

*Late news brought year to climax

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circle drive at the front entrance of The Gateway, using money from the estate of Fred and Henrietta Bremer.

In April:

- A woman approached the council about operating a camp and retreat at the former youth ranch at Sappa Park, but nothing materialized.
- Several community members got together with people from Meade, Wallace and Sheridan counties to talk about four issues facing all their communities, including recreation, housing, child care and retaining young people.

In May:

- The Decatur Community High School speech team brought home a third-place trophy from state competition.
- City Administrator Austin Gilley resigned his post to move to Medicine Lodge, which put him and his wife and kids closer to family. In his first administrator job, Mr. Gilley had crossed swords with several council members and some city employees.

In June:

- The council and 25 community members met to brainstorm ways to keep The Gateway open without draining the city's electric fund.
- The Herndon community gathered to hold its traditional Ox Roast, which takes place every five years. During the day-long event, the town served 2,800 to 3,000 people in its city park.
- Sirens sent residents in Oberlin, Dresden and Jennings to the basement as several tornadoes were spotted in the Allison and Clayton areas.
- Nurse Practitioner Jonna Inman resigned from the Oberlin Medical Arts clinic after 13 years.
- Trees were uprooted all over Oberlin as a summer storm hit the town with straight-line wind.
- More than 80 people aired health-care concerns before the monthly Decatur County Hospital Board meeting. Several people asked if the hospital could hire its own doctors to work out of the facility.

In July:

- The Oberlin City Council approved building a wall around the west side cemetery for \$110,000.
- Volunteers geared up for a week-long



IN THE MINI SAPA DAY parade which marked Oberlin's 125th anniversary on Oct 2, Lilly Rippe (top), dressed as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, rode on the Pauls Funeral Home float. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

carnival at the beginning of August.

In August:

- Republican Ward Cassidy beat long-time incumbent Rep. John Faber in the primary election for the 120th District seat in the state House of Representatives. Mr. Cassidy later won the seat in the November general election.
- The Oberlin School Board approved a \$94,244 lighting project for the high school auditorium.
- Nex-Tech Telecommunications announced plans to cover Oberlin and Norcatar with fiber optic systems for phone, internet and television service.

In September:

- The Decatur County Hospital took steps to open a Family Practice Clinic in its specialty clinic. Later in the month, the hospital hired Dr. Leslie Dally to work in the facility.

In October:

- Oberlin held a day-long celebration

for the 125th anniversary of the city with a parade, Indian dancers, food and digging up a time capsule from the lawn of the Decatur County courthouse.

- The former Jennings School was sold to Leonard and Doris Fleckenstein and their son Eric and Melinda Fleckenstein. After closing of the school, it had been sold to Bus and Coach International in March 2006. The firm spent thousands rebuilding the old school for its headquarters, but executives soon apparently tired of the plan.
- Three candidates declined the city administrator job in Oberlin.
- An Oberlin native, Brooks Kellogg, 73, was arrested at Denver International Airport as he allegedly attempted to hire an undercover FBI agent as a hit man.

In November:

- The Oberlin Amusement Authority reported a \$10,000 profit from the carnival during the county fair the first full week of August.
- The Decatur Community High School girls volleyball team took second place at



GETTING THINGS PAINTED AND READY was Greg Lohofener, who spearheaded the rebuilding and refurbishing of the Sunflower Theater and Golden Age Center, and is still working on getting a bowling alley finished. — Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

*Council seats up for vote in April

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anything.

Councilman Bill Riedel asked if the expense was in the budget.

It would just mean less in revenue for the utility department, said Mrs. Larson. The city would deduct \$100 off the bowling alley bill, said Mayor Stanley.

The discount might not be needed forever, she said, but would help while the bowling alley gets a start.

"I don't think that we need to decide tonight," said Mayor Stanley, "but soon."

In other business, the council:

- Met Bret Marietta, the new police officer. Chief Wade Lockhart said Officer Marietta will go to the state academy in April, which is the first opening unless someone cancels for an earlier class.

He has a temporary certification to be an officer now, said Chief Lockhart, and that is good for a year.

- Appointed Mr. Lohofener to another two-year term on the economic development board.

- Talked briefly about buying a new or

new used scrubber for The Gateway arena floors. No decision was made.

- Heard that the heating unit over the theater at the civic center went out. Mrs. Larson said she is getting bids.

- Heard the Automated Weather Observation System is working at the airport and has been OK'd by the Federal Aviation Administration. The phone number is 475-2587.

- Held two 15-minute closed sessions with the mayor, city attorney and council members to discuss non-elected personnel. There was no action taken.

*Oberlin girl hurt in wreck

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The Sheridan County Fire Department rescue squad from Hoxie was called to the scene after early reports indicated there might have been several people in the car, a 1999 Dodge. Using a thermal imager, the fire fighters checked the car first, then searched the surrounding area.

Steve Hirsch of Oberlin, training officer for the department, said the imager did not show that anyone besides Stacy had been in the vehicle, and nothing was found in the surrounding corn field.

A Sheridan County ambulance from Selden took the victim to the Colby hospital.

In an earlier accident that day, a 29-year-old Atwood man was hurt when the pickup he was riding in flipped on a curve in Levant, west of Colby, and rolled twice, landing in a field.

Trooper Adam Medicott reported that Alan Michael Goetz, 21, Park, was driving east on Fourth Street, or Old U.S. 24, at Hale Street when he missed a curve about 9:50 p.m. The truck landed in a nearby field. None of the occupants was wearing a seat belt, the patrol said.

Goetz and another passenger, Nicole Rose Kurth, 16, Colby were taken to the Colby hospital, apparently for a checkup. Both were listed as uninjured. More seriously injured, according to the patrol, was Jayson Lee Jones of Atwood.



Cover Your Acres Winter Conference

January 18 and 19, 2011 at the Gateway in Oberlin, KS

Kansas State University and the Northwest Kansas Crop Residue Alliance

Discussing the latest technology, methods, and conservation practices to improve crop production on the High Plains

Time	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Exhibit Hall
7:45 - 8:15 a.m.			Registration		
8:20 - 8:27 a.m.			Welcome in Exhibit Hall		
8:32 - 9:20 a.m.	Fertilizing for no-till (D. Leikam) ¹	Compaction and crop yields (D. Presley) ¹	Monsanto update - seeds, traits, and weeds (I)	The good & the ugly of growing safflower (I)	Sponsor Displays
9:20 - 9:50 a.m.			View Exhibits		
9:57 - 10:45 a.m.	What is your problem (D. Beck) ¹	Alternative crops (K. Roozeboom) ¹	Strip-till: a seed bed preparation practice (I)	Corn refuge fertility & management (I)	
10:52 - 11:40 a.m.	No-till machinery innovations	Cover your acres for less	Tools to maximize your yields and profits (I)	What is your problem (D. Beck) ¹	
11:47 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.	Fertilizer Placement (R. Ward) ¹	Sunflower management (I)			
12:43 - 1:31 p.m.	K State wheat breeding program (A. Fritz) ¹	Spray applications technology (R. Wolf) ^{1,2}		Lunch	
1:38 - 2:26 p.m.	No-till crop rotations (A. Schlegel) ¹	Technology and hardware solutions for you (I)	Planning for the future: ensuring your legacy (I)	Wheat varieties (J. Shroyer & E. DeWolf) ¹	Sponsor Displays
2:33 - 3:21 p.m.	DC wheat behind soybeans and corn (J. Shroyer) ¹	Plant nutrition (I)	United Sorghum Checkoff progress report (I)	Fertilizer placement (R. Ward) ¹	
3:28 - 4:16 p.m.	Stripper heads and stubble height (L. Haag) ¹	Fertility on high pH soils (D. Ruiz-Diaz) ¹	Marketing plans and financing (I)	Strip-till: a seed bed preparation practice (I)	
4:16 - 4:46 p.m.			View Exhibits		
4:53 - 5:41 p.m.	Q&A with D. Beck ¹	Wheat varieties (J. Shroyer & E. DeWolf) ¹	Spray application technology (R. Wolf) ^{1,2}	State of Fertilizer in 2011 (I)	

¹CEU credits for CCAs have been applied for. ²CEU credits for 1A for Commercial Pesticide Applicators have been approved. ¹ Industry sponsored sessions indicated with an (I) will have no CEU credits offered.

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