

# Council studies projects

The Oberlin City Council received a draft copy of a project board for city projects Thursday, Nov. 18, put together by Miller and Associates, the McCook engineering firm that works with the city.

Councilman Jay Anderson said they could possibly put a larger version of it in one of the empty storefronts downtown. Councilman Joe Stanley added that they might put a note on it showing whether the projects were on schedule.

At the request of the council, City Foreman Dan Castle checked into milling streets to reduce the crown which builds up with annual sealing. He said basically it comes down to what is underneath as to whether the streets can be milled and repaved with a lower crown. They also need to take into consideration the condition of the streets now.

Unless the city wants to change the gutters, he said, they are restricted by the elevation.

The only way to know if a street has a good base and can be milled is to take core samples, he said, or bring in a back hoe and tear up part of the street.

The council talked about purchasing a milling machine.

# Townships get officers

The Decatur County commissioners approved nominations for trustees for Olive and Roosevelt townships at their meeting Tuesday, Nov. 16.

In both cases, there was no one on the ballot for the election but two men received one write-in vote each. Brian Simonsson received one vote in Olive Township and Elden Long, one in Roosevelt Township.

The commissioners received a road-closing petition for a road between sections 2 and 3 in Roosevelt Township.

A hearing will be held on the request on next Tuesday.

Commissioners handed out election certificates to officials even though most won't be sworn in until January. Treasurer Jean Hale won't be sworn in until October.

# Home tour to be Dec. 12

Tickets for the Decatur Professional Women's annual Christmas Home Tour are on sale at the Dresser or through members of the club.

The tour will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12, at the United Church in Oberlin.

Homes on the tour include those of Judy Scott, Anita Hirsch, Jennifer Auxier and Peggy Carswell.

Tickets for the tour are \$12, with proceeds going to scholarships for high school graduates this year or women furthering their education.

The price includes the tour and a soup supper following at the church.



**LINING UP FOR PLATES** of turkey, ham, dressing and corn, Carol and Bill Duncan (above) were among about 120 people at the community Thanksgiving dinner at St. John's

Lutheran Church. While her mother, Colleen Rittmann, helped serve the dinner, 4-year-old Rielly Rittmann (below) ate in the kitchen. — Herald staff photos by Cynthia Haynes

# Dozens sit down to dinner

Volunteers served around 115 people during the community Thanksgiving dinner at St. John's Lutheran Church last Thursday.

Dorothy Moore, who organized the event this year, said they cooked seven turkeys and three hams. All of the meat was purchased by the church with the exception of a turkey donated by Doris and Edwin Black.

Jeanette Diederich made the rolls and the numerous pies and salads were brought in by volunteers, said Ms. Moore.

The dinner was free although an offering was taken. After the expenses are covered for the meat, potatoes and vegetables, money left over will be given to the Decatur County Food Bank.

Ms. Moore said Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will make a contribution to the pantry at that time.

She said a big thanks goes out to the community for coming to the dinner, bringing food and taking time to help.



# Telethon supports 19 pleas

Each year the Seeds of Hope committee selects area organizations to receive money raised at its February telethon.

At a recent meeting, the committee chose 19 organizations to receive money. Each of the organizations had sent in a letter to the committee. The group then used a secret ballot and selected the organizations which will get money.

Those picked were the Norcatur Pre-School, Decatur County Stand Against Violence, Oberlin Lions Club, Creative Movements Gymnastics, Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce, Oberlin pool project, Decatur County Museum, Oberlin Community Fellowship, Jennings City Library, Tripple Creek Riders, FROGS summer day camp, High Plains ArtFest, Decatur County Ministerial Association, American Family Radio, Salvation Army, the Blue Angels, the Decatur Area Theater Association and Sunflower Cinema.

The committee will be sending letters to all those who will and will not be receiving money, said Jack Benton.

Twenty-five organizations applied this year, and the committee urged them to apply again next year.

Organizations receiving money will be responsible for providing a few pies for the telethon and they will also have to provide someone to be interviewed on the air during the event.

This is the 10-year anniversary of the telethon, which goes out on Oberlin cable.

# State gets new offices

Work started last Wednesday with the pouring of a cement foundation for a new state office building in Colby, just south of the Hi-Plain Co-op fueling station on South Country Club Drive.

The building will house a regional office for the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and a Department of Labor job placement service for northwest Kansas, said City Manager Carolyn Armstrong.

The 11,800-square-foot building is expected to bring an additional 35 jobs to Colby, adding to the 14 already at the current welfare office, Armstrong said last week.

The development group winning the bid for the new building includes Glen Strait, architect with Strait Associates in Colby; Curt Stephens, Stephens Construction; and Jeff Unger.

Even though the new building is outside the city limits, the Colby City Council by consensus will provide in-town utility rates, Ms. Armstrong said.

## NEW DOCTOR OPENS PRACTICE IN RAWLINS COUNTY



Dr. Gail Girouard, Family Practitioner, recently joined the Staff of the **RAWLINS CLINIC/Atwood**, and will also serve as Medical Director for the **RAWLINS CLINIC/Herndon** and **RAWLINS CLINIC/McDonald**.

Dr. Girouard received her Master of Science Degree (with honors), and her Doctor of Medicine from Creighton University in Omaha. She specializes in Family Medicine and Women's Health, and has most recently served as a Family Practitioner in the community of Schuyler, Neb.

Dr. Girouard looks forward to serving the citizens of Rawlins County and surrounding communities. She selected Northwest Kansas as a practice location because of her great love for clean air and great opportunities for outdoor exercise.

**For additional information about Dr. Girouard's office hours or to make an appointment, please call (785)626-3241.**

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