

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1882**

The political battle has been fought. N.A. Cornish has moved his family to town for the winter. The prairie fire on the Beaver last week burned up considerable feed.

Calvin E. Metz has been appointed postmaster at Sheridan, Sheridan County, Kansas.

H.E. Counter has gone to Jewell County where his family will winter. He will return in a few weeks.

S.D. McDowell of Prairie Dog has presented us with an excellent sample of sugar made from the sap of the box elder tree.

Messrs. McKay & Jenkins placed us under obligation for a sack of splendid graham flour, made at the Cedar Bluffs mill.

**100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1907**

Lorenzo Hickok of Illinois is visiting his sister, Mrs. Lydia Barnes, at present.

Married, Mr. Clyde C. Corcoran and Miss Mamie O'Toole; Rev. Father Kramer officiating.

A card from J.E. Love was received Monday. He is having the time of his life in New York and said the tall buildings, of which he sent up a picture, made his head swim when he tried to look at the top of them. We hope that his arrival in the city was not the reason that all the banks stopped paying out money in that metropolis.

Kanona Items: Geo. Vernon and Wes Richardson were in Norcatour putting in some new phones.

The football team has made arrangements for a game with the Atwood High School team at Atwood Nov. 9.

**75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1932**

Next Tuesday will bring forth the largest vote ever cast in any election the nation over, and Decatur County and the state of Kansas will be no exception. The three-cornered race for governor has created the most interest.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church for Leo C. Anderson, 44, who died as the result of injuries in an auto crash east of Traer. He is survived by his wife, Ethel; a son, Farley; two daughters, Faye and Fern; and a granddaughter. Burial was in Oberlin Cemetery.

Beginning Nov. 7 all the grade school children in Oberlin in the

first, second, third and fourth grades as well as any others who are underweight will be served one-half pint of milk daily. Parents will be asked to pay 30 cents per child per month but clubs and townspeople have contributed to the milk fund as in the past year and the project was considered very successful last year.

Knowing the Hays football team had not been defeated in two years, the Oberlin Red Devils galloped on the field with a determination to give the visitors all they had and offer no alibis when the game was over. The score at the end of the half was Oberlin 20, Hays 0, and the final score was 41 to 0. At Colby on Friday night, the Red Devils fought a hard battle and finally emerged the victors in a 14-7 game. Outstanding feature of the game was the beautiful playing of Hackney, first year man, and Chilson, both linemen, and Sam Francis also played a whale of a game.

Dr. Reeves reports two births on Monday, Oct. 31: a baby girl weighing four and a half pounds to Mr. and Mrs. Goldie Scott and a baby boy weighing nine pounds born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ross.

Elaine Bradley was the honored guest for a party for her 9th birthday Tuesday afternoon.

**50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1957**

The flu epidemic has let up at DCHS but increased its pace elsewhere. At Oberlin, City School Principal Ira Laidig was forced to cancel school and at Jennings, Principal Elmer Vecera said about one-third of the students had been absent. At Norcatour Principal Forrest Stern said there were only 13 students at the high school Monday afternoon. County Superintendent Edith Anderson reported that Lund, Traer, Springbranch, Vallonia and Decatur rural schools had postponed school for several days. An estimated 1,500 persons have been ill in the past three weeks county-wide.

Oberlin forfeited its NWKL football game to Atwood last Friday night. All but two regulars had the flu and Atwood had games scheduled for the next two weeks making it impossible to play before Nov. 22.

A four-day pheasant season will open Saturday. With a wet year providing much cover, it is thought that only the highly lucky hunter will

do much shooting though there are thought to be more pheasants than in recent years.

The Oberlin City Council appointed Art Nelson police chief with ex-sheriff Phil Walton and Dale Brunk to round out the force.

Funeral services were held for Gustave H. Lippelmann Sr., 74, who was born in Germany and came to the U.S. in 1883 stopping in Kansas City, Mo., before coming to Decatur County in 1905 where he was employed by the late Otis L. Benton. He was president of Decatur County Abstract until selling his interest to Thelma Wolfe and Agnes Dowling in 1950, was affiliated with Benton-Hopkins Investment Co., and had extensive land holdings locally and in Colorado. He is survived by his widow, Ilka; two daughters, Mrs. Phil Hambleton, Amesbury, Mass., and Joan Hedrick, Hays, and two sons, Gustave, Oberlin, and Raymond of Lyons.

Norcatour: George H. Locy, retiring mail carrier after 37 years of service for the Norcatour Post Office, was guest of honor Sunday evening, Nov. 3, at the City Hall in Norcatour. He was presented a gift of luggage from the group attending. The Locys plan to spend the winter months in California.

**25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1982**

Local Fish & Game protector Larry Dawson reported this week that the pheasants are real spooked and he predicts "tough hunting." Problems will occur due to the large acreage of fall crops which have not been harvested to date.

Area communities offering special meals for hunters include the Norcatour church women on Saturday evening, the Jennings Lions Club serving breakfast beginning at 5 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday, lunch at the Traer Community Center both days and in Oberlin a hunters' breakfast will be served by the CYO in the basement of Sacred Heart Church.

## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Golden Plains Community Outreach has announced the winners of the drawing for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. The winner of the 19" flat screen high-definition television was Connie Weber of Quinter. Connie is a registered nurse for the Sheridan County Health Complex. Nancy Dahl, Rexford, was the winner of the hand-crocheted afghan. Nancy is an emergency medical technician and is a certified nurse aide for Land C Home Health Agency of Colby. Congratulations, winners!

They would like to thank those who have supported this program, including BJ's & Guys, City of Menlo, City of Rexford, Dave's Auto Supply, Karls Cash Store, Memory Creations by Sondra, Midway Motel and Cafe, Midwest Energy, Neff Realty, Nex-Tech/Rural Telephone, The Bank, and the Unified School District of Rexford and Selden.

It is now possible to start delivering books to the preschool children in our school district. Parents have been signing up their children and the books will be arriving soon.

Several teens, including Justin Dice, Torry Roehl, Michael Roehl, Nick Rall and Shaun Gilbert, put together a Haunted House walk-through on Halloween night. Under the direction of Rob Dice, these teens did an excellent job. The waiting line was long and the scares were enjoyed by many. Thanks for the entertainment.

Several friends and relatives gathered at the Rexford Cemetery

The USD 294 board of education approved a trip request by Bonnie Beisner for 55 band members on April 16-17 of the coming year to participate in a festival of bands contest at Worlds of Fun in Kansas City.

An overflow crowd at Smick Field saw the football season come to an end for the Oberlin Red Devils with the Hoxie Indians scoring a decisive 17-6 win to capture the 3A playoff berth. The loss gave the team a 6-3 overall record with a 5-3 record in the Northwest Kansas League.

New Arrivals: Linda and John Palmer, Oberlin, daughter, Shawna-Lee Maree, Nov. 5; Sherri and Chris Schmidt, Oberlin, girl, Erin Janece, Nov. 6.

Dawn Alesa Havens, Superior, Neb., and Michael Corcoran, Phillipsburg, exchanged wedding vows Oct. 9, 1982, at the United Methodist Church in Superior, Neb. They will make their home in Phillipsburg.

Lynn and Roberta Johnson, Oberlin, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherri Sue, to Terry D. Ramsey, son of L.D. and Judy Ramsey, Arkansas City. The bride-to-be is a 1980 graduate of DCHS and attended Bethany College and will graduate in May 1983 as a dental hygienist from Central Community College in Hastings, Neb. Her fiancé is a graduate of Arkansas City High School and also attended Bethany College. He is presently employed as a department manager for Fairway Auto Industries in Tulsa, Okla. A summer wedding is planned.

Colleen Marie Ketterl and Ronald Edwin Fikan were united in marriage Oct. 9, 1982, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Ketterl, Herndon, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyonal Fikan, Atwood. Father Ken Lohrmeyer officiated. The couple will reside east of Atwood.

as Pastor Lane Purcell officiated at the graveside service for Hazel Richardson on Wednesday. Hazel came to Rexford to work as a housekeeper for Mary and Dean Osborn when she was 26 and lived here until nine years ago, when she became a resident of nursing homes in Colby, Hoxie, and finally Logan. She was born on Aug. 19, 1915, and had a long and good life.

After the service on Wednesday, Clea Moeder and Buck Harper opened their home for friends to gather for coffee and cookies. Those who joined them were Barbara Osborn, daughter of Mary and Dean Osborn from Americas, Ga.; Cindy Stepper, Kansas City; and Deb Stepper, Eunice Sanford, Pastor Lane, and Sondra Barnett.

A recent guest of Sondra Barnett was her son, Bryan Barnett, Liberal. He also spent time visiting his two grandmothers, Velma Barnett, Gem, and Hulda Wark, Hoxie. A few days later, Sondra was host to two of her grandsons for the day, Kerry Barnett, Alamosa, Colo., and Tatum Barnett, Garden City. The young men also visited their great-grandmothers, Velma Barnett and Hulda Wark.

Red Barn ongoing activities: Barnswallows, Monday, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. is Ladies Bible Study; Come on Down, Thursday at 2 p.m. and Friday is Koffee Klatch at 9:30 a.m. Senior Bingo has started up again and will be the second Saturday of each month at 7 p.m. November's bingo will be Nov. 10.

## Things are a hoppin' downtown

Well, Halloween is over, and what a fun day that was. Even the weather cooperated as downtown Oberlin was taken over by ghouls, goblins, pirates and more last week as the Spook Parade made its way down Main Street.

Alot of grown-ups even got in the Halloween spirit. It seemed as if, for a brief moment, the kid in all of us came out to join in the fun.

Plan to join us for a ribbon cutting at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the ReLoad's new location and for Total Business Integration in the Entrepreneurial Center.

Just a reminder: the Business to Business Tour is Sunday, Nov. 11, so mark your calendar and join us for a fun afternoon. Cookies and coffee will be served in the hospitality room at the center 3:30 p.m.

## Cedar Living News

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party at the Cedar Living Center on Monday afternoon. He served plates loaded with crackers, cheese, meat, and veggies to residents, staff, and guests.

Edith Pettera was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration hosted by her sons on Monday afternoon. Invited guests included family members and friends.

Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

John Schuhart won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Mildred Tacha won the blackout game.

Helena Bruggeman, Paul Sass, Don Shaw, Mildred Tacha, and Loyl Wilson met on Tuesday afternoon to prepare treat bags for Halloween.

Halloween was a very fun day at Cedar Living Center. The third-grade students from Oberlin Elementary School made their annual visit to the center. They were all decked out in their Halloween costumes, and presented a program including poems and songs. Each received a treat bag before returning to school. Following the program residents enjoyed chocolate doughnuts and coffee.

Trick-or-treat started about supertime, when children began coming dressed in a variety of costumes. We had quite a few between 5 and 6 p.m. and then tapered off with the last group coming around 7:30. We would like to thank everyone who made the trip to Cedar Living Center for trick-or-treat. These visitors made our day extra special.

Father Henry brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

The penny card players on Thursday afternoon included Zola Brown, Helena Bruggeman, Mildred Cochran, Elsie Goodnight, Edie Pettera, Paul Sass, John Schuhart, Don Shaw, and Delores Wheeler. Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox and Velda Ward.

The baking group made chocolate cookies on Friday afternoon.

Sam Mack visited Saturday evening. He played poker with Don Shaw and Elsie Goodnight. We are hoping to find more residents who play poker to join the group for a regular Saturday evening game.

Pastor Doug Mason of the Lund Covenant Church gave the worship service on Sunday morning. He brought a Sunday school class from the church, and the children acted out the story of the Good Samaritan.

Dollar General sent us a large box of clothing including nightgowns, underwear, and slippers this past week. Shoppers at the store donated these items to be given to the residents. We would like to thank these generous shoppers for their thoughtfulness and also the employees at Dollar General for organizing this project.

Invitations were mailed out last week for our Thanksgiving potluck dinner on Nov. 18. If you are interested in attending the dinner and did not receive an invitation please call Teresa Shaughnessy at (785) 475-2208.

Recent visitors: Ann Martin, Linda Bosler, Jerry Wolfram, Frank Cox, Herndon; Marlene Wolfram, Karen Capps, Rosa Boehm, George Wurm, McCook; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Theresa Rippe, Ludell; Clois Fiala, Colorado Springs; Elwood and Norine Bailey, Kay Brown, Jennings; Jan and Carol Peters, Damascus, Ore.; Beck Boehm, Lincoln, Neb.; Geraldine Packer, Norton; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Margaret Stanley, Colby; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Steve and Barb Brown, Selden; Lester Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz.; Wava Reames, Lesley Ward, Norcatour;

Darlene Fisher, Sue and Erin May, Juanita Williby, Jon, Ana, and Spencer Wishon, Delores Koerperich, Eunice Richards, Lyle Gamblin, Marguerite Bailey, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Opal Huntley, Jeanne Isbell, Earl Brown, Jeanette Miller, Ira Kolsky, Jan Matheny, Roxie Pomeroy, Eunice Martin.

## Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Jim and Sharon Vogel left for Colorado on Oct. 23 to visit their daughter, Kim and Todd Hoffman; granddaughter, Jennifer Adams; and great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Tucker Adams, all of Castle Rock. They returned home Oct. 29.

Brad and Deanna Williams left for Las Vegas on Oct. 25 and returned home Oct. 30. They took in a few shows and went sightseeing.

Deanna, Brad, Zach, Brandi and Kassidi Williams came for a chili dinner at the home of Voni Sattler on Halloween night.

Ruth and Ray Coursey of Centennial, Colo., came Tuesday to visit her sister, Helen Marintzer, at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. They also visited other relatives in Herndon, including Ruth's nieces, Chris Wood and Myrna Pettera of Loveland, Colo., before returning to Colorado.

Those attending Edie Pettera's 96th birthday celebration on Oct. 29 at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin were Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz.; Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Connie James, Thornton, Colo.; Colette Kramer, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Keith Pettera, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Bud and Pat Bosler, Pine, Colo.; Bob and Julie Hafner, and Ann Martin, Herndon; Janice Sattler, Aunt Hattie Toth, Shirley Williams, Elaine Johnson, and Bethel Goltl, Atwood.

Don and Myrna Pettera also went to the Good Samaritan Home in Atwood to visit their aunt, Caroline Pettera, and wish her a happy 95th birthday on Oct. 29.

Thursday afternoon Myrna Pettera and Chris Wood visited their aunt, Esther Pennington.

Friday afternoon St. Mary's

Christian Mothers of Herndon entertained at Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin for their Rock-a-thon fund raiser. Those attending were Theresia Rippe, Sharon Ecker, Eileen Unger, Liane Martin, Ann Solko, Vicki Mumm and Voni Sattler. Special guests were Pam Anderson, Oberlin, and Myrna Pettera, Loveland.

Guests of Deanna, Brad, Chelsi and Brandi Williams Saturday afternoon were Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz.; Kathy Leitner, Atwood; and Voni Sattler. Catching up on family news, they also enjoyed playing guitars and singing.

Don and Joan Grafel's company on Saturday night was their niece, Charlotte Smith of Buhler.

Sunday after the United Church of Christ service in Herndon, a surprise dinner with cake was held at the Frontier Restaurant in Oberlin for Pastor Dennis Brown on his birthday, which is later this month. Those present were Leon and Martha Portschy, Dave and Judy Ketterl, Dale Allacher, Don and Joan Grafel, Herndon; and Tom and Kay Franke, Gisela Fisher and Pastor Brown of Oberlin.

Sunday afternoon guests of Esther Pennington were Chris Wood, Beth Hraha, Ann Solko, and Voni Sattler, Herndon; and Myrna Pettera, Loveland. The topics of interest were religion and politics. Snacks and cake were served.

Troy Ecker and Brandi, and Bart Ecker of Hays spent the weekend with their mother and grandmother, Sharon Ecker.

Julie Geisinger of Selden and Lucy Evans of McCook visited their mother, Ann Martin, on Saturday.

Jared Solko and his fiancée, Vanessa, of Hays spent the weekend with Alan and Ann Solko.

Julie and Bob Hafner spent last Friday in Lexington, Neb., with Jason and Raquel Hafner. They all attended the funeral of Elmer Frerichs, grandfather of Raquel. On Saturday, Julie and Bob helped Emmie Jo Foxhoven celebrate her birthday with Jackie, Dave and family in Sterling, Colo., then went to Scottsbluff, Neb., to visit the Joe Hafner family for a few days.

Pamela Brown held an open house Saturday evening at the Senior Center to honor the marriage of Andrea Brown and Lucas Horn. The newlyweds were overnight guests of Alan and Ann Solko.

The 26th annual Herndon Heritage Craft Day was held Saturday at St. Mary's Hall in Herndon, sponsored by the Herndon Chamber of Commerce. Lunch was served by the Catholic Youth Organization.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Jennifer Andrews, daughter of John and Eunice Andrews of Perry, Ga., and granddaughter of Wilma May, has been named a Commended Student in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program. Jennifer, a senior at the Westfield Schools in Perry, placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.4 million students who entered the 2008 competition.

Anna Shaw drove to Emporia on Wednesday, Oct. 24, to pick up Jennifer Shaw and from there they drove on to Kansas City and flew to New York City to visit Zachary Shaw, who is attending school there. They returned home Sunday, Oct. 28, since classes at Emporia State resumed Monday after fall break.

Dan Nedland returned home Thursday after enjoying a trip to Wisconsin visiting his mother and uncle, Elizabeth McConnell and Don Howard, both of Minong, and his brother, Jack Nedland, Rice Lake. While there, Dan, his mother and uncle, and four of Dan's brothers, Jack, Fred, Paul, and Sam Nedland, met at the family cabin in Lampson, Wis., and enjoyed time together before Dan had to return home.

Rhonda May attended a two-day Chemical Petroleum Engineering Advisory Board meeting at the Kansas University campus in Lawrence Friday and Saturday. She returned home Saturday evening after attending the Kansas University/Nebraska game where Kansas University won 76-39.

Cassidy Shields, Tyler Shields, and Ryan May sang in the Junior High Honor Choir, Zach May played fourth chair trumpet in the Junior High Honor Band, and Jessica Bremer played second chair piano in the High School Honor Jazz Band during the Northwest Kansas Music Educators Association Concert at Hays High School Saturday afternoon. Jessica was one of two seniors who received a medallion for having played in

the High School Honor Jazz Band all four years of high school; this year Jazz Band had 23 members. Among those from Oberlin attending the concert were Kelly Shields and Caitlyn, Shirley Shields, Susan May and Erin, Pam May and Hannah, and John and Dianne Bremer.

Cameron Nedland, a freshman at Kansas State University, came home on Thursday to visit his parents. On Friday, Cameron accompanied Deb Helm, Becky and Jacob, Kayla Zodrow, and Martin and Ceanne (Helm) Rinehart to Colorado Springs where they met Aaron Helm and attended the Army/Air Force football game on Saturday. They returned home Sunday, and Cameron returned to college.

Gary and Marsha Richards were Saturday evening dinner guests at the home of Richard and Anna Shaw.

Garrett Scott was honored with cake and ice cream at his home Sunday afternoon to celebrate his 11th birthday. Also present were Wendy and Justin Scott and Gage, Wilma May, Evelyn Olson, Jerry and Connie Olson, and Stean Olson of Hays, who was a weekend guest at the Olson home.

Ralph and Violet Shaw and Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante attended worship services and the potluck dinner on Sunday commemorating the 130 year celebration of the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

Sunday evening supper guests at the David and Karen Eskew home were Elmer and Tim Waterman, Bonaire, Ga.; Dave Casselman, Arlington, Texas; Ed Waterman, Sedgwick; Kenneth and Carolyn Call, Colby; Virginia Solko, Ludell; Donna Waterman, Atwood; Terry Lippelmann, Selden; Dale and Lenora Soderlund, Heather Waterman, Lexi, Corbin, and Kaden, Scott and Kristi Waterman, David Tommie and Courtlyn, Melvin Waterman, and Donna Eskew, all of Oberlin.



## Chamber News

By Jo Henderson, manager

Oh, yes, if you are going to the concert at the Gateway at 2 p.m. that day, come on by when it's over and join us for the tour at 4 p.m., then have supper at the American Legion, a fund raiser to honor our veterans.

Have a great weekend and take a walk, go for a ride, enjoy the beautiful weather before it's gone.

Food for thought: Who said, "To succeed, jump as quickly at opportunities as you do at conclusions?" Answer next week.

If the Chamber can help you in any way, call (785) 475-3441 or just stop by.

See you on the sidewalk.