

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1881

Nothing doing but politics. Buffalo meat in the market Tuesday and Wednesday. The animal was killed in Rawlins County.

J.E. Cochran has rented the building first door south of the post office, now occupied as a harness shop, and is having it fitted up as a law office.

A good shower Monday and Tuesday furnished the bosom of mother earth with an abundance of nourishment for the young fall grain.

Mr. Faulkner, chief of the engineer corps of the Central Branch, was in town the first of the week settling up bills for supplies furnished them during the summer.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1906

The school will go in a body from the Baptist Church to the High School campus for the laying of the cornerstone of the new high school building.

Another heavy rain ending with a snow Sunday, the wheat has now had plenty of water to carry it through the winter.

Married, at the home of the bride's parents in Ottawa, Kan., on Monday at 2 p.m., Valentine H. Griffith of Oberlin and Mary N. Church.

The sleet Monday broke many limbs from fruit and forest trees, the cottonwoods suffering the most.

Traer Items: Duke Guinn, Elta McCartney, Fred Hemper and Cam Porterfield left Monday for the Sandhills. The boys intend to have a jolly time.

Allison Items: We understand Byron Scott has traded the Groom farm for the Bates 80 with John Dwyer.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1931

An elderly gentleman, J.R. Gettys, who was a Methodist minister in Omaha, stopped in the *Herald* office Tuesday. He recalled he had herded cattle for a man by the name of Howard about 6 miles down the Sappa from Oberlin during the summer of 1878 and hadn't been in Oberlin since.

Coach Anderson's Decatur Red Devils were victorious in their first league game, downing St. Francis 12 to 0.

Out-of-town attendants at the meeting of the Decatur County Bankers Assoc. held at the Hotel Oberlin Monday evening included:

Jennings: Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tacha, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Erickson; Norcatur: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Betts, Mr. Howard Benton and Mr. Frank Frewen; Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bowman, Mr. C.H. Law and Mr. King Muirhead.

Norcatur: Rev. McClellan comes back to Norcatur for his second year. We stated last week that he went to Belleville but it was Rev. Roberts of Oberlin who goes to Belleville. We are always glad to correct mistakes.

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Monaghan of Denver are the proud parents of a baby girl who arrived Oct. 14. Mrs. Monaghan will be remembered by her many Decatur County friends as Neta Miller.

We failed to mention the arrival of a 9-pound baby boy at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Norman Reist in Olathe who was named Horace Burton.

Considerable interest is expressed by the patrons of the Oberlin Consolidated School whereby milk is being served to the children in all the lower grades. There will be no charge though parents will be permitted to pay for it if they wish. The ladies clubs in Oberlin are cooperating in this project with financial assistance and are giving up refreshment at their meetings and putting the money that would have been spent for this into the milk fund. If the program proves satisfactory it will be extended to all pupils in the school who are underweight.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sedustine are the parents of twins, a boy and a girl, born Oct. 19. Each baby weighed five and a half pounds.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1956

The old Decatur County Livestock Exchange building, a fixture at Hall and Griffith streets since 1921, will soon be no more. Gerald Wiley has razed the building, which was purchased by Milton Nitsch from the county, and the lot has been sold to Southwestern Bell Telephone Company as the site for a new telephone building.

Jerry Baker, DCHS senior, has been chosen general for the Halloween clean-up. Robert Young, Jack Kelley, Richard Pavlicek and Bob Vernon will be zone captains.

The Oberlin Red Devils came

back to score three touchdowns in the second half but not before Oakley's speed and all-around power and their own shoddy defense, fumbles and general miscues sent them down to defeat 38-19 in the homecoming game played at Smick Field.

A conference of District 17-NW Lions Clubs from Northwest Kansas will meet in Oberlin this Sunday at the high school with an attendance of 300 persons expected from 37 clubs.

Gale Long returned home Saturday after receiving his discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps, where he has served three years. He is planning to attend college at Missouri University the second semester. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Long.

Five of the *Herald* staff, E.R. Woodward, Dean Coughenour, Delbert Shields, Mrs. Millard Kye and Mary Lou Bendon, recently enjoyed a steak supper followed by a tour of the fine new building of the *Atwood Citizen-Patriot* newspaper. The new brick building is owned by publishers Arden and Fred Hale, who deserve much credit for the fine addition they have made to their community.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Roger Messinger, Cedar Bluffs, son, Bruce Kevin, Oct. 15; Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Ruzicka, daughter, Kandy Sue, Oct. 20; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Munson, Rexford, daughter, Vicky Sue, Oct. 17; Mr. and Mrs. George P. Nellans, Norton, daughter, Patricia Kathleen, Oct. 21.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1981

It's "back to the planning board" as a result of a public meeting to consider a possible building project to provide additional health care facilities to accommodate elderly persons.

Members of the Decatur Amusement Authority voted to spend about \$7,500 of their cash balance to reduce the debt on the community-owned Sunflower Cinema.

Idella Frickey has announced the purchase of the insurance portion of Farmers Loan & Abstract effective Nov. 1. Dan Hess will continue to assist in the insurance office part-time.

Firmly believing in Santa Claus, the Oberlin Red Devils traveled to Goodland to the Cowboy round-up Friday night and handed the Cow-

boys an early Christmas gift in the form of a 12-0 win in NWKL action. All through the game, the Oberlin boys killed their own drives with penalties and aided the Goodland cause with the same tactics. Red Devil punter Brian Moore kicked five times with a 38-yard average and Goodland did not kick once.

Newborns at Decatur County Hospital will be staying in a brightly decorated and remodeled nursery with improved lighting and colorful circus figures on the white walls. Remodeling was funded from memorial gifts and wall decorations were made by Sappa Valley Arts Club members Dottie Lotker, Doris Rogers and Betty Duffy.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Kelley, Manhattan, a son, Nathaniel Lynn, Oct. 16, 1981; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Carter, rural Norcatur, son, Justin Wade, Oct. 16, 1981.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

What an interesting sight to see more than 500 bolts of quilt fabric on a 30-foot bus. I am not a quilter, but it was sure something to see. We would like to thank the Needles and Pins Quilt Guild for using our wonderful facility, the old Bohemian Hall, for this event.

The Museum is once again sponsoring a tree trimming contest. Clubs, businesses, organizations, or individuals are encouraged to participate. Your imaginations can run free in selecting your theme and can even represent your organization and its purpose or business. So put on your thinking caps and come down to pick your spot, or call (785) 475-2712 to reserve your room. There are only eight trees not spoken for.

In keeping with the excitement of a new building for the fairgrounds, I found this article in *The Oberlin Herald*, Oct. 2, 1947:

"First Building on New County Fairgrounds: Former Roberts Garage is moved to Fairgrounds, set on new foundation. The Decatur County Fair Board is grateful to the

Farmers National Bank officers who through their donation of the former Roberts Garage building, make possible the first building to be located on the new county fairgrounds. The building, which has stood on the corner at the intersection of Penn Avenue and Commercial Street for many years was moved to the fairgrounds the first of the week by Irwin Aumiller of Jennings.

"The building, located southwest of the center of the grounds, probably will be used as an exhibit building for several years, and had it been necessary to await construction of a new building it might have been two or three years in becoming reality. The first new construction at the fairgrounds must necessarily be a grandstand, it is felt by the officers."



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\$857

'95 Lincoln Continental
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'97 Cadillac D'Elegance
Lots of Miles Left!
\$2,611

'94 Pontiac Grand Am
Great school or work car!
\$2,417

'89 Buick Century Limited
4 Door, V6, Dependable!
\$1,037

'98 Pontiac Trans Sport
Economical & Spacious!
\$3,337

'98 Ford Windstar GL
Loaded, Clean, 83,000 Miles!
\$3,675

'99 Ford Windstar
Very Affordable & Dependable
\$4,386

'01 Ford Windstar LX
Loaded and Ready To Go!
\$4,618

'96 GMC Suburban LT 4x4
Custom Wheels, Runs & Drives Great!
\$3,811

'96 Chevrolet Tahoe LT
2 Tone, 350 Vortec, 4x4!
\$4,848

'97 Chevrolet Tahoe LT
4x4, Leather, Very Nice!
\$4,977

'93 GMC
4x2, Auto, V6, Work Truck
\$893

'93 Ford F-150
302 V8, 4x2, Runs Great!
\$2,212

'92 Chevrolet 3/4 Ton 4x4
Ex-Cab, 350 V8, Auto!
\$4,873

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Dr. and Jody Bills of Cincinnati, Ohio, were weekend guests of Bob and Neoma Tacha. Jody is a niece of Neoma. Additional Sunday dinner guests were Royal and Gayle Tacha and Garrett, Hoxie, and Roger and Peggy Tacha, Oakley.

The benefit soup supper planned for Tony LaRue will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday in the Senior Center with donations. Tony is still in the Good Samaritan Hospital in

Kearney, Neb., in a drug-induced coma. They are draining fluid from behind his lungs. He had bypass heart surgery several weeks ago. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Men from the Norton Correctional came Thursday and Friday to put a tin roof on the bulletin board stand and to finish painting the city shop. We appreciate all the work the men have done for Jennings City. United Methodist Women will

meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the church. Kathy Nauer will give the lesson "Grant Me A Godward Vision." Hostesses will be Ruth Chance and Patty Foster. Quiet Moments will be given by Claudine Bennett.

Louise Cressler went to Ridgewood Center in Hoxie on Friday to listen to the M&M's musical program, "Let's Go To The Movies."

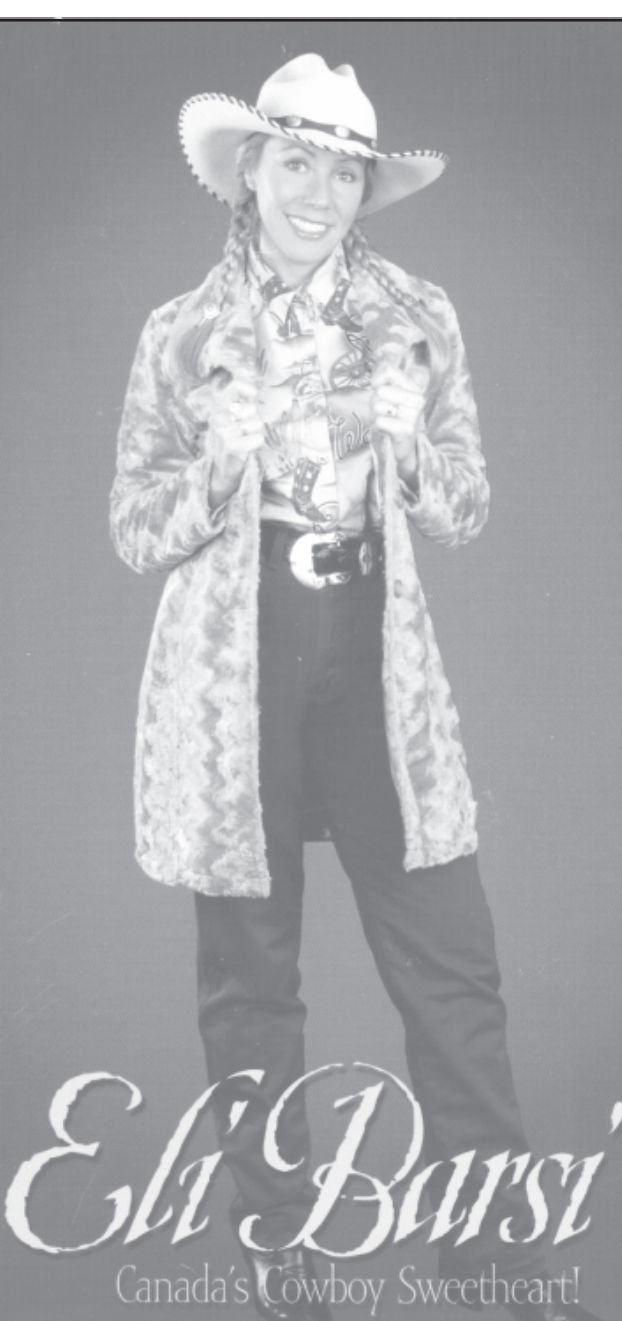
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October 28
The Gateway,
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Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Theater 7:30 p.m.

Performance by Eli Barsi, 2006 Academy of Western Artist Award for Western Female Vocalist of the Year

Season Ticket event or \$25. Dinner reservations are required by Wednesday, October 25 for the surf and turf meal. Theater only tickets are available at the door for \$10/adults, \$5/students grades 1-12.

For information call
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