



**AN OBERLIN CONCRETE** employee, Carl Stately (left) unloaded concrete for the new wall being built at the south side of the Oberlin Meal Site. Checking it out was owner Wayne Hackney. — Photo by Marie McKisson

## Project moves forward at Oberlin Meal Site

Work is moving along on a new retaining wall and landscaping at the Oberlin Meal Site. "With the help of Modern Woodmen of America's Matching Fund Program, Oberlin members of Modern Woodmen Camp, the Oberlin Meal Site and the Oberlin community helped raise funds for the project," said Marie McKisson, camp secretary. With the assistance of the meal site staff, a taco supper was served Oct. 12, raising \$3,179. Of the total, \$900 of it was matched by the Modern Woodmen home office and a check for \$4,079 was presented

to the Meal Site group last week by Mrs. McKisson. Oberlin Concrete is building steps, a wall and sidewalk. Handicap ramps were completed earlier. Modern Woodmen members from Oberlin are part of a nationwide network of camps that help communities through social, educational and volunteer activities. "With the Matching Fund Program, we help carry out Modern Woodmen's mission to improve quality of life for members and their communities," says Mrs. McKisson.

## Atwood Catholic church celebrates 125th anniversary

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood will celebrate its 125th anniversary beginning with a Mass at 4 p.m. Sunday. The service will be followed by a social, supper and entertainment at the Columbian Hall on Lake Road, starting at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. There is no fee. The Most Rev. Paul Coakley, bishop of Salina, and several priests who formerly served the congregation plan to attend. Sister Christine Elias Josita Hanus and Ernestine Havlovic, former teachers at Sacred Heart School, also plan to attend,

weather permitting. Sister Joan Polak will accompany them. Entertainment will begin with a musical session by the Clerical Hum, whose members include Father Nick Parker, now pastor of Sacred Heart, Father Jarett Konrade and Father Randall Weber. Joe Vyzourek will be spinning tunes for a family-filled, old-fashioned celebration dance, complete with a grand march to kick off the fun. The church was founded Nov. 25, 1885, five years after the founding of Atwood.

## Rotarians enjoy musicians

Oberlin Rotary Club members enjoyed selections from the musical "The Wizard of Oz" when they met at The Gateway on Nov. 16. Susan Nelson, vocal director at Decatur Community High School, and Cheryl Metcalf, accompanist, were introduced by Herschel Betts, program chair for the day. For of the cast, Serena Stacy, Nolan Hennington, Jacob Larue and Amanda

Marshall sang solos. Kay Brown, wife of Rotarian Doyle Brown, is collecting children's shoes (no flip flops) for children in Africa through Saturday, Dec. 4. They will be collected at Rotary meetings. The club welcomed Kelly Wasson, Shelby Hackney and Robin Williamson as guests.

## Hospice helps community

November is National Hospice Month, says Hospice Services Inc., a time to raise awareness about the compassionate care that hospice and palliative-care afford patients and families coping with terminal illness. Hospice and palliative care helps patients and families focus on living, said Sandy Kuhlman, executive director of the Phillipsburg-based agency, and this surprises some people.

The hospice team provides medical care to keep patients comfortable and able to enjoy time with loved ones, she said. Members answer questions, offer advice on what to expect and help families with the duties of being a caregiver. The team provides emotional and spiritual support for the entire family. For more information, contact Hospice Services at (800) 315-5122 or go to [www.hospicenwks.net](http://www.hospicenwks.net).

## THE OBERLIN HERALD —

# People in Our Community

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A family reunion and early Thanksgiving dinner were held at the home of George and Willa Ruzicka on Nov. 15. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Greg Johnson, Levi and Wade, Tok, Alaska; Les and Nancy Yeager, Kearney, Mo.; Lacey and Maycee Johnson and Blake Weisenbach, Prescott, Ariz.; Joe Crabtree, Denver; Zeke and Jordon Ruzicka, and Kayla Wilson, Emporia; and Darrell Ruzicka, Zack Ruzicka and Nancy Vath, Oberlin.

Carol Dixon, a sixth grade teacher at Oberlin Elementary School, has a photograph pictured in the "Winter Spirit Gallery" of the 2010 winter edition of the Kansas! Magazine. It is called "Frosty Snowy Day, and shows trees along the creek in Rawlins County covered with snow with several large bales of feed in the foreground. She is the daughter of the late Don and LaVay (Huntley) Dixon.

Carol Barkley of Allen, Texas, came Sunday to visit a week with her sister, Marie McKisson. She accompanied her to the Thanksgiving supper on Sunday prepared by the youth of the United Methodist Church.

Brad and Elaine Macuson spent from Thursday to Saturday in Manhattan, where they attended the President's Conference and annual meeting of the Kansas Farm Bureau, then visited Ryan and Leslie Nelson in Topeka. En route home, they visited with Mark and Lori Marcuson in Lincoln, Neb.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at the McCook Christian Church for Donald Dean Musgrave, 74, of Indianola, Neb. He died at the Cambridge Hospital in Cambridge,

Neb., on Nov. 15. He was the father of Dale Musgrave of Ong, Neb., whose wife is the former Tammy Jennings, formerly of Oberlin.

Simone Cahoj, a senior at the University of Kansas, will complete an internship in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 17. She began on Aug. 16 and is in charge of many administrative duties, including calls and entering mail into the data system, as well as tours with Kansans who come there to visit. The daughter of Larry and Suzanne (Temple) Cahoj of rural Atwood, she will graduate next May with a degree in business management and leadership studies and entrepreneurship. Her maternal grandparents are Ron and Gerry Temple of Norcatour.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Kelva Dryden, Dorothy Moore, Max Carman, Ardis Roe, Norma Anderson, Doris Fringer and DeWaine Stapp. Lows went to Max Carman, Marie McKisson, Doris Fringer, Neil Marshall, Dorothy Moore, Ivis Hanson and Norma Anderson. Doris Fringer and Zane Geis were chicken-foot domino winners. There was no pitch. Bridge winners were Annette Miller, Carol Shirley, Cynthia Matson and Beth Sebaugh.

Jeff and Danielle Leitner and Isabelle recently moved to Oberlin from Colorado Springs and he is working for Nex-Tech. They have another daughter, Tessa Rae, who was born on Nov. 16 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He is the son of Danny Joe and Jean Ann Leitner of Herndon and her parents are Rocky and Teresa Diederich of Oberlin.

## Club News

### Club enjoys dinner

The Calico Gals Club met at the Oberlin Covenant Church on Nov. 17 for a catered Thanksgiving dinner with eight members and four guests present. They included: Mary and Loyd Waldo, Phyllis Screen, Millie Lippelmann, Detta and Elden Anderson, Barbara and Ben Duell, Marylu Brown, Bette Grout, Shirley and Gaylord Shields, and Donna Kelley. The DCHS Singers entertained. The club collect and flag salute opened the business meeting. Thanksgiving cards were signed and sent to five members in nursing homes and one to Jaxen Alstrom, who has joined the ser-

vice. Information was given on the book, "Dry Divide," which was written by Homer Brown, a former resident of the Plainview neighborhood. It was voted to donate \$25 to the Angel Tree and also the Haiti orphanage. Mrs. Grount won the hostess gift. Officers re-elected included: Mrs. Kelley, president; Margaret McEvoy, vice president; Mrs. Shields, treasurer; Mrs. Lippelmann, secretary and reporter; and Mrs. Screen and Mrs. Anderson, courtesy committee. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the Land-Mark Inn with Mrs. Grount and Mrs. Anderson as hostesses with a \$5 gift exchange.

### Group plans soup supper

The Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary met at the post home on Nov. 10 with three officers and seven members present. Carol Chambers and Carolyn Hackney were hostesses. President Angela Corcoran opened the meeting and Phyllis Metcalf gave a prayer, followed by all repeating the Lord's Prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble. Membership chairman Carol Allen reported 71 paid members, five juniors and two lifetime members. The president read

several district letters and urged members to attend the Veterans Day program at the high school and the parade. Deanna Castle volunteered to replace Lois Lamb as chaplain since she is unable to serve at this time. The next meeting will be a soup supper at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, furnished by Mrs. Corcoran and Janice Cundiff, hostesses. Others are to bring something to go with soup. Melissa Chambers will present the program on family support.



**WORKING ON FINISHING TOUCHES** on a home for a family in Juarez, Mexico, were Deanna Castle (left) and a co-worker. Mrs. Castle joined a group from the U.S. on the mission trip.

## Oberlin woman honored for service

Deanna Castle of Oberlin was honored with the Outstanding Citizen Award at the Modern Woodmen's 38th Annual Community Recognition banquet Saturday evening at the Oberlin United Methodist Church. Pastor Linda Willey gave the invocation and music was provided by Sid Metcalf, Mike Elwood and Lonnie McEvoy, members of "Clueless." The award was presented by Marie McKisson, camp secretary. Mrs. Castle has kept books for her husband Bob in several businesses, including the Alibi, a golf business and his electrical business. She has been a teacher aide at the grade school, a secretary at the high school and served as city treasurer and city clerk.

At the Methodist church, she has served on the Administrative Council, as a Sunday school teacher and as a sponsor for the United Methodist Youth Fellowship. During that time, the group worked in a soup kitchen, helped at a homeless shelter, sorted and sacked food for a food pantry, then all went to the mountains to ski. The group also did volunteer work at the Red Bird Mission in New Mexico and the McCurdy School. She was program leader for the after-school program and has made two mission trips to Juarez, Mexico, to help build

homes. Mrs. Castle is a member of the Alif Be Khe Club, has served on the boards of the Oberlin Country Club, the Midwest Energy Community Fund board, the Decatur County Drug and Alcohol Council and the Decatur Vocational Advisory Council. Other memberships include Northwest Kansas City Clerks Association, the Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary, the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce, the Decatur Tomorrow Steering committee and the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. board, of which she was secretary. Members of her family who attended the dinner included her husband and their family, Thaniel and Jennifer Monaco, Madison, and Lawson, Manhattan; Devan and Sarah Castle, Rebekah, Maiah and Dane, Hoxie; and Travis and Valisha Raile, Kariah, Alana, Trenton and Tripp, Oberlin. Another daughter, Calise Castle, lives in Candler, N.C. Other relatives present included Janice Castle Ferrada, and granddaughter, Alyia Kestano, Aurora, Colo.; Carolyn Shirley, Oberlin, and granddaughter, Sophia Harris, Colby; and Doris Fringer, Curtis and Chris Walston, Dick and Linda Weber, and Judy Scott, Oberlin.

## Lions official to visit

Vice District Governor Sheryl Brenn will conduct an official club visitation to the Oberlin Lions Club at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6, at the Medical Arts Building in Oberlin. Officers of the Oberlin club are Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, president; Chris Bailey, vice president; Connie Miller, secretary; and Jack Benton, treasurer. Pastor Strecker-Baseler is also zone chair for Norton, Hill City, Morland, Jennings and Oberlin. The vice governor holds Bachelor

of Science and Masters degrees from Kansas State University in home and family economics, and taught in public school five years. She is an active officer in the Colby United Methodist Women and in the Shakespeare Club of Colby. A student of family genealogy, she is writing a family history of her great-grandfather, a Civil War veteran. She and her husband Lawrence have three adult children and four grandchildren.

## Junior high concert Tuesday

The Decatur Community Junior High School band and vocal department will present a free combination fall and Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the high school

auditorium. Directors are Sarah Bricker, band, and Susan Nelson, vocal. The public is welcome.

## New Arrivals

**Tessa Rae Leitner**  
Tessa Rae Leitner, daughter of Jeffrey and Danielle Leitner of Oberlin, was born Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 20 inches. She has a sister, Isabelle Eryn Leitner, 2, to welcome her home. Grandparents are Danny Joe and Jean Ann Leitner, Herndon, and Rocky and Teresa Diederich, Oberlin. Great-grandparents are Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Oberlin, and

Dick and Carolyn Bird of Colby.  
**Brennen Louderback**  
Alex and Dawn Louderback of Oberlin are the parents of a son, Brennen Jon Louderback, born Oct. 12, 2010, at Community Hospital in McCook. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long. He has a sister, Elleigh Walker. Grandparents are Dean and Ardith Louderback, Oberlin; Bill Walker, Kearney, Neb.; and Rae Walker, Minden, Neb.



Tessa Rae



Brennen Jon



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