THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1881

Dr. Mead moved out on his homestead the first of the month.

The Public school for the winter term commenced last Monday with an attendance of 48 pupils.

At about 5:30 last Friday afternoon a quick succession of four pistol shots startled the people of Oberlin who were within hearing distance and as the news spread that two men had been killed the shock extended. Many who were on the streets at the time and others who were in the business houses rushed to the scene of the affray, which occurred in the law office of Burt & McGonigal. On arriving there John Henry was found lying at the back door dying from the effects of two pistol shot wounds and another young man, Robert Gaston, was found severely wounded by a shot in the right breast, which was severe, though at present writing not considered fatal.

100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1906

Frank Garver had a span of fine two-year-old mules hitched to a wagon Tuesday morning. One of the tugs came unhitched and the wrestling he did to get it hitched up again was worth at least 25 cents to those who watched the performance and we are now positively sure that a mule can kick 75 times

A.J. Huff of Prairie Dog Township was in the city Monday. He had just completed one of the best residences in the county and was recently offered \$10,000 for the halfsection but did not want to move.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Willcoxon, Bennington, former residents of this county, arrived Monday and are visiting their son in Olive Town-

Born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Blickenstaff, a daughter. John has built such a big house that he will have to have some girls to care

Almost everyone in town has installed electric lights and they are beginning to seem like an old insti-

There will be roller skating at the opera house Saturday afternoon for ladies and children, also skating Saturday night for everyone.

75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1931

The D.G. Campbell grocery store Zimmerman brothers, Charley and and Janice Laidig. The fourth award question of time.'

Miss Theresa McKague was a caller at this office Thursday to tell us that the day marked the 50th anniversary of her coming to Decatur County to make her home. Although her father and brother came in 1879, Miss Theresa and her mother and two sisters did not move from Nebraska to Decatur County until September of 1881 because of the fear of another possible Indian

Court House News: William E. Gallentine, 21, and Miss Berenice niversary Sunday. Pastor is the Rev. Alexander, 21, both of Clayton, applied for a marriage license on the

A new Eugene Simplex permanent wave machine has been installed in the Driskell Beauty Shop.

Mrs. Charles Emerson entertained Saturday afternoon in honor Daniel Howard, was born to Mrs. of her son Raymond's fifth birth-Theo Tacha of Jennings was in

the office this week bragging about the bigger rains his community has had during the summer and the fine corn in that area. Jennings is to have two blocks of curb and gutter soon. Allison: A son was born to Mr.

and Mrs. Harold Thiesen. Leoville: Guy Morrish of Oberlin

installed a steam heating plant in the Sisters Home at Leoville last week. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Diederich are proud parents of a girl born Sept.

50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1956 The Oberlin City Council ap-

proved a resolution to put before the voters at the general election on Nov. 6 a bond issue for \$58,000 or less for a city swimming pool. In approving the bond issue, the council also established the location of the proposed pool, the southwest corner of the City Park.

was voted president of the student that a driving association has been council at DCHS last week and Wauneta Wurm is vice president. Class presidents are freshmen; Wayne Frickey; sophomore, Charley Kelley; juniors, Jim Kelley and seniors, Dick Carman. The Red Devil football team began their rebuilding year as they lost 14-0 to Phillipsburg, breaking an 11-game

by four from Decatur County at the school district Saturday last and the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson last erection of a fine commodious was sold this week to the week: Roxie Martin, Judy Magers frame school house is now only a

went to the Wide-Awake-4-H Club for a sculpture in hay of a beef which was shown at the Decatur County Fair in August.

Rusty Addleman, Oberlin's allstate high school footballer, began his collegiate grid bow at the College of Emporia last week with a bang by scoring three touchdowns in a 27-19 win over Friends Univer-The McGraw Methodist Church

located south of Dresden and north of Hoxie will celebrate its 50th an-Raymond Worden. A dinner at the Frontier Restaurant attended by fellow telephone

operators at McCook honored Della Roe and Dorothy Dutton, who are transferring to Long Beach, Calif. Hospital News: A baby boy, Howard Morton and the late Howard Morton on Sept. 25; Mr.

25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1981

and Mrs. Orris Aumiller, son, Sept.

Negotiations are under way between the Santa Fe and Kyle railroads to operate over the former Rock Island line, which serves the southern part of Decatur County, including Jennings and Dresden. Santa Fe will act as the parent company furnishing Kyle Railways with engines, hopper cars, snow removal equipment and derail equipment. Mid-States Port Authority will own the tracks and lease them to Kyle Railways on a lease-buy agreement.

By Jody Betts

Last Friday night, the Oberlin Red Devils hosted the St. Francis Indians in a nearly perfect night for football and survived their second outing of the season to win the first league game, 7-0. The only scoring in the game occurred in the first quarter with a run by Dave Aker. An attempted field goal in the fourth quarter was wide and short. In frosh-soph action, Coach Tom Alstrom's team traveled to St. Francis Monday evening and returned with a 40-0 win.

New Arrivals: The Rev. and Mrs. Terry Robey, Oberlin, announce the adoption of a 14-month-old son, Jon Allen, on Sept. 17, 1981.

Family histories for the Decatur County history book have continued to arrive in Oberlin. Present total is 731 with over 520 book orders. Deadline for submitting a family history has been extended to Friday,

Homecoming queen candidates at DCHS are Lori Cozad, Michelle Bader, Carol Sullivan, Tami Vaughn and Laura Williby.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm

On our guest list this week we had travelers from Germany and Wales. Both couples greatly enjoyed the museum and the folks from Germany told us they had much of the same type of items in their country. Historical tidbits: Oberlin Her-

School News: Dallas Musgrave ald, August 1886: "We understand formed in this city and that a fine half-mile track will be laid out on J.B. Hitchcock's forty, north west "Emery Walker and Bill Bebb

matched their horses for a four hundred-yard dash Monday afternoon. Bebb's horse proved to be the best horse for the distance.' "Bonds in the amount of \$600

Individual blue ribbons were won were voted in the Bassettville

Our new event for Mini Sapa on Oct. 7 will be the automatic target system furnished and run by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. They will be set up in the east side of the depot on the museum grounds. This computerized simulation features video scenes of deer, pheasant, and other types of wildlife along with blue rock targets. The participant fires a rifle or shotgun that emits a laser beam and records the hit, scoring the effectiveness of the shot.

We feel this event will be a great addition to our already fun day for young and old. Plan to come early and enjoy the whole day in Oberlin. There will be plenty going on at the museum, the antique stores will be open, and the 26th Annual Mini Sappa Antique Thresher and Engine show will be up at the fair-

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

thank you to Dick Kyle and the Country Store. Dick received a DVD player and was awarded the prize from the Regional Prevention Center, Colby, for not selling toare an asset to the community and we appreciate you.

The Thieler reunion was held at the Red Barn Sunday, Sept. 10. Those present were Elaine Morgan, Agra; Charlene King, Collyer; Martin and Donna Waterman, Keith and Darlene Barnett, Atwood; Virginia Solko, Ludell; Don and Lily Thieler, Freda Thieler, Kenneth Thieler, Colby; and Rex and Betty Carswell, Rexford.

The afternoon was spent enjoying a carry-in dinner, looking at pictures and genealogy information, playing cards and visiting. Don and Lily Thieler brought a freezer of homemade ice cream for a late afternoon treat that was enjoyed by

Chuck and Pat Williams spent several days at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson.

Sondra Barnett went to Scott City on Friday to pick up her granddaughter, Tabitha Barnett, from Liberal. On Saturday, they attended the Craft and Arts fair in Logan and set up a booth. Tabitha makes and sells jewelry and Sondra had some floral arrangements and lamps. It was a hot and windy day, but it was a fun time to spend together.

Sondra received one of 12 Artist of the Month awards. During the next year, each of the 12 will display their craftwork at the Dane Hansen Museum. En route home Saturday evening, they attended a family birthday supper at the home of Marvin and Topper Barnett in Gem which honored Velma Barnett on her birthday, which was Friday.

Golden Plains Homecoming was Friday and the Bulldogs defeated the Logan Trojans 34 to 14. Activities during the week began with the students having a pajama day on

Our congratulations and a sincere Brittany Ritter; Tuesday was opposite gender day, with Megan Juenemann and Brett Spresser as winners; Wednesday was color war with the seniors winning, and their color was black; and Thursday was bacco products to minors. Dick, you nerd day, won by Brandy Ginther and Danny Rogers.

In the evening the Booster Club fixed hot dogs for the community. A bonfire was planned by the student council, which was canceled because of the wind. The evening ended with a jersey auction. Friday was Spirit Day and the cheerleaders and senior football players had activities and a rally at the elementary school in Selden. There was a parade in downtown Rexford and a pep rally followed. Everyone had a grand time.

Ryan Stevenson, son of Kevin and Dawne Stevenson, Selden, and Stephanie Juenemann, daughter of Tom and Jan Juenemann, and also of Selden, are the 2006 Homecoming king and queen. Congratula-

Thomas County Clerk Shelly Harm and Deputy Clerk Susan Guill brought the county voting machines to the school Friday afternoon for the kids to use for voting for homecoming king and queen. Saturday night was the dance and Jam Sessions was the DJ. It was a fun-filled week

The Rexford Church had a carryin dinner Sunday in honor of Clara Gillum who will be leaving on Sept. 25 with her daughter-in-law, Camden Gillum, on a short mission trip to Panama. They will be visiting an orphanage through Manna Ministries.

This week's birthdays include Joan Todd, 17; Dick Sanford, 21; Delores Dible and Gary Delzeit, 22; and Kelsey Rhodes, 23. Happy

At the Red Barn: Ten came for Barnswallows on Monday. Betty Carswell brought delicious cookies and Jean Hawkins brought yummy doughnuts. At Friday's Koffee Monday, won by Danny Rogers and Klatch there were 9 in attendance.

Also at the Red Barn you can purchase the new cookbook for \$14.95 and the new edition of the Rexford

phone book for \$2.50.

Until next time, make your week a memorable one!

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Ralph Unger, vice president of the Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties, recently attended a four-day national seminar in Whitefish, Mont., hosted by the Association of Governmental Risk Insurance Pools. His wife, Norma, accompanied him on the trip.

Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, attended the State Fair in Hutchinson where Zach competed in the State Kids Pedal Pull. He placed first in his age division at the local Decatur County Farm Bureau sanctioned pedal pull, making him eligible for State Fair competition. Zach also received reds on the foods and woodworking project he en-

Mike and Nancy Shields, Omaha, were weekend guests at the

Gaylord Shields home.

John Bremer recently attended the funeral services in Manhattan for Sadie Tomasch, the mother of his brother-in-law, Lyndon Tomasch. Also attending were Lyn and Linda Tomasch, Larry and Lisa Sonsthagen, Matthew and Emily, Lori Taylor and Marissa, all of Olathe, and Lyn's two brothers from St. Joseph, Mo.

Ralph and Norma Unger and their children and families attended the K-State/Marshall game Saturday in Manhattan.

Saturday evening guests of Herschel and Jody Betts were Helen Derby, John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica, and their cousin, Jack Rhineshart, Hana, Hawaii, who lives on the island of Maui.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Elma Lee Erickson, and Don and Em Threlkel accompanied Effie Fields to Pueblo, Colo., on Tuesday, Sept. 12, where they attended funeral services for their cousin, Cora Parkhill, who died on Sept. 9.

Mary Lou Olson, Marianna Bendon and Karla Jones joined in Oberlin.

their cousins, Fern Borsheim, Green Cove Springs, Fla.; Linda Diamond, Pueblo, Colo.; Vendla Tacha, Jennings; Donna Hampton and Marilyn Linn, Wichita; and Ivis Hanson, Oberlin, for lunch on Thursday at the Frontier Restaurant

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Justin and Lori Marintzer of Hays will be honored at a wedding dance and Sharon Frick, secretary. and reception beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday at The Gateway in

Herndon Senior Citizens met on Sept. 6 and elected the following

officers: Frank O'Hara, president,

Sharon Frick won blackout in bingo and Frank O'Hara won the door prize. The next potluck will be today (Wednesday) at the senior

Cedar Living News

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Monday afternoon. He served cherry cheesecake to residents, staff, and Myrna Jones and Mary Ann

Amack led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon. Fern Moore hosted the reading

group Tuesday morning. Clois Fiala of Colorado Springs

hosted a birthday party for Alice Fiala at noon on Tuesday. She provided cake and ice cream for all of the residents and staff. Mildred Cochran won the first bingo Tuesday afternoon and Freda

Gamblin won the blackout game. Pam Anderson assisted with calling the bingo numbers. Juanita Williby assisted with the

Wednesday afternoon pinochle Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study

lesson on Wednesday afternoon. Barb Solko played Scrabble with

Velda Ward and Wynemah Cox on Thursday afternoon.

The bowling group enjoyed soda pop and potato chips after their game on Thursday afternoon.

A dance was held in the dining room on Thursday evening. Mary Ann Amack provided the refreshments and Rosemary Gaede assisted with serving. The music was provided by Vic Mowry and his band from Hoxie. Several local dancers added to the fun. A men's lunch was served at

patio. The dietary department proresidents including bratwurst, Muirhead, Oberlin.

sauerkraut, and deviled eggs. Teresa Shaughnessy served as wait-

The baking group made chocolate chip cookies on Friday after-

Father Henry Saw Lone of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church was in charge of the Sunday service. Mirla Coleman assisted with the

Elsie Goodnight assisted with a garage sale at her home on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. She celebrated her birthday with family members on Sunday. Recent visitors: Merlin and Lola Diederich, Cape Coral, Fla.; Rich-

ard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell;

Frank Cox, Ann Martin, Herndon;

Rosa Boehm, George Wurm, McCook; Elwood and Norine Bailey, Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Margaret Stanley, Colby; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Mike and Rose Domsch, Meredith Hrnchir, Atwood; Max and Norma Ward, Clayton; Amanda Winstead, Salina; Jerry

and Carol Sattler, Madison, Wis.; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Earl Brown, Selden; Janice O'Hare, Linda Hunt, Wava Reames, Jerry Temple, Norcatur; Allan Vavroch, Lyle Gamblin, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Beth Sebaugh, Dolores and Jacob Koerperich, Megan, Clayton and Anna Carter,

Vernon Diederich, Lois and Wayne Larson, Bertha Schwisow, Eileen noon on the Cedar Living Center Laird, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Roxie vided a special menu for the male Pomeroy, Sandra Young, Karolyn

Good Samaritan News

"Let the little children come unto event. Ruth Laidig, Eva Bryan, me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Mark 10:13)

Jesus loved the little children, placing high value on them. We love the little children, too. Nothing will brighten the eyes of residents quicker than the smiles of the children who come to visit. On Tuesday Diana Steinmetz,

Vicki Leitner and Jeni Henningson brought the first-grade class to meet Sammy the Squirrel and their First Hand Friend reading partners. Twenty little smiles, all in a line,

paraded through the halls taking turns delivering an "apple friend" to their special reading buddy. When the children left, the "apple

friends" had all found a prominent spot to be proudly displayed until they come back to read next month. What a joy and a blessing the children are to us!

Dennis Brown and his Forget-Me-Not ministry provided cherry cheesecake for the staff and residents during Social Hour on Wednesday. Dennis and his ministry have given so much to our Good Sam family. We are happy to partner with the Royal Neighbors to host a soup and pie fund-raiser on his behalf in November. Be watching for more details.

Friday was a day of celebration. During Social Hour we celebrated Ruby Wennihan's 87th birthday. The room was filled with beautiful flowers, a yummy cake and best

Then Friday evening five of our gentlemen headed to the high school football game where they were honored during halftime for their service to our great country. Swede Unger and Alan Addleman served in the Army, and John Ready, John Rule and David McGee were all Navy men. What a privilege to be a part of the halftime recognition. Thank you, Christie Morris, for including us.

Karaoke meets Good Sam! Saturday night 20 residents headed to the Town Square for a new kind of fun. Anita and Joey Hirsch, along with new volunteer Darrell Stern, Fringer; Ethel Nemeth - Helen and Sarah Fringer orchestrated the

Edla Olson, Irel Lohoefener, Everett Fisher, Thelma Spiers, Dorothy Pryor and Kathryn Post all took turns behind the microphone. The evening ended with everyone singing "God Bless America." During Bible study on Thursday, we discussed several different ser-

vice projects. It was decided that we would send "love packages" to our servicemen and women. So, you know what that means — another Rock-a-Thon! We will have our second annual Rock-a-Thon on Nov. 11, which is fitting because it is Veterans Day.

If you have a loved one serving our country right now and would like them to receive a package, please get their information to Lisa Stacy as soon as possible.

We hope to send 100 boxes. Postage alone would be \$800 so it is a lofty goal, but we raised \$1,000 last year for the Salvation Army's Hurricane Relief Fund, so we know it's

This project allows the residents a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community in a meaningful, tangible way. We hope you will be a part of this exciting en-

Recent guests: Alvina Unger -

Hertha Kelley of St. Francis, Kathy Wiley of Idalia, Colo.; Lucy **Schissler** - Ron and Jan Kessler of Springfield, Mo., Ralph Crim and Bonnie Klein of Atwood; Thelma **Spiers** - Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon; Doris Marintzer - Bud and Vicky Mumm of Gem; Eva Bryan - Donna Kelley, Elizabeth, Blake, Paige, Reilly and Reid Fahrenoltz of Hastings, Neb.; Jeanette Conway - Daisy Rhein; Harlan Geihsler, Everett Fisher Jamie, Mercedes, Wesley, Monica, and Maria Geihsler; Elaine Thomas - Reta Hawkins, Sandy Lee of McDonald, Elsie Wolters; **Dorothy Pryor** - Elsie Wolters; **Hazel Flaska** - Charlene Karnes of Salina; Ruby Wennihan - Tammy and Katrina Neal; **Dor**othy Hunt - Reva Marshall, Helen Brooks, Betty Heisel, Sarah Brook, Betty Heisel.

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Last reminder! Saturday, Sept. 23, everyone is invited to come and First State Bank of Holbrook Gold enjoy the entertainment at the Lyle benefit potluck at 6 p.m. Liberty Star Club met Wednes-

day at the Community Building at Lyle. Those present were Angie Wilson, Kathy Van Meter, Toots Magers, Veda Wood and Carolyn Plotts.

Judy and Charlie Easton came Thursday, and cut up dead trees and trimmed up others.

Kathy Van Meter attended the Club party with Harvest Bingo on Thursday. She won a couple of squash. That evening Veda Wood, Ona Van Gundy, Sheryl Patterson, Mrs. Magers, Eileen Laird, and Kathy Van Meter went to the Vic Mowry Band program at Cedar

Kathy Van Meter and Joyce Sumner sold items during the Treasure Hunt on Friday and Saturday.

Living Center in Oberlin.

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