



ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, Konner Fortin (above) helped his mom, Gwen, load equipment into the truck after making and wrapping around 350 submarine sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday. Members of the United Methodist

Youth Group, sponsors and parents helped make the sandwiches and deliver them to raise money for the group. Cheyenne Soderlund (below) helped package up the items for delivery. — Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

Youth group makes, delivers sub sandwiches

Members of the Oberlin United Methodist youth group made around 350 sandwiches Sunday just in time for the big football game.

The teenagers, sponsors and parents met in the church basement around 1:30 p.m. on Super Bowl Sunday to make the sandwiches, which were delivered all over the county by 5 p.m. that day.

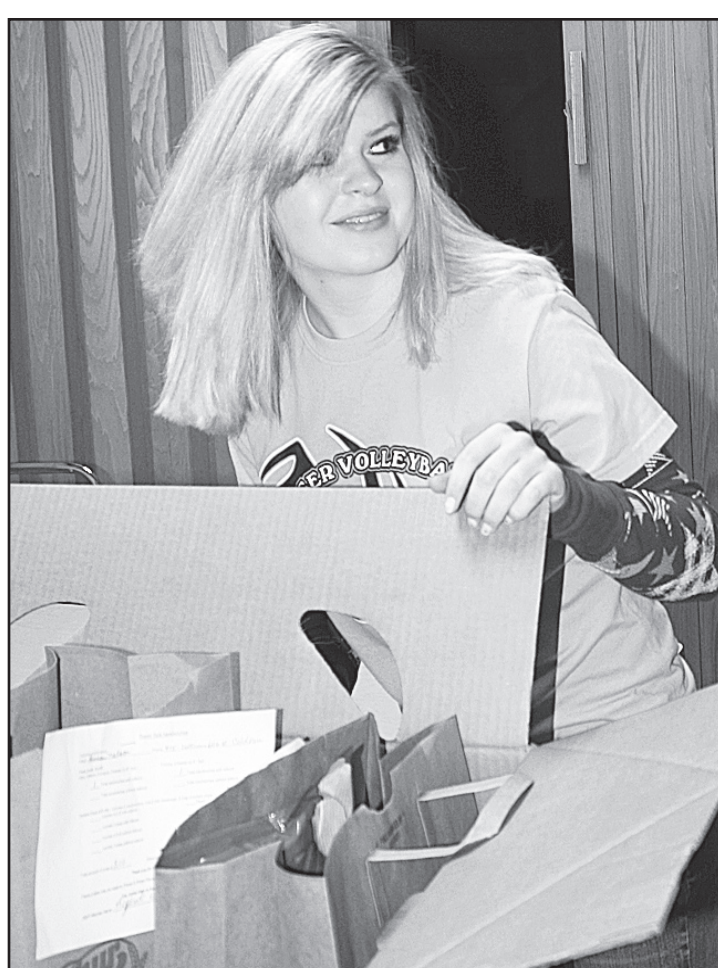
The six-inch subs sold for \$4 each or a family combo pack with four sandwiches, a bag of chips and a two-liter bottle of soda sold for \$17.

Deanna Castle, who has helped

with the fund raiser, said sandwich options were a combo of ham, salami and bologna or turkey. Each came with cheese and lettuce if wanted.

The money helps pay for the youth group's ski trip and missions, she said. The group takes a ski trip every other year which is often tied in with a mission trip. This year, the teens won't go skiing, but sent \$1,000 to the American Red Cross for work in Haiti.

The group takes orders for the sandwiches and then orders the supplies from Raye's Grocery, said Mrs. Castle.



Council OKs order for plant

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Under protest, many members believing it will be a waste of money, the Oberlin City Council agreed Thursday to sign a consent order to build a water treatment plant by the beginning of 2013.

The project, needed to lower the amounts of arsenic and uranium in the city's drinking water, has been in the works since at least 2005, but state officials now say they'll fine the city up to \$5,000 for failing to comply with new, tougher federal standards for drinking water.

Back in October 2008, the council voted to table an application to borrow \$4.218 million to build the plant. Since then, the water treatment plant has been discussed several times, and the decision has been tabled just as many times.

In the same year the council applied for the money from U.S. States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development administration to build the project.

The total amount for the plant is around \$6 million, so the city will have to apply for more money, said City Administrator Austin Gilley.

With this, he said, the city would have \$8.3 million in debt including the wastewater treatment plant, \$340,000 in general obligation bonds for repairs at the former Sappa Valley Youth Ranch and The Gateway and a previous project to replace water lines.

It looks like the city has to build a water treatment plant by Jan. 1, 2013, said Councilman Rob McFee.

The consent order spells out that by July 1, the city will submit an updated design; by Jan. 1 2011, the final engineering plans will be ready for review; by Feb. 1, 2012, the city will advertise for bids; by April 1, 2012, the city will accept and award a contract for the facility; and by Jan. 1, 2013, the plant shall be substantially completed, and by March 1,

Council Roundup

At a meeting Thursday, the Oberlin City Council:

- Signed a consent order, under protest, to build a water treatment plant by the beginning of 2013. Story at left.
- Accepted a \$50,310 bid for a circle drive at the main entrance on the south side of The Gateway. Story on Page 3.
- Agreed to table a decision on hiring a code enforcer to work with owners to remove or upgrade blighted properties. Story to come.
- Approved new lighting for The Gateway and talked with a heating and cooling professional about controlling temperatures in the two-story lobby. Story on Page 3.
- Decided to hold off on accepting an agreement from one of two engineering firms to help the city prepare a capital improvement plan. Story to come.
- Heard the city shouldn't plan on getting the \$50,000 it normally receives from the state for the special highway fund. Story to come.

2013, the city will produce water that meets federal standards.

The council has until the first of the month to sign the letter, said Mayor Joe Stanley. The order from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment says the city has to do this, he said, or face penalties.

The order does put the liability on the city, said Chris Miller, with Miller and Associates, the engineering firm working on the plant. The order contains 43 "milestones," he said. To meet those, the city has to (See CITY on Page 5)

Members needed for carnival group

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The Oberlin Amusement Authority, which runs the home-owned carnival each summer, needs board members to fill five available seats.

Currently the board includes Candy Ketterl, who works at the U.S. Farm Service Agency; Melinda Grafel, who works for CMA Distributors; Dana Koerperich, a bookkeeper for various businesses; Jennifer Schissler, an aide at the grade school; Robert Rouse, owner of Gorman Tarps; Judy Scott, who works in the materials management department at the Decatur County Hospital; and Jim Wesch, who calls himself a hobby farmer.

The bylaws call for 12 board members, so the board needs five more members, said Ms. Scott. Last year, Ms. Scott served as president, Mrs. Ketterl as secretary and Ms. Schissler as the treasurer, she said, but the board hasn't elected officers this year.

Technically, Ms. Scott said at a board meeting last Wednesday, this will be the last fair for all of the board members except for Mr. Rouse. All of the terms are set for three years.

Ms. Scott said she thinks they need to call some of the people who came and helped set up and tear down the carnival last year and see if any of them would be interested in serving on the board. Members can be added at any time, she said.

The board is in charge of the carnival, said Ms. Scott. Members make sure the rides and games are ready for the county fair in August. They order food for the concession stand, toys for prizes, recruit volunteers and help set up and tear down the rides, to name just a few things.

The bylaws, said Mr. Wesch, provide for a board of directors and then memberships and sponsors. He said he thinks at one time, the board didn't need to be workhorses (See BOARD on Page 5)

State representatives to stop here Saturday

Kansas state representatives will be in Oberlin on Saturday to talk with people about what's going on at the Statehouse.

Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer and Rep. John Faber plan to be at the Decatur County courthouse from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the third-floor courtroom. A light lunch will be available, sponsored by the Decatur Count Farm Bureau.

Everyone is invited to come talk with the representatives. The men plan to start their day at 8 a.m. in Bird City then go to Atwood at 9:45 at Williams Brothers Grocery. They will head to Norton for a 1:45 meeting at the Town and Country Kitchen.

"I hope to see as many of you as can make it," said Sen. Ostmeyer.



HAVING SOME FUN on their honeymoon in April 1947, Martin and Evelyn May posed for an old-fashioned picture at Knotts Berry Farm in California.

Couple shares 63 years

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Martin and Evelyn May met some 75 years ago, and they say that they never dreamed they would be sharing their life together for nearly 63 years.

Both went through the Depression years as farm kids and learned by hard work the importance of family and helping their parents through the dust storm years.

They grew up together attending the rural St. John's Lutheran Church northwest of Oberlin, where they were confirmed and later exchanged wedding vows.

Mrs. May was born to Richard and Martha Reith on the Adolph Johnson farm north of Kanona. She and her parents attended Immanuel Lutheran Church northwest of Norton. She went to the first grade in Kanona, then she and her parents and brother Fred moved to the Otto Friedemann farm northwest of Oberlin in Liberty Township in the spring of 1931.

She attended West Liberty School for three years, with Clifford Blickenstaff and Mary Preston as her teachers. In 1935, she began attending St. John's Parochial School northwest of Oberlin. It was there that she and Martin May, son of Ernest and Martha May, became classmates.

"Martin had attended Mount (See SWEETHEARTS on Page 5)



