

*Fifty vendors to be at craft fair

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northwest Kansas.”
Next on the Chamber’s to-do list is the “Mall in the Hall” Holiday Shopping Expo at the Decatur County Museum’s Old Bohemian

Hall. This event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, will feature all sorts of gifts, Mr. Swank said, as well as holiday sweets on sale to raise money for the Chamber.

*Bank expands

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“In Colby, we moved from our location at 1290 W. Fourth to 1195 S. Range, to what was the First National Bank,” he said. “We’re operating the original on limited hours of 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., but only at the drive-up, and only until this Friday.”

Mr. Walter said The Bank will honor First National checks until they can be replaced. With everything involved in the changeover, he said, they’re hoping to honor them for 60 days.

“As soon as we can get new checks in people’s hands,” he said, “it will make everything easier. We can go longer than 60 days if we need to, but that’s our goal.”

Ambulance rates go up for county

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The cost of riding in a Decatur County ambulance went up Nov. 1, as county commissioners agreed to increase charges to \$400 a trip and \$10 per mile driven with a patient. The old rate was \$300 and \$7.50 per mile.

The hike came a week after the commissioners approved an increase in the fee ambulance workers are paid for each run from \$20 to \$25, which made their pay and volunteer firemen’s the same.

The decision to raise rates came at the commissioners’ meeting Oct. 31 after Emergency Medical Services Director Linda Manning reported on what other counties in the area charged and found that Decatur could be doing better.

“It hasn’t changed in about four or five years,” Ms. Manning said, “so we’re just trying to raise it to help

cover costs.”
She noted that Sheridan County, for example, is charging \$450 a run and \$15 a mile, as does Norton. Cheyenne County charges \$400 and \$11.22 per mile and Rawlins County is \$450 and \$8.50 per mile.

These charges are typically sent to the patient’s insurance, though if the person is uninsured, the patient is responsible.

Ms. Manning said that one of the ambulances hit a deer on Oct. 20, though thankfully it wasn’t the new one. The deer took out a headlight, siren, emergency lights and the grill, for total damage of about \$5,000. The crew was taking a patient from Norcatour to Norton, she said, but no one was injured and they finished the run.

Ms. Manning told commissioners that she had found “deer guards” for two ambulances for \$825 a piece, and their purchase was approved.

Surveying the damage



POLICE CHIEF TROY HAAS took pictures of the scene after a car ran into the brick wall of Shelli’s Hair Design on Friday. The driver, a woman who accidentally hit her gas pedal instead of the brake, was taken to the hospital but was not admitted. A hospital spokesman later said she was unharmed.

— Herald staff photo by Stephanie DeCamp

Church donates to county

An Oberlin church has made a donation to help the Decatur County Rural Fire Department upgrade its radio equipment, using payments from an oil well on land the church inherited.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 404 N. York Ave., gave the county \$1,000 for purchase of an 800-megahertz radio.

“The (radio) is on a system that the (Kansas Department of Transportation) put in with towers all over the state,” said Fire Chief Bill Cathcart. “The radios, if you have them programmed right, mean that you can talk to anyone in the whole state. It’s a system so that we can have interoperable communication with all of the surrounding counties.”

“After the disastrous fires Decatur County experienced this past summer,” said a statement from the church, “the need was felt to update some very outdated

equipment that was lacking in the protection needed for the community.”

The land where the well was later drilled was left to the church by former member Theresia Waldo in her will. The well began pumping March 4, 2010.

“Tracy Waldo’s gift ... continues to be a blessing for Faith Lutheran Church,” said Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler. “Who would have known that there was another blessing that came from far below the surface?”

“We really appreciate them doing this,” said Chief Cathcart. “I appreciate their donation a lot.”

Mrs. Waldo was born in Traer on April 3, 1888. She married Waid Waldo in 1917, and they lived in Traer until 1925, when they moved to Oberlin. The couple was one of the founding members of the church in 1954. Waid died in 1958, and Theresia on Oct. 4, 1976.

Bingo!



AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Turkey Bingo on Sunday night, Jeff Juenemann was trying to pick a winning card.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

City’s street project hits aesthetic bump

Oberlin’s street project is winding down, but not without a few, er, bumps in the road.

“There are eight panels on the west end of Columbia Street that have marks left on them from the concrete saw they used to cut the joints after paving,” said engineer Lance Harter of Miller and Associates, the McCook engineering firm that designed and supervised the project.” Mr. Harter told the City Council at its meeting Thursday,

“It’s strictly an aesthetic issue, but it’s up to you how you want to proceed.”

Mr. Harter said that Bryant and Bryant, the contractor on the project, said they could patch the area with a one-year warranty.

“I don’t have much experience patching myself,” Mr. Harter said, “because we never run into this ... They want to patch it all, and then within a year come back and inspect it. But then if we’re unhappy with

the patch, we would be right back to where we are with the replacement of the area.

“I would suggest removing the concrete and replacing it, at no cost to the city.”

The council considered the options, but the sentiment seemed to be summed up with Mayor Rob McFee’s assessment:

“It’s my experience with warranties,” he said, “that four days after they expire, the thing falls apart.”

The council voted to ask Bryant and Bryant to just go ahead and repair the area instead of patching it, and furthermore, to withhold payment of \$50,000 until the job was done. Mr. Harter summed it up easily the next day, saying that in the end, it wasn’t as big a deal as it might sound.

“It’s fair to say we’re working with the contractor to remedy the issue,” he said. “It’s not necessarily a fist fight.”

Concert band changes time of show

Oberlin Area Concert Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. (note change of time) in a Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Decatur Community High School Auditorium. Featured will be a vocal solo by

Anita Hirsch, plus accompanists Jenny Hirsch Tally, Joan Glading and Chris Nelson. Mrs. Glading, Mr. Nelson and Lonnie Weyeneth will be the soloists for “Santa’s Got a Brand New Bag.” The concert will conclude with an arrangement by E. Mitchell of “Joy to the World” and the “Hallelujah Chorus.”

The band, directed by Neal Russell, includes members Rhonda May, Charissa Huff, Peggy Everitt, Darbi Rouse, Pam May, Lori Hilker, Cheryl Metcalf, Donna Garretson,

Tina Perrin, Mrs. Glading, Sharon Bolding, Robyn Rouse, Mr. Nelson, Becky Wilson, Joanne Wendelin, Jim Garretson, Matt Barns, Sarah Bricker, Robert Rouse, Mike Ford, Gary Anderson, Joy Russell, Darrin Glading, Steven LaBash, Cassandra Canto and Steve Keene.

This is an Oberlin Arts and Humanities season ticket event or \$12 for adults and \$7 for students. For information, call Ella Betts at 475-3557 or Mary Henzel at 470-0218.

School board accepts hefty donation

The Oberlin School Board accepted roughly a \$28,000 gift to be used at the grade school library last Monday night.

Superintendent Duane Dorshorst said he’s been working with the May Family on the gift, which will honor Betty May, who was the school’s librarian for years.

Mr. Dorshorst said he and family members looked at different options for the money probably 10 times since June. Initially, he said, they are going to draw \$13,000 from the money and purchase 20 iPad Minis with a docking station MacBook to sync them all to.

The money will also pay for a

\$500 iTunes gift card to buy applications and a group of nonfiction books.

“It’s a nice gift,” said Board president Monte Moore, asking if there is some way to recognize Mrs. May.

Mr. Dorshorst said he was working on that and hoped the gifts would be in place by the second semester.

Verizon to offer 4G network in town

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Decatur County commissioners learned that Verizon Wireless will be installing fiber-optic lines to carry a 4G wireless phone network across the county.

Road Supervisor Tim Stallman told commissioners at their meeting Oct. 23 that the company is setting up the network from Rawlins County through Decatur County, and that it will pass along the south edge of Oberlin. IdeaTek, out of Bohler, will be doing the construction.

The line will travel from a tower on Larry Lively’s property about 5 miles east and 4 miles south to town, run along Victoria Street, past the Decatur County Co-op, and south on Penn Avenue, then take Q8 Lane to U.S. 83, from where it will go north to U.S. 36 and west out of the county.

A permit for construction was approved by the commissioners and Mr. Stallman with the exception of three areas: the entry point

on Mr. Lively’s property, along Victoria, which is city and private property, and the part of the line that runs north and south on U.S. 83. Mr. Stallman said that a new route shouldn’t be hard to agree on.

The good news for the county is that if road crews hit the line for any

reason, Mr. Stallman said, all they need to do is call Verizon, which will take care of repairing it.

Mr. Stallman said he didn’t know when the project would be done.

“This could be a next-year deal,” he said. “I have no idea.”

Rawlins Clinic in Atwood
Rodney Dill, MD
Patrick Delano PA-C
Dana Jewell, PA-C
Michael Dorsch, PA

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Jennings City	51.670
Norcatour City	70.077
Oberlin City	85.888
Allison	38.790
Altory	23.245
Bassettsville	11.867
Beaver	28.119
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Cook	34.332
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Finley	21.838
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Summit	25.588
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Norcatour Cem #1	2.272
Clayton Cem #2 NT	1.907
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Dresden Cem #5	1.828
Hawkeye Cem #6	2.202
Traer Cem #7	1.724
Cedar Bluffs Cem #8	2.623
Selden Cem #9 SD	1.050
Sherman Cem #10	1.180
Kanona Cem #11	2.399
Lund Cem #12	7.591
Vallonia Cem #13	0.744
RFD Dist #1	5.994
Ambulance #1	1.488
NWKS Library NT	1.234
Twin Creeks Ext. Dist #9	1.956

I, Jean Ann Hale, Treasurer of Decatur County, Kansas, do hereby certify that the above is a correct statement of the tax levied in Decatur County, Kansas.

