopefully the big items have been taken care of.
Ms. Schissler said the authority has \$83,000 total, which includes saving up for a new ride.
While Ms. Scott is planning to go off the board this year, she said she is still president until the next meeting.
The group plans on meeting in the next few weeks, she said, although nothing has been set. At the

meeting, elections will be held for president, vice president, treasurer and secretary.
While the amusement authority will retain a few members, most of board members' terms are over this year. Ms. Scott said the authority still needs two to three volunteers to serve.
The members going off the board include Ms. Scott, Ms. Schissler, Dana Koerperich, Melinda Grafel, Candi Ketterl and Jim Wesch. Current members include Brad Larson, Charissa Huff and Robert Rouse.
Anyone who is interested in serving can contact any of the members.

Gift-packed shoeboxes wanted for orphans

Shoe boxes full of goodies still are needed for Christmas presents for kids in an orphanage in Haiti.
The orphanage and school near Port Au Prince are run by an Oberlin couple, Pete and Nanette Zander.
The gift boxes can be delivered to the Dream Makers office in suite 5 of the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center on Main Street. The boxes, said Kem Bryan, a partner in Dream Makers, need to be ready to go by Thanksgiving.
The orphanage needs 38 wrapped boxes with gifts for the kids. If more than that are collected, said Mrs. Bryan, another orphanage close by with 119 kids will receive

some gifts.
Gift ideas include necessities like soap, underwear, socks and cloths. Other items could include a small toy, hard candy, crayons, solar calculators, writing pads, Legos, flashlights with batteries, small books and other items.
The kids include a 3-year-old boy, two 4-year-old girls and two boys that age, a 5-year-old boy and two girls, a 6-year-old girl and boy, three 7-year-old boys, five 8-year-old boys and four girls, four 9-year-old boys and two girls, five 10-year-old boys and two girls, one 11-year-old girl, a 12-year-old girl and a 14-year-old girl.

City plans meeting

The Oberlin City Council plans to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at The Gateway in its first meeting of November.
Jan Ackerman, the city's contract code enforcement officer, plans to be at the meeting to talk about a house 110 S. York that has overgrown trees and weeds. The discus-

ion, as the owner of the property is supposed to be in town for the meeting Thursday.
Interim Administrator Karen Larson said Verizon Wireless has contacted the city again about putting a tower in south of town.
The meeting is open to the public.

Council approves oil lease

The Oberlin City Council approved an oil-and-gas lease for the 169 acres near the sewer ponds south of town.

The council received a lease proposal from Fred J. Hambright this summer. Since then, the members have discussed the lease several times, narrowing it down to just the 169 acres at the sewer ponds.

At the meeting Thursday, Oct. 21, the council talked about the lease again before approving it. Although the company will lease the ground, Mrs. Larson said, before the company actually drills for oil or gas, the city will have to sign another document.

There was some comments made about seismic testing or oil wells at Sappa Park, at the golf course or near the cemetery. The lease, said Mayor Joe Stanley, is only for the 169 acres at the sewer plant.

The contract, said interim City Administrator Karen Larson, is for three years and the city will receive \$2,535 for it.

The council approved the lease with a unanimous vote.

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Farris Farm Partnership Real Estate AUCTION

600 (+/-) Acres Decatur County, Kansas Cropland
Mon., Nov. 8, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

Land Location: From Jennings, Kansas - 2 miles North.
Sale Location: Community Building - 133 S. Kansas - Jennings, Kansas.

Legal Descriptions & Tract Information ~ All in Decatur County, Kansas
Tract #1 Legal Description: Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Twelve (12), Township Four (4) South, Range Twenty-seven (27).
General Description: Approximately 80 Acres of growing wheat with the balance of the cropland wheat stubble.
Tract #2 Legal Description: North Half of Southeast Quarter (N1/2SE1/4) and Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter (SE1/4SE1/4) Section Twelve (12), Township Four (4) South, Range Twenty-seven (27).
General Description: Approximately 48 acres of growing wheat with the balance of the cropland wheat stubble.
Tract #3 Legal Description: Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Seven (7), Township Four (4) South, Range Twenty-six (26).
General Description: Approximately 30 acres of growing wheat with the balance of the cropland wheat and corn stubble.
Tract #4 Legal Description: South Half of the North Half (S1/2N1/2) of Section Seven (7), Township Four (4) South, Range Twenty-six (26).
General Description: Approximately 41 acres of growing wheat with the balance of the cropland corn and wheat stubble.

Map: R-27-W-4-S PLEASANT

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: This is a rare chance to buy, at public auction, 600 (+/-) acres of choice Decatur County, Kansas Cropland. This land will be selling in 4 individual tracts. This acreage is some of the better cropland in Decatur County. Wheat has been planted on all the tracts and the stand looks good.
Buyer will receive 1/3 of the 2011 wheat crop. The wheat stubble has all been sprayed, at Seller's expense, in preparation for the 2011 spring crop, or summer fallow. See you at the auction. -Les

FSA and Tax Information

Tract	Farmland Acres	Cropland Acres	Wheat Base/CC Tract Yield	Grain Sorghum Base/CC Tract Yield	2009 Taxes
#1	157.7	154.1	82.7/38	5.1/45	\$440.28
#2	120.0	111.1	69.6/38	3.7/45	\$330.22
#3	151.8	151.8	81.4/38	5.1/45	\$473.77
#4	147.3	143.4	76.9/38	4.8/45	\$459.73

Acres: All acreages are based on U.S. Government measurements and are considered approximate. The statements, while not guaranteed, are from reliable sources. Any costs incurred in establishing boundaries shall be the responsibility of the buyer(s). Sale is subject to easements, rights-of-way, reservation and/or restrictions of record. Seller and Realtor make no warranties, either expressed or implied. Broker represents the Seller only and will not be considered an agent for the Purchaser(s). Announcements made day of sale shall take precedence over all printed material. For more information, contact the broker.
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