

# \* Group talks to guard

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 She said they seemed very pleased with the presentation on the runway. The group didn't only speak about the plan to build a 7,000 foot runway in Oberlin, but also other amenities they can offer. Ms. Grafel said those included The Gateway and the Sappa facility.  
 The National Guard is putting in a hub in Salina, she said, and Oberlin could be one of those spokes, or a training facility.  
 Sometime, said Ms. Grafel, they said they would like to come visit as they aren't familiar with this region, although the representatives didn't say when they would come this way.

Ms. Skubal talked with the Decatur County Commissioners at their meeting last week about the meeting two weeks ago. She said the adjutant general was interested in coming out here to look and see what Oberlin and the county have to offer.

The National Guard, she said, seemed really impressed with what Oberlin and Decatur County have to offer. The adjutant general was also glad to hear that the county has an emergency management department set up.

Commissioner Ralph Unger said he has been thinking about the idea for a while but didn't know if it would be worth mentioning the former Norcat School in Norcat; maybe it could be used for something like this.

Ms. Skubal said the National Guard said they would send out some information, probably to Ms. Grafel, but she said they probably need 2,800 feet of land and want that contiguous.

The airport is an important piece to that. Ms. Skubal said there was also a comment made that maybe there would be some kind of money available to put in a 7,000 foot runway.

# Feed set for new center

A pancake and sausage supper is planned for the middle of November to help raise money for a new senior center, replacing the old Golden Age building.

The dinner sponsored by Thrivent Smoky Hill Chapter will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16, preceding the musical at Decatur Community High School. Both congregations of St. John's and Faith Lutheran Churches are sponsoring the fundraiser.



**THE OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, above, was dedicated in 1926. Later an educational building was added. The congregation will celebrate the 130th anniversary of the church during morning worship services at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. —Church file photo

# \*Church open for 130 years

The Methodist Episcopal Church was the first church organized in Oberlin and the organizational meeting was held at the home of J.A. Rodehaver by the Rev. Reuben Bisbee in the spring of 1877.

For 10 years, Oberlin and Lyle were connected and constituted the Oberlin circuit, according to a history written by the Rev. J. W. Herve, pastor of the Oberlin church in 1927-28.

In Oberlin, the Rev. Bisbee preached in the Rodehaver home until the log schoolhouse was built during the summer of 1877. The first Sunday school was organized in 1877 with Mr. Rodehaver as superintendent.

The Rev. E. G. Cary was appointed to the Oberlin circuit and was the first preacher to take up his residence in Oberlin. For awhile, he lived in a dugout. In 1879 a parsonage was built with a cellar underneath.

In 1883, the Presbyterian Church was built and the Methodists worshipped in their building until they built a church of their own.

During the pastorate of George Nulton, the first Methodist church was built. The cornerstone was laid Aug. 8, 1886, by the Masonic Fraternity with Dr. Bariteau in charge of the ceremonies.

It was dedicated on Dec. 19, 1886, by Dr. H. D. Fisher, who was closely associated with the heroes of Kansas during their struggle for liberty.

The church cost over \$5,000. At the conference in 1887, Lyle was joined with Norcat, but for many years the Oberlin pastors took care of outlying appointments in the afternoon. The Oberlin church became a two-point charge in 1983 when Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church was added during the pastorate of the Rev. Dale Clare.

The present church was started in 1922 and completed and dedicated



Pastor Hasty

in 1925 under the leadership of R. A. Anderson.

During its construction, the congregation worshipped in the high school building.

It was decided to build a new educational building in 1955 during the pastorate of Sanders B. Clayton and it was completed in October, 1957, when the Rev. Ray Bressler was pastor. Numerous improvements have been added over the years.

"Today we are called to carry on a rich heritage of faith to our world. People and buildings will change, but the word of God will stand forever.

"As we look forward, may we continue to pass on that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life! Today the church faces many challenges but we move on in the Spirit and power of God's love. May we continue to focus on Jesus through prayer, witness and deed as we seek God's heart for today and the future," Pastor Hasty concluded.

# City to discuss loan

The Oberlin City Council will once again discuss a loan application to borrow \$4,218,000 from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment revolving loan fund at the meeting Tuesday, after it was tabled at the end of last month.

The vote to apply for the money was tabled at the last meeting in October because the majority of the elected members didn't vote in favor of the application.

The council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the upstairs meeting room at The Gateway. The

meeting will be aired on local access cable channel 7 and is open to the public.

City Administrator Gary Shike said he talked to Mayor Joe Stanley Monday morning and the city is running a public notice in today's paper asking people to be especially cautious about walking at Sappa Park during hunting season. Mr. Shike said people can hunt for pheasants at the park, so it would be a good idea for walkers to wear orange and be aware of what's going on.

# Council OKs beer license for restaurant

The Oberlin City Council approved a beer license for the Re-Load at its new location on Main Street.

The Re-Load, which moved to the west side of the street at 133 S. Penn, had a license for the old location, but had to reapply because of the move.

The council approved the license, waived the 10-day waiting period and a background check.

Councilman Jay Anderson asked about his cemetery proposal. Councilwoman Rhonda May said she liked the idea of planting people in pots instead of letting people plant whatever they want around the headstones.

Dr. Anderson said he tried to write a plan, which included guidelines about flowers and trees, with enough flexibility so the sexton can still do her job.

Ms. May said she thinks the maintenance needs to be done by the city. If someone wants to buy a tree to plant at the cemetery, then maybe they should make a donation to help take care of it. Dr. Anderson suggested she write something up.

In other business, the council:

- Heard that Dr. Anderson had

found a type of low-speed vehicle with a vehicle identification number that can be driven on city streets. He said he thought it could be insured. If we are interested in making this a golf-cart-friendly town, this would be good. Mayor Joe Stanley suggested that he pass the information on to Charlie Godwin, with Terrace Garden RV Park, who was interested in the golf carts. Mayor Stanley said he wasn't sure why the council needs to look into it.

- Heard that Dr. Anderson talked with someone at Kansas Asphalt Pavement Inc. who suggested taking some core samples to see if the pavement underneath is good, and then milling the streets to remove the bumps and putting on a thin overlay.

City Administrator Gary Shike said he thought the council needed to be involved in deciding what streets to get a core sample from. No decision was made.

- Talked about a recreational vehicle center parking downtown. Mr. Shike said he took a sample of the street signs needed to post the regulations to Rick Salem, but it's been lost. He said he will take another sample to him.

# Veterans invited to program at school

The students at Oberlin Elementary School are getting everything ready for their annual Veteran's Day program, which is coming up quickly.

The students will hold the pro-

gram at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 12, in the gym at the school.

The students are inviting all veterans to attend the program, along with their family.

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