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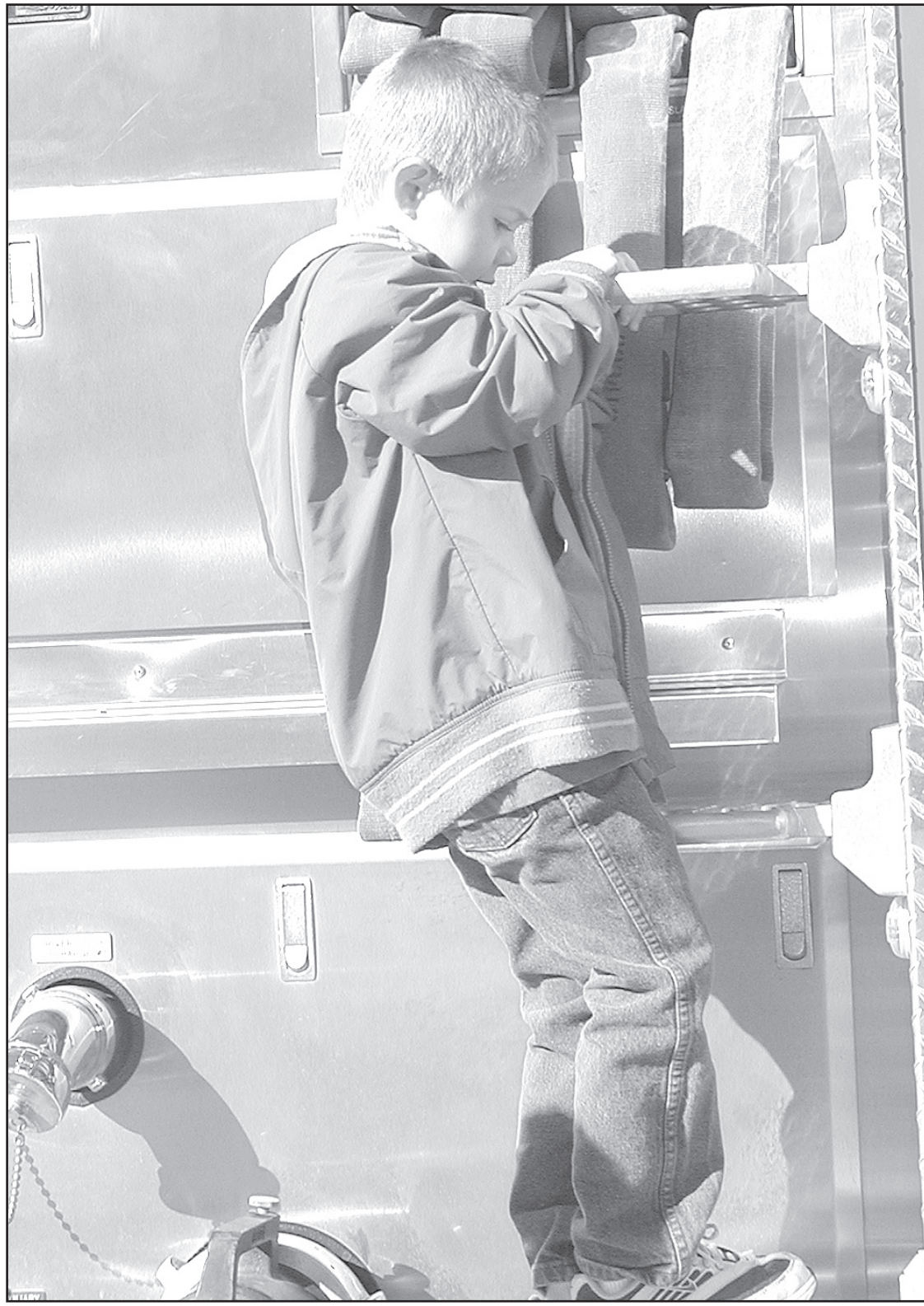
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Students visit station

AT THE FIRE STATION, Chris May, fireman, lifted Reece Grafel (above) up so he could look at the back of a fire truck. Hunter May (left) climbed on the back of the truck when his preschool class, taught by Becky Ayers, visited the fire station this month. Fire Chief Bill Cathcart (below) showed the kids what a firefighter would look like dressed in full gear.

— Herald staff pictures by Kimberly Davis



Banquet kicks off bird season

The annual Sunflower Chapter Pheasants Forever Banquet is planned for Friday night at The Gateway.

Rick Doeden, who is heading up the banquet, said happy hour starts at 5 p.m. with food being served around approximately 6:30 p.m. Mr. Doeden said people don't have to make a reservation for the dinner, just show up. Tickets are \$25 at the door, which pays for the meal and enters people into a drawing for door prizes.

People attending, he said, can also join Pheasants Forever for \$30. That money, said Mr. Doeden, is sent to the national organization. A membership includes five issues of "Pheasants Forever Journal of Upland Conservation."

All other money raised, besides the memberships, stays locally. Mr. Doeden said a lot of the money raised at the banquet will be used on the Sappa Lake and Park project.

The banquet's menu includes a 12 ounce sirloin, twice baked potato, corn, salad and dessert.

This year, he said, the Pheasants Forever group tried something different, asking local businesses to sponsor items. Several businesses have sponsored items from framed prints to camouflage toilet seats. A number of the items have been placed in the windows of the spon-

soring businesses.

Mr. Doeden said they have a wide range of auction and raffle items including the 25th anniversary Browning BPS 12 gauge, numerous prints, a mystery gun and Pheasants Forever apparel.

This is the 25th anniversary for Pheasants Forever nationally and the 14th year for the local banquet. Mr. Doeden said they have some great anniversary items this year.

People will have the chance to take part in a silent auction, live auction and kid auction. During the youth auction people will bid on kids and each winning bidder will receive a number. If that person's number is drawn they will receive half of the money raised during the youth auction and the kid will win a gun.

All of the money raised during the youth auction, said Mr. Doeden, will stay local to be used on projects for the youngsters.

They will also have the five gun raffle again this year with the top gun being a Weatherby 20 gauge over and under with the retail price of \$1,500.

There will be a ladies table for one of the raffles and several of the silent auction items are also geared toward women.

Everyone is welcome to come to the banquet.

Rooms fill up in Oberlin for the weekend

With bird numbers up or at least the same as they were last year the two hotels in Oberlin are pretty much full for opening weekend.

Pheasant season starts bright and early Saturday morning in north-west Kansas, with quail season starting the following weekend.

Randy Rodgers, small game biologist with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks in Hays, said the brood survey done over the summer shows a good number of birds for the area. The good bird production is partly due to the wheat crop which greened up early and gave the pheasants a place to live, he said.

With good numbers, hotels in town are expecting full or close to full houses for the weekend.

At the Frontier Motel, the 28 rooms have been rented out for the weekend for practically the whole year. A lot of the people who hunt in this area, said the manager, return each year and reserve their spaces the year before.

At the LandMark Inn, owner Gary Anderson said he has seven rooms and had all of them full until Monday morning when he received a cancellation. He said he had a few names to call of people who wanted to know if there were any

openings. Some of the rooms are checked out for a family reunion in town, he said.

Opening weekend the last few years, he said, has been a little slower. Mr. Anderson said he had hunters who stayed last weekend who said the bird numbers were good in Nebraska, where they had hunted.

At Dale's Fish 'N' Fun in Oberlin Joe Dejmaj, co-owner, said they will keep the store located on U.S. 36 open until midnight Friday, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. so they can take care of the hunters coming in.

The extended hours, he said, are for opening weekend only.

The store is the only place in the county to purchase a hunting license, with an out-of-state bird license costing \$72.15, which is the same as last year.

Mr. Dejmaj said he has heard good things about the season, with people starting to see a good number of birds, especially with the crops getting harvested.

He said he has no idea how many people stop in the store on opening weekend. Several of the hunters stop at the store on their way through to other spots in the state where they plan on hunting.

Officials talk with National Guard reps

Looking at all of the options on the runway expansion project at the Oberlin Airport, nine people traveled east this month to meet with representatives from the National Guard about the possibility of having a training site here.

Connie Grafel, marketing direc-

tor with the economic development corporation, Patti Skubal, emergency management director, Greg Lohofener, chairman of the economic development corp., Jay Anderson, councilman and his wife Ann, Rhonda May, council woman, Marcia Lohofener, coun-

cil woman and her husband Jerry, and Gaylord Shields, resident, all went to Topeka on Oct. 17 to make the presentation. They were joined by Ed Young, with the Kansas Department of Transportation Aviation, Brad Weisenberger, engineer working on the plan, Representa-

tive John Faber and a representative with the transportation safety administration.

Ms. Grafel said they met with the adjutant general, an officer on the National Guard project and others.

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United Methodist Church to celebrate 130 years

By MARYLOU OLSON

The Oberlin United Methodist Church will observe its 130th year during morning worship services at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday. A potluck dinner will follow.

"As we get ready to celebrate our 130th anniversary, we are thankful for God's gracious Spirit that has called us, helped us to be faithful and has held us together," said Doug Hasty, pastor of the church in Oberlin and Prairie Chapel.

"This year our focus will be on the volunteers who have helped to make our ministries and witness truly happen. Where would we be without our volunteers?"

"Part of our celebration will include a "Parade of Volunteers" as we give recognition during morning worship services to Sunday School teachers, United Methodist Women leaders, committee workers, choir members, worship leaders and helpers, kitchen help and the list

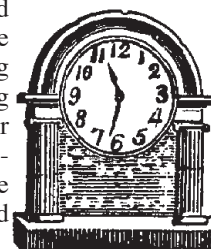
could go on and on. We want to thank them for giving of themselves, and we want them to know that though sometimes they have done some thankless deed, or something that we have forgotten, God notices and doesn't forget, and they will receive their reward some day. We will also have some special music, a potluck dinner and a birthday cake to help make this a very special day."

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Clocks fall back an hour Sunday

With winter around the corner, it seems the sun has been setting earlier lately, making the days seem shorter as the day for Daylight Savings Time to end gets closer and closer.

The clocks will turn back an hour on Sunday, which means the evenings will seem



even longer throughout the winter.

Clocks need to be turned back at 2 a.m. that morning, but most of us will either set the clocks back Saturday night before going to bed, or when we get up. Just don't forget, or you'll miss that extra hour of sleep.

* 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 Norcatour School in Norcatour; 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. Hervey, 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 Norcatour, 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

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.



Pastor Hasty

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 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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