

# \*Business open here for 50 years

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 Back when his father-in-law started the business, he said the retail and display area was in the Youngs' garage.  
 Dale's sells a private brand of lures. Mr. Young started with wall-eye spinners, which were picked up and made by a manufacturing company.

Since then, the Dale's Fish 'N' Fun line has expanded into other things, including crappie jigs and more.

Area people tie spinners for the company, said Mr. Woolsey. Each item in stock has a "sku" number. Just for the company's lures there are 900 numbers. Those lures are sold across the country.



**IN 1982**, Dale's Fish 'N' Fun ran three delivery vans out of the store on U.S. 36.

When he first started with the company, there were between 5,000

to 6,000 wholesale items. That number has grown to just shy of

50,000 today.  
 The company has always been a family business, he said. Eris Young was a trooper and helped Dale out. Now Mr. Woolsey's wife, Terry, and Mr. Dejmal's, wife Candy, both teachers, also help.  
 While both Mr. Woolsey and Mr. Dejmal are avid hunters and fisherman, they don't seem to get as much opportunity as they'd like to get outdoors.  
 With the opening weekend of pheasant season this week, the store plans the usual special hours.  
 The shop will be open until midnight on Friday, from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, said Mr. Dejmal.

# \*New water well needed in Norcatur

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 expenses.  
 The letter, written by Mrs. Marshall and approved by the council, says, "We have found that we have a well that is unusable. After having it videographed, it was found to be not repairable. It doesn't allow for a sufficient amount of water to fill it.  
 "We have no option except to have a new well dug. We absolutely cannot leave ourselves with just one well. If something were to ever go wrong with the one, without a

backup, there would be no water for the town.

"We would end up having to have water hauled in and there would be rationing. This would go on for some time, as... the process for digging a new well is not a speedy one. We have been working for several months on this process."

On recent city bills, said Mrs. Marshall, people paid \$5 a month for a bond payment for a water improvement project over 10 years ago that allowed the city to move main

water lines off Main Street.

After looking at how to pay for a new well, which will cost around \$356,000, she said, the council decided to do it by borrowing the money through another bond issue.

The city was able to get two-thirds of the amount secured with a loan from Prairie Land Electric Cooperative, with 1 percent interest, to be paid off over 10 years. The other third has to be paid off in 15 years with a 3.6 percent interest rate.

To pay back the debt, each monthly water bill will increase \$31 for a total bond fee of \$36.

The city will also see an increase in the amount charged for trash pickup, as the contract with Bill Cathcart has just been renewed. Trash pickup, according to the council's letter, will go from \$7 for a single to \$8.20 and from \$14 to \$16.20 for a family. The 20 cents is an administrative fee, according to the letter.

# \*Oberlin continues to look for water

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 an extension on a "consent order" it signed promising to build the plant to avoid hefty state fines. State health officials gave the city 18 months to come up with a new plan or build the treatment plant. Council members hope to find better wells

outside of town.

City Administrator Karen Larson asked if they will test the water for contaminants like arsenic and uranium.

Mr. Miesner said they have tested enough water from the Ogallala aquifer and had good results that he

is OK with it. The irrigation wells had been pumped steady for several months, he said, so those wells gave a good sample.

There was some discussion about testing domestic wells in the same area.

Mrs. Larson said she talked with Chris Miller, an engineer and owner with Miller and Associates, about the workshop and he thought it was

a good idea. The council might have to wait until after the next meeting to have the results, she said.

"We waited 15 years now," said Councilman Rob McFee, who was presiding as acting mayor, "so what's two more weeks. I see in *The Oberlin Herald* that we have an 18-month extension on the consent order."

# Motorcycle riders

## wanted for new group

The Oberlin American Legion Post plans an organizational meeting this month to start a Legion Riders motorcycle group here.

Alan Marietta, vice commander of the Oberlin post, said Oberlin hasn't had a Legion Riders chapter before, and any motorcycle riders who want to join are invited. To be in the group, he said, people must first be a member of the American Legion, the Sons of the Legion or the Legion Auxiliary.

Mr. Marietta said he thought the Legion Riders would interest a generation who haven't yet joined the Legion, although the group isn't limited to any one generation.

The first of three bylaws for the riders, said Mr. Marietta, is to "promote motorcycle safety while providing a social atmosphere for members of the American Legion family who share common interest in serving veterans, their communities and motorcycling."

The second is to "promote, support and participate in the programs and ceremonies of the American Legion, including calling for a full accounting of all prisoners of war and those missing in action; and honoring our nation's fallen soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines,

and to support their families."

The third basically states that the riders will keep with the preamble of the Constitution in representing the Legion.

Members have to have a 250 cc motorcycle or larger.

Mr. Marietta said he thinks the group could have a good time, have some fun and do some good things.

It will cost \$12 for dues to join, he said. The member has to first be a member of the Legion, which costs \$30 for a year, the Sons of the Legion for \$25 or the Auxiliary for \$10.

Mr. Marietta said they need five people to start a chapter, which would be part of the Legion Riders of Kansas.

Once a person is a card-carrying member of the Legion Riders, he said, they can register as part of the group's Patriot Guard.

A national rally for the Legion Riders will be in Hays this summer, he said, adding that Kansas has a strong group of Legion Riders.

Anyone who is interested in attending the organizational meeting is invited to show up at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Oberlin Legion Hall.

# Second grade students write poems about fall

Four fall poems written by Kathy Tacha's second-grade class at Oberlin Elementary School were inadvertently left out of last week's newspaper.

The students used nouns, verbs and adjectives to describe the season. The four:

Fall is...  
 Hunting, walking, hiking  
 Red, orange, brown  
 Deer, pheasants, turkeys  
 Fall is...  
 Spectacular!  
 By Christopher Isbell

Blowing, falling, trick-or-treating,  
 Red, yellow, orange  
 Halloween, pie, turkey  
 Fall is...

Beautiful!  
 By Breckyn Jensen

Fall is...  
 Trick-or-treating, carving, baking  
 Green, yellow, red  
 Thanksgiving, Halloween, Autumn  
 Fall is...  
 Awesome!  
 By Riley Ketterl

Fall is...  
 Harvesting, carving, trick-or-treating,  
 Red, orange, yellow  
 Cinnamon rolls, chili, corn  
 Fall is...  
 Beautiful!  
 By Reece Grafel

# City work session planned

The Oberlin City Council plans a work session Thursday night to discuss the city's property ordinance. The special meeting starts at 7

p.m. upstairs in The Gateway. While the council isn't holding a formal meeting, the session is still open to the public.

# Ready for the holidays



**WHILE THE WEATHER** was nice last week, Melvin Martin with the city crew helped string holiday garland and lights in downtown Oberlin.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

# Remembering Our Veterans

# Friday, Nov. 11

We encourage you to thank a Veteran, fly the flag and say a thankful prayer for all those who made sacrifices to keep our country free.

**Lincoln Repair**

*Thank you Charlie Lincoln*

**Creative Collision**

**Decatur County Title and Abstract**

*Thank you Melvin Harper, Bill Brock, William and Willard Carter, Elmo Bailey and Elwood Bailey*

**Ultimate Fertilizer**

an Authorized Agent for Nex-Tech Wireless  
*Thank you John Juenemann*

**Ward Drug Store**

**Fredrickson Insurance Agency**

*Thank you Richard Dack, Rodney Farr and Douglas Smith*

**R & M Service Center**

*Thank you Dean and Robert Groneweg and Tim Gish*

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