

# Holiday season begins with annual Thanksgiving feast

By KIMBERLY DAVIS

The garland has already been hung in downtown Oberlin, and the stars and wreaths are going up along the main streets, along with other Christmastime decorations.

It's only a day and a week until the traditional kickoff of the holiday season on Friday, Nov. 25, the day after Thanksgiving.

Store fronts boast items to be placed in stockings and under the Christmas tree. Doors to those same stores show posters advertising upcoming events, including the annual community Thanksgiving dinner, the light parade and the craft show.

Each year, St. John's Lutheran Church is host for a free Thanksgiving dinner on turkey day. The dinner, held at noon, follows a worship time at 10:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome at both. Reservations can be made for dinner by calling Peggy Groneweg at 475-1066.

The proceeds from donations at the dinner after expenses will go to the Decatur County Food Pantry and will be matched up to \$500 by Thrivent.

The first viewing of the decorated Christmas trees at the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday in conjunction with an open house planned by many of the antique shops in Oberlin.

On Friday, Nov. 25, the Oberlin Business Alliance will sponsor its annual light parade. This year's theme is "Santa's Light Express."

Before the parade, the Oberlin Lions Club will have a soup supper at 5 p.m. at the Golden Age Center.

The parade will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Decatur Co-op and head up Main Street to the Good Samaritan Center. As of Monday, the alliance had 15 entries.

Anyone who wants to enter a float can call the Chamber of Commerce office at 475-3441 or Gary Walter at 475-3817 weekdays before 5 p.m. Entries can be taken up to that night.

Traditionally, Santa Claus shows up during the parade and meets with kids in the foyer of the Decatur County courthouse afterward. Kids get a chance to sit on Santa's lap, have their picture taken and ask for something special.

Stores on Main Street will be open until 8 p.m. after the parade.

During the day, stores will offer treats and have guessing contests. Winners will be announced after the light parade.

The tree tour at Last Indian Raid Museum will be open following the parade from 7 to 8 p.m. The museum has around 20 trees decorated by individuals, businesses and organizations.

The tour is free. There will be refreshments provided by the museum board and Ron Temple's Gospel Singers will perform.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26, the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission will sponsor its 20th annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show.

The show will have more than 80 booths selling everything from handmade blankets to signs to wreaths to ornaments.

There will be lunch at The Gateway that day and babysitting is available.

## Thank you, veterans!



**MEN FROM THE OBERLIN AMERICAN LEGION** held an impromptu parade Friday for Veterans Day. From left, Robert Groneweg, Lawrence Wenger, Dave Bergling and John Bremer marched the colors down Main Street at

11 a.m. They were followed in an old Navy Jeep driven by Walter Pannel with veterans in the front and back seats, including 1st Sgt. Jerry Chambers, just back from a tour in Iraq.

— Herald staff photo by Karla Jones

## Christmas on Us promotion starts

Shoppers can start picking up numbered tickets at participating businesses today for a chance to win \$2,500 in prizes in Oberlin merchants' big Christmas on Us drawing.

There will be \$2,500 given away, including a \$1,500 grand prize, \$500 to the second-place winner and \$50 each to 10 "instant winners."

Tickets will be handed out by the 21 sponsoring businesses starting this week. For every \$10 a shopper spends in one of the businesses, they get one ticket. Anyone can get one ticket per week from the newspaper office or from the Decatur County Area Chamber Commerce, so no purchase is necessary to win.

There is a limit of 250 tickets for any one purchase at any one sponsor.

Employees of *The Oberlin Herald* and their immediate families are not eligible to win. Employees of sponsoring firms are not allowed to get tickets at their place of business, but can collect them elsewhere.

All of the prizes will be given in scrip, which can only be spent at sponsoring businesses.

Each week, the tickets will be collected from sponsoring businesses by 5 p.m. on Friday. Starting on Wednesday, Nov. 23, in-

stant winning numbers will be printed in the paper. Numbers will be printed on Wednesday, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14, or until 10 instant winners pick up their prizes.

Winners have until 5 p.m. Friday of that week to collect their prize. Any unclaimed \$50 instant winning money will be given during the grand prize drawing.

The last day to collect tickets is Friday, Dec. 16, and boxes will be picked up that day.

The drawing will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17, in downtown Oberlin. Winners must be present and must have their tickets with them. All winners agree to be photographed and interviewed for *The Oberlin Herald*.

All winners must be 18 years old or older.

Sponsors include Rocking R, Ampride/Decatur Co-op, Dale's Fish 'N' Fun, Raye's Grocery, Southwest Implement, the Dresser, Countryside Veterinary Services, R&M Service Center, Prairie Petals, Fidele Electric, the LandMark Inn, Ward Drug Store, Stanley Hardware, Home Planning Center, Addleman Drug Store, Culligan Water Conditioning, Shear Creation West/Day Spa, Flowers by Lee, the Carpet Center, Lifetime Eyecare and the Bank.

## Brownsville Revival in Hoxie this week

A team of 15 Brownsville Revival students from Florida will hold services for two days at Living Word Fellowship Church in Hoxie this weekend.

Brownsville Revival is best known for the 1995 Father's Day outpouring in which the spirit of revival was released from heaven and poured out on Pensacola, Fla., for seven years. In that time, said Rev. Dan Rohm, pastor of the Hoxie church, four million people have

come from all over the world to be touched and experience the power and love of God.

Pastor Rohm is a graduate of Brownsville Revival School of Ministry. The church in Hoxie will be hosting the team and invites everyone to come to a service.

The team will be ministering at Sappa Valley Youth Ranch on Friday night and then hold three public services in Hoxie.

Services are at 7 p.m. Saturday

and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday. The team will minister, said Pastor Rohm, with Brownsville-style worship, live dramas, fiery preaching, prayer and personal testimonies.

One of the team members, retired Army Capt. David Holden, will tell of his experiences as a platoon commander of 200 men in the infantry while stationed in Iraq. Capt. Holden lost his right foot while attempting to diffuse a roadside bomb which exploded and threw him 50

feet in the air.

He says that while he lay bleeding in the sand, the Lord told him that he wouldn't die. After returning to the United States, Capt. Holden said, he knew that God was calling him to Brownsville to take classes.

All services will be held at Living Word Fellowship, a quarter mile west of Hoxie on U.S. 24.

For information, call Pastor Rohm at (785) 675-3004.

## Fund raiser set for Oberlin man's surgery

A group of women will hold a bake sale starting at 3:30 p.m. next Wednesday in front of Raye's Grocery store to raise money for cornea transplant surgery needed to save the sight of an Oberlin man.

Timothy S. Davis was told in August that he needed transplant surgery in his right eye as soon as pos-

sible and would probably need surgery for his left eye within the next six months to a year. With surgery costing more than \$30,000, a group of Oberlin church women are planning a bake sale to help raise money for the family.

The women will make a variety of goodies just in time for Thanksgiv-

ing, including sugar-free items. They'll be in front of Raye's Gro-

## PIANO SALE

**COTTONWOOD INN**  
East Highway 36  
Phillipsburg, Kansas

### 2 DAYS ONLY!

Wednesday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00am to 8:00pm  
Thursday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00am to 7:00pm

**Huge Savings - Grand Piano Trade-Ins**  
Grands, Player Grands and Consoles

**90 Days Same As Cash, Financing Available (wac)**

New and Used  
Warranty, Delivery and Tuning Included

**PIANOS UNLIMITED**  
800-201-4551 620-960-1069

## student of the week



Name: Heather Glodt  
Parents: Kelly and Sue Glodt  
Grade: 10  
Age: 15  
Student Comment: High School seems to be flying by really fast. I try to enjoy it and make a bunch of good memories while it lasts because I know it will go by faster.

Activities involved in at school: Volleyball, basketball, track, Kayettes, Spanish club and weight club.

My choice of movies, books and games: I like all kinds of music. I like books and games that are entertaining.

After I leave Decatur Community High School I intend to: go to college and have the best future I possibly can.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: graduated from college, married with kids and have a great life!

Favorite Quote: "Live life to the fullest."

## WARD DRUG STORE

Kurt Vollertsen  
142 S. Penn, Oberlin - 785-475-2285 1-800-698-5757

## 20TH ANNUAL OBERLIN HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

Call Mary Henzel at 785-475-3329 or Ella Betts at 785-475-3557 for more information

**Featuring 80 Booths**  
**FREE Admission**  
Lunch will be served. Babysitting on site.

**Saturday**  
**November 26, 2004**  
**9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**The Gateway**  
**at U.S. Hwys 36 & 83**  
**Oberlin Kansas**

This event sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission

## Addleman Drug Store

is hosting a seminar on the  
**2006 Medicare Part D**  
**Prescription Drug Program**

**for our Medicare-eligible customers on**  
**Sunday, November 20 at 2 p.m. at**  
**The Gateway, Little Theater**

(Please bring your "Medicare & You 2006 Handbook")

Family-owned / operated since 1906

**DRUG STORE**  
**Addleman**

Phone 475-2661 — Oberlin — Toll Free 1-800-794-3784  
Service and value are the cornerstones of our business.