

*Wheat needs a drink

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 "Over in Rawlins County," he said, "the wheat seems to be turned more."

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan spent some time last week in McPherson County, he said, adding that the Decatur County wheat is as good as any he saw.

"It's going to be earlier than normal," he said when asked when harvest might start.

Saturday, temperatures hit 98 degrees. Greg Grafel, co-owner of D&S Grain in Traer, said the heat and wind probably shaved some bushels off the potential yield. He went on to say that in his opinion, wheat looks better in the western half of the county.

"I think we caught an extra inch of moisture earlier," he said.

The anticipated rain this week would help the crop, said Mr. Grafel, especially the summer fallowed wheat. Depending on the weather, he estimated harvest could start in Decatur County in 10 days to two weeks.

Welcome home



ON MAIN STREET on Friday David Sporn, with the Oberlin city crew, helped put up welcome flags over the canopies for alumni/Memorial Day weekend.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

*Car passes through the generations

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The car was finally returned to the farm, two miles east of the Sherman Chapel Cemetery, where Melvin lived until moving to Oberlin.

Maynard and Melvin Smalberger decided several years ago to have the old Ford restored and they asked Steve "Jim" Rogers of Selden to do the work. He took on the project, but it took him from October 1997 to June 1999 to finish the job.

Mrs. Welsh said that during the restoration, the two brothers made several trips to Denver to get parts.

The restored car was first on display in the Decatur County Museum Summerfest and Car Show in June 1999 in Oberlin, then the following day at the antique show in Selden. Since then, it has been entered every year in Selden.

The car has been in the Smal-

berger family for 76 years and has won trophies or plaques for being in the "Top 5" entries. It has also been entered in the Heritage Days parade in McCook, a contest at the Herndon Ox Roast and a parade in Cozad, Neb.

Members of the Smalberger family who graduated from Decatur Community High School include Rex, 1939; Ella Mae, 1941; Margie, 1942; Maynard 1948; and Richard, 1951.

The Smalberger children attended Sherman Center Country School. Their father, who died in 1947, and their mother, who died in 1959, continued to live on the farm until their deaths.

The only living members of the family are Mrs. Welsh of McCook, Melvin of Oberlin and Richard of Beaverton, Ore.



STANDING BY THE MODELA on the farm before it was restored were Richard (left) and Melvin Smalberger.

*Tractor show set on Sunday

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A meal of barbecue pork, hamburgers and fixings will be served by the foundation. Refreshments will be sold by the Harvesters 4-H Club and other vendors in the park and

at the Community Building. Rose Bainter and family will perform in the park throughout lunch.

For more information, call Jacque Boultinghouse at (785) 386-4231 or Judy Rogers at (785) 386-8033.

*Veteran talks about her journey after war

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Days, months and years pass, the anger lessens, but not the frustration or the regret. So I have made the choice to use that frustration to strive to be a better mother, a better wife, a better friend. I use my quilts to break down my walls and open conversations with people who want to understand a war veteran but are not sure how to start that conversation by saying something like - "So I hear you blew up. Are you nuts like that always make veterans seem in the movies?"

I am no different that anyone else. I may be painfully aware of what I cannot do, but I am also learning all the amazing things that I can do. I have a quilt in the permanent art collection of the White House. I have quilts at the VFW headquarters in Washington, D.C., the Library of Congress, the Pentagon and multiple military and veteran facilities. I speak across the country about being a survivor and trying to remind you that you can be a survivor, too.

Physically, I skied with the National Para-Ski Team, winning a medal there while also medaling in two out of three triathlons I attempt. I still walk with a cane on days that I seem to have forgotten how to use these fickle legs of mine. I even have to use a special three-wheeled bicycle that sits a few inches above the ground to prevent me from tipping over because of my infamous balance, which helped me fall down a flight of marble stairs while speaking with the Fort Carson base commander and upper echelon. It was not pretty.

I have written a book, no best seller, but completely from my heart. I speak on multiple college panels about service to our country and donate quilts to veterans almost every time I go to the VA.

I LIVE ONE DAY AT A TIME.

I am alive. Many of our friends are not. I am alive. Too many of my friends (and) family members are not. So it is in their honor and with the sliver of hope that my children will see that there is no giving up. I will not give up. I will not be defeated. I will not retreat. I am no hero. I am a veteran.

So, on this day of mourning, we are here to celebrate the lives and sacrifices of our military fallen, to remember the lost plans, hopes and dreams of the men and women who have lost their lives supporting the United States of America, when and wherever she may need them.

During this day, we clean the graves of fallen soldiers - decorat-

ing them with flags and flowers We visit our memorial sites, fly our flags at half mast. We take a moment to stop what we are doing to remember and ultimately to renew our pledge as individuals and a grateful nation to support the survivors and honor the dead.

I'd like to share a brief passage by Abraham Lincoln, written for the Gettysburg Address, that is much more eloquent and timely than perhaps I could surmise.

"But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate - we can not consecrate - we can not hallow - this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note,

nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us - that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion - that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain - that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom - and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Thank you, and God bless.

*Owners should vaccinate pets

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 Rabies is transmitted in the saliva of a rabid animal through the act of biting or scratching."

She said the department is prepared to answer questions about rabies and help anyone who might be exposed.

Pet owners should make sure their animals are up to date with all vaccinations, she said. Unvaccinated pets, or one that's overdue on vaccination, that come in contact with a rabid animal or bite a human must either be destroyed or quarantined for six months.

Animals with up-to-date vaccines can receive booster vaccinations within five days of exposure, she said. She advised people to talk to their veterinarian about the appropriate vaccination schedule for pets, as requirements may differ in each city.

She advised people to take these "common-sense" steps to avoid exposure to rabies and to share them with children, friends and relatives:

- If you are bitten, scratched, or have contact with an animal you believe to be rabid, immediately wash the wound, seek medical attention and report the incident to the county health department. In Oberlin, the

number is 475-8118.

- To avoid unnecessary rabies shots, all potentially rabid animals that may have exposed someone should be confined and observed or tested for rabies. Contact the health department for information.

- Although a bite from a rabid animal is the primary way for rabies to be transmitted, report any contact with an animal that may be rabid.

- Avoid contact with any wild animal. Be suspicious of wild animals that are unusually tame or aggressive, especially those that attack your pets. Do not feed wild animals.

- Avoid contact with any stray animals.

- Do not handle a pet with bare hands for several hours following any involvement with suspected rabid wild animals. Contact your veterinarian as soon as possible.

The Kansas State University rabies laboratory in Manhattan says this is the first positive test in Decatur County this year and the 27th in Kansas. Those include 13 skunks, three bats, four horses, two bovines, one raccoon, one coyote and three cats.

In 2011, the lab says, 31 animals tested: 24 skunks, four cats and three bats.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF

Jean Ann Hale, County Treasurer of Decatur County, Kansas, Showing Balance on hand for the Quarter ending April 30, 2011

County General	869,522.20	Special Park & Recr....	1,742.23
SW Bell Rural 911	13,860.97	Summer Recreation....	1,892.32
Wireless E-911	23,142.88	Public Trans	3,356.53
SP Prosecutors Tr Fund..	3,939.08	Special Jail Equip.....	5,928.13
Recycling	8,185.33	PATF	844.44
Landfill	3,957.04	Sp Fire Equip.....	161,295.77
Road & Bridge	697,122.92	Bond & Interest	80,331.79
Special Bridge	155,588.28	RFD Memorial.....	3,298.14
Home for Aged.....	34,006.33	Economic Devel.....	221.21
Conservation District ...	2,232.67	RFD	1,873.28
County Health Nurse..	44,106.03	RFD	41,088.46
Noxious Weed Sp Eq..	17,959.00	Bad Check Trust Fund..	2,679.48
Ambulance Memorial...	2,488.42	Election filing fees	210.00
Ambulance.....	300,038.56	History Books	1,829.00
Co Health Sp Equip...22,	343.00	Current Tax	429,259.44
Noxious Weed	43,666.34	Advance Tax	147.60
Special Road Mach ..	100,368.25	Motor Vehicle Tax	69,002.96
Election	48,437.83	Delq Personal Tax.....	13,557.42
Ambulance Sp Equip...72,	755.94	Good Sam Mem.....	558,698.63
Deeds Tech. Fund.....	9,497.98	Treasurer Spec. Auto..	11,114.18
Employee Benefit.....	643,864.68	Motor Vehicle Lic.....	2,399.25
Equip. Reserve	104,070.37	Sales Tax	33,782.90
Conceal & Carry	2,523.37	RV Tax.....	1,148.79
Juvenile Detention.....	2,710.00	Partial Pay	13,966.37
Summer Rec. Mem	3,087.50	Redemp. & Assign ...	21,423.65
Senior Citizens.....	16,771.70	Suspense Acct	12,179.74
Employee WH.....	27,477.24		
Cafeteria 125	22,088.68		
Sp Alcohol Program	7,659.63		
		Total	4,777,013.93

TOWNSHIP OR CITY	GEN'L Revenue	Road	SP Road	S.Waste
Allison		263.04		
Altory		227.60		
Bassettville		25,762.09	59,743.61	
Beaver		226.98		
Center		241.28		
Cook		251.23		
Custer		218.89		
Dresden		253.09		714.00
Finley		13,127.55		
Garfield		275.48		
Grant		245.63		
Harlan		289.16		
Jennings		290.41		
Liberty		271.13		
Lincoln		271.75		
Logan		7,561.18		
Lyon		309.06		
Oberlin		20,434.62	5,918.31	
Olive		20,566.16		
Pl Valley		309.68		
Prairie Dog		254.98		
Roosevelt		223.25		
Sappa		197.13		
Sherman		7,348.51		
Summit		12,103.98		
TOTAL	0.00	111,523.83	65,661.92	714.00

CEMETERY

Norcatour	64.35
Dresden	13.22
Hawkeye	63.80
TOTAL	141.37

FUND

County Funds	4,777,013.93
Township Funds	177,899.75
Cemetery Funds	141.37
TOTAL	4,955,055.05

CASH:

Investments	1,745,072.08
The Bank Oberlin	1,302,993.19
Cash	625.00
The Bank MM	263,908.64
The Bank OB. MM	251,637.67
FNB Wireless E911	23,142.77
Farmers Bk & Tr.	1,253,779.15
TB MM-Good Sam Mem	113,896.55

TOTAL 4,955,055.05

State of Kansas, Decatur County, ss

I, Jean Ann Hale, Treasurer of DECATUR County, Kansas, do solemnly swear that the above statement is complete, true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief. SO HELP ME GOD.

Jean Ann Hale, County Treasurer
 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That the foregoing statement was subscribed and sworn to before me, and in my presence, by the above named, this 18th day of May, 2012. Colleen Geihlsler, County Clerk



Congratulations!

Kaelea Stoney David Noren Brent Juenemann

Blake Bergling -not pictured

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