



NEW MEAL SITE MANAGER Helen Gee (right) dished up food at Golden Age Center on Monday. Assisting her were Julie Gallentine (far left) and Mary Ann Amack. Mrs. Gee started her new job on Sept. 1.
— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Meal site gets new manager

Helen Gee has been named manager of the Homestead Nutrition Meal Site at 220 N. Penn in Oberlin, replacing the late Delores Zoder. Mrs. Gee and her husband, Gene, moved to Oberlin in 1982 from Camp Creek, Okla., when he became pastor of the Church of the Nazarene. They later moved to Atwood, where he served as pastor of the church there. Mrs. Gee was manager of Obert Senior Center Meal Site in Atwood from 1995 to 1998. The couple moved back to Oberlin in October 1998. She said senior citizens are en-

couraged to eat lunch at the site, where serving begins at 11:30 a.m. Meals are delivered in the site's bus by Willa Urban, with help from volunteers who report at 10:30 a.m. to set up for the meal while she goes to Atwood to pick up the food, which is prepared at Obert. She said they need more volunteers. Anyone interested in eating at the site or having meals delivered should call Mrs. Gee at the center the previous day at (785) 475-3222, or at home at 475-2389. Cost is \$2.50 for those over 60 and \$4.50 for anyone under 60. Everyone is welcome.

Mrs. Gee said she plans to have some programs during lunch. She said Cottonwood Home Care comes to the center every six weeks to do foot care. *The Oberlin Herald* will start printing menus in the Town Crier column and will also list upcoming events. Mr. Gee works at CMA Distributors in Oberlin and as a supply pastor, and the couple conducts revival meetings in the area. They have a son, Kenny and Colleen Gee, Justin and Jacob, of Oberlin, and a daughter, Beverly and Robert Keys, who live in Topeka with their children, Robbie, James and Katherine. Both children graduated from Decatur Community High School.

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Bill and Betty June Kelley of Junction City were also among guests for the 80th birthday party which honored Marie Zimmerman on Sept. 3. Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. Zimmerman are sisters.

Labor Day weekend guests of Jerry and Sharon Shuetz were their daughters, Janet Schuetz, Hays; Kathy and Steve Campbell, and Josh, Aurora, Colo.; and Lisa and Rick Johnson, Ian, Nash and Levi, Salina. They all came to attend funeral services for Viron and Christa Johnson at McCook.

Gary and Becky Alstrom of Oberlin and Tony and Ramona Amlong of Dresden were in Hays on Friday to make the acquaintance of their new grandson, Wyatt Anthony Amlong, who was born that day to John and Nikki Amlong of Pfifer.

Kay Harold of Clinton, Iowa, visited from Sunday to Tuesday with her mother, June Harold. She will begin teaching on Monday as an on-line instructional specialist at Ashford University in Clinton.

Doris Sloan returned home last week from Flower Mound, Texas. She had accompanied her daughter, Cindi Sauder, and Brad, to their home recently after they had visited here.

Jerald and Elaine Leitner spent from Thursday to Saturday visiting her brother, Claude and Doris Runyan, at Greeley, Colo.

A private graveside service will be held on Saturday at Chardon

Cemetery in Rawlins County for Lavern Lee Morgan, 72, of Atwood, who died in a one-vehicle accident southeast of Atwood on Friday. A memorial service will be held later. He was a cousin of Stan Morgan, a former Oberlin attorney.

Jamie Elwood was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 2005 semester at Garden City Community College. She is the daughter of Danny and Judy Elwood of Oberlin.

Winning highs in pinochle at Golden Age Center the past week were Barb Solko, Dewaine Stapp, Wilma May, Marie McKisson and Veanna Carman. Lows went to Veanna Carman, Aleen Van Vleet, Doris Miller and Floyd Edgett. Pitch highs were won by Floyd Edgett and Barb Solko with lows going to Aleen Van Vleet and Dorothy Moore. Bridge winners were Cynthia Matson and Charlotte Meints. Senior potluck will begin at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday at Golden Age Center.

Curtis and Connie Meixner of Arkansas City visited Sunday and Monday with her parents, Hank and Bea Wolfram, at Cedar Living Center.

Gene and Helen Gee went to Holdrege, Neb., on Saturday and he preached on Sunday at the Cornerstone Community Fellowship Church. They both participated in the singspiration at the church Sunday evening.

Jerald and Elaine Leitner attended funeral services for LeRoy Sullivan in Holdrege, Neb., on Monday.

Rotary has organic program

Jim Rowh of Norton presented a program on organic farming at the Sept. 5 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club. He was introduced by Ken Schultz.

Mr. Rowh, who operates Pure Prairie Natural Foods, talked about the Organic Crop Improvement Association, which covers all aspects of organic farming. He said organic farming and products are found worldwide and include grains, livestock and dairy products. He noted that organic farmers are receiving better prices for their crops if they are certified as organic.

Colleen Rittmann was welcomed as a new member. Neal Russell shared new technology that he uses with new students learning to play musical instruments at the Aug. 29 meeting. It is a computer program designed to help students practice.

Patty Skubal, owner of The Vault, which has vintage clothing, presented the Aug. 15 program. She showed some of her classic clothes and said that actress Rachel Lee Ward will be wearing some of her period clothes in an upcoming movie, "American Gangster."

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of DECATUR COUNTY will meet on the 26th day of September, 2006 at 10 a.m. at the Courthouse in the Office of the Decatur County Commission for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at the Office of the Decatur County Clerk and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY
Proposed Budget 2007 Expenditures and Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2007 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change, depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	2005		2006		Proposed Budget 2007		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimated Tax Rate*
General	968,886	11.372	1,003,300	11.969	1,040,750	509,325	15.863
Road	1,114,346	8.451	980,000	9.648	1,030,000	315,400	9.823
Spec Bridge	117,577	2.000	300,000	2.000	250,000	64,215	2.000
Home for Aged	45,500	0.511	55,500	0.499	75,000	15,500	0.483
Fair Premiums	2,969	0.096	3,500	0.095	3,500	3,000	0.093
Fair Maintenance	16,778	0.485	17,125	0.479	17,250	15,250	0.475
Conservation District	10,000	0.319	12,250	0.284	12,250	10,000	0.311
Hospital Maintenance	212,539	6.091	215,000	6.022	216,000	193,500	6.027
County Health Nurse	100,647	1.172	101,500	1.159	101,500	36,750	1.145
Extension Council	67,500	1.914	70,000	1.892	70,000	60,000	1.869
Mental Health	25,618	0.734	26,000	0.733	27,000	24,000	0.747
Mental Retardation	27,836	0.798	28,000	0.788	29,000	25,500	0.794
Out-District Tuition	13,326	0.319	43,000		21,340		
Noxious Weed	132,571	2.041	139,000	2.163	155,000	68,650	2.138
Election	16,183	0.319	41,500	0.631	42,000	20,000	0.623
Special Liability	15,062	0.574	2,357		6,875		
Employee Benefits	470,629	14.032	625,000	14.819	720,000	500,000	15.573
Senior Citizens Levy	18,902	0.765	41,500	0.788	41,500	20,000	0.623
Bond & Interest	32,595		45,165		45,165		
Museum-Historical	16,929	0.479	17,000	0.473	17,750	15,500	0.483
Economic Development	17,237	0.495	17,750	0.489	18,000	15,725	0.490
Spec/Alcohol/Drugs	2,629		4,401		3,500		
Spec Park/Recreation	526		3,687		3,500		
Summer Rec/Gen	11,749		12,606		10,000		
Transp Bus/Gen	23,703		24,250		25,000		
Spec Equip Reserve	66,400		132,185				
Spec Machine/R&B	222,100		480,497				
Wireless 911	69,082						
911 phone							
Totals	3,446,785	52.967	3,792,535	54.931	3,946,880	1,881,090	59.560
Less Transfers							
Net Expenditure	3,446,785		3,792,535		3,946,880		
Total Tax Levied	1,660,720		1,742,152				
Assessed Valuation	31,397,176		31,715,450		32,107,609		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2004	2005	2006				
G.O. Bonds	295,000	271,764	203,444				
Other			0				
Revenue Bonds			0				
Lease Pur. Princ.			0				
Total	295,000	271,764	203,444				

Other District Funds	2005		2006		Proposed Budget 2007		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2005 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimated Tax Rate*
Ambulance Dist #1		2.239	1,162,700	2.229	163,500	70,250	2.206
Total Tax Levies	70,023		70,678				
Valuation - DC -	31,351,733		31,715,450		32,078,388		
Rural Fire Dist #1		1.761	165,000	1.360	143,500	36,773	1.360
Total Tax Levied	45,966		36,000				
DC Valuation	23,522,621		23,872,906		24,315,919		
NT Valuation			2,585,158		2,723,988		
See special Publication for Cemetery Districts							
Totals	0	4.000	327,700	3.589	307,000	107,023	3.566

*Tax rates are expressed in mills
Marilyn Horn, Decatur County Clerk