

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1883**

The Oberlin House is being run in metropolitan style.

We would advise citizens to have extensions put on their thermometer before the cold spell visits us.

The dance at the residence of C.E. Thomas on Tuesday evening, Jan. 16, was well attended.

S.F. Colby, Geo. Miller, C.C. Bradshaw, John Luttrell, Harold Neep, Sam and Bill Wilson who started for Lenora on Wednesday after lumber, came back Monday. Sam Wilson broke an axle, but succeeded in procuring another wagon; John Luttrell broke a wagon tire and left his load about 14 miles from town. Bill Wilson broke a bolster of his wagon but managed to bring his load in with it. Bradshaw, Luttrell, Neep and Sam Wilson each froze their feet more or less and Miller's nose was slightly frost-bitten. All together they report a very pleasant time, and say the delay was caused by Miller and Colby persisting in trying to figure the profits of the trip.

The thermometer of J.W. Allen and Son at 8 a.m. was 27 degrees below zero.

**100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1908**

A new company with \$5,000 capital was formed last week with the following corps of directors: Charles E. Reed of Norton, W.G. Riste, Roy E. Barr, Frances E. Barr and Joseph H. Young of Oberlin.

Irwin Cook is carrying the mail on two routes with his automobile and he makes the two trips in less than a half day, which is going some.

John Love was hauling out corn last week for his spring use.

Frank Van Vleet and son Emery were Oberlin visitors Monday. Both claimed they were paying out all the money they had made in the last three years in buying corn to keep their hogs and horses from starving.

The big wolf hunt west of town was attended by 350 men and boys. Six wolves were killed by the crowd and another took refuge in the Battin barn and was killed by the women folk with an ax.

The market: eggs, 15 c; butter, 20; wheat, 80; corn, 55c; oats 45c;

potatoes \$1.00.

**75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1933**

For the past two or three weeks rumors have been rampant in connection with the Tom McKay murder mystery the nite of August 31, last, with names of a number of Decatur County people mentioned as possible or probable suspects. An interview with local officers, however, indicates that while some of the reports might prove to have some foundation none has as yet revealed anything definite or incriminating.

Miss Clara Wilson, instructor in English and art at the local high school, has been offered a position in the art department of the Topeka Junior College and has been released from her present contract. Miss Goldie Profit has been hired to fill the vacancy in the English department. She taught in the Dodge City schools and then in the training department of the Hays Teachers College.

Hospital News: Mrs. R.W. Eakins of Traer is a patient with her new baby daughter named Judith Anne.

Alice Beardsley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beardsley, was the honored guest at a birthday party at her home Tuesday evening. Following dinner at which the table decorations were of a Valentine's Day theme, the children had a line party to the show. Guests were Ila Chilson, Doreen Paddock, Betty Dyer, Mildred Armstrong, Frances Bendon, Elsie Dodd, Neva Fringer, Dorothy Marsh, Miss Theresa McKague and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Beardsley.

Meeting the Cheyenne County Indians for the second time this year, Oberlin won the basketball game 26 to 7 and the wrestling by a score of 24-16. In wrestling action at McCook, Oberlin won by a score of 39-3.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar "Pie" Winget are the parents of a baby daughter born in McCook Jan. 21 and named Dena Mae.

Leota F. Brown, a pupil of Edla Nelson, painted a scene on oil cloth with crayons that any home would be glad to frame. We are grateful to have it grace our bulletin board for

a few days.

**50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1958**

Decatur County got its first measurable moisture of 1958 and second fairly large snow of the season this week.

A postal department ruling that all cuspidors — that's a spittoon to the uninhibited — shall be removed from Post Office lobbies by Feb. 1 will have little effect here. Postmaster Gladys Miesner says the Oberlin Post Office doesn't have one and hasn't had once since she became postmaster in 1951. Apparently no one has missed it. Which is more than can be said when there was one there, we'll bet.

Six students at DCHS received all A's for the semester: senior Wanda Moody, junior Rose Mathews, sophomores Harold Cochran and Mary Reeves, and freshmen Rita Goltl, Janet Hunter and Carol Schissler. Oberlin's Red Devils shot back into title contention in the NWKL last Friday with a hustling 50-39 victory over a cold Colby team.

Selden maintained its place among the top-class BB basketball teams by winning its 10th and 11th straight games by defeating Rexford and Menlo in the Hi-Plains league tournament.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Anderson, Jennings, daughter, Debra Sue, Jan. 15; Mr. and Mrs. Valti Magers, Traer, son, Robert Scott, Jan. 16; Mr. and Mrs. Earl

Brown, son, Jan. 20; Mr. and Mrs. Blaine David, son, Curtis Gene, Jan. 17.

**25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1983**

Four Decatur County farm families were honored at the annual Soil Conservation Bankers Award dinner: Louise Kelly, J.W. Hessenflow, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Bader and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williby. Sponsoring banks are the Decatur County National and Farmers National Bank, Oberlin; the Citizens State Bank, Norcatur; and the Jennings Bank of Jennings.

Charlie Adams is retiring as a rural mail carrier after 27 years of service. On his first route out of Herndon he traveled 66 miles while his present route out of Oberlin is 122 miles with 150 patrons. Greatest change over the years according to Adams is the reduction in the number of farmsteads and patrons and the increase in wildlife, deer in particular. Adams is an army veteran having spent more than three years in service including time in Italy with the infantry in World War II.

Oberlin City Librarian Marjorie Nemeth reminds library patrons that during the month of January all overdue books may be returned at no cost.

Mr. and Mrs. Shane Boultinghouse of Great Bend are the parents of a daughter born Jan. 26, 1983, at the Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend.

## Chamber News

By Jo Henderson

January is half over already, just seems to fly by.

The Chamber is getting ready for its annual banquet (my first) on Jan. 24, to be followed by the Farm and Ranch Appreciation Banquet (another first for me) on Feb. 16, and in March will be the Home Show (do I need to say it?).

These will be followed by ... guess what? A secretaries' luncheon in April. So it looks like the Chamber is going to be busy for awhile.

And maybe something else will

be planned for March, we'll see. We have some new ideas for 2008, so stay tuned.

The Cartwright Brothers will be at The Gateway on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 7:30 p.m. This is a duo from South Dakota, a unique blend of music and comedy. Sounds like a fun evening.

If the Chamber can do anything for you call (785) 475-3441 or just stop by.

Do something fun. See you on the sidewalks!

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

A Kansas Day program will be presented at 2 p.m. on Sunday for the public at the Jennings Senior Center. Don Rowilson of Cottonwood Ranch at Studley will present his program, "Out of the Bedroll." There will also be musical numbers by community members. Everyone is invited to attend.

The community extends sympathy to the family of Thomas David Mowry of Colby, who died Jan. 15. Funeral services were held Saturday

at the Sacred Heart Church in Colby with burial in the church cemetery. He was a Jennings High School graduate from the class of 1950.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Elaine (Von Schuetz) Mizell of McCook, who died Jan. 14. The funeral was on Friday at the Memorial United Methodist Church in McCook. Burial was in the Clayton Cemetery. She graduated from Jennings High School with the class of 1935.

The Hays District Issues Committee and the Quinter United Methodist men's and women's groups are sponsoring, "Born Again in Every Place" from 4 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at the United Methodist Church in Quinter. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Carol J. Thompson, executive secretary of the Town and Country Ministries.

Rather than focusing on scarcity and inadequacy, the Rev. Thompson will speak on embracing the abundance of God's gifts to us and encourage us to use what we have where we are to develop exciting and effective ministries. A supper consisting of locally grown and/or processed foods, including Jennings Fireman's Fun Day barbecued pork, will be served. Cost will be \$6. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Questions about the meeting may be

directed to the Hays District Office at (785) 628-8188 or to Rev. Elin Colglazier at (785) 445-3144.

Reminders: Water meters will be read on Saturday. Please post meter reading on front door if your meter is inside.

A community benefit hog roast will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, in the Sunflower Senior Center for Mike Tacha with a freewill donation. A baked food sale is planned also. Mike was injured in a farm accident several months ago.

Prairie Land Electric of Norton has completed the furnace and air conditioning work at the Community Hall. The floor refinishing is the next project. Plans are still being made by Jennings City Council to put up a new building for equipment.

## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The first pinochle tournament of the new year, sponsored by the American Legion, was held Saturday evening. Warren and Julie Ziegelmeier, Gem, were the first-place winners; Connie Renner, Oakley, and Bill Dible, came in second; and Dick Sanford and son, Kenny Sanford, Colby, were the third-place winners.

Desiree Wark hosted a baby shower at the Selden Community Center, Saturday, for Dana Juenemann.

Our sincere sympathy to Rhelda Dible, and to the family, and friends, on the passing of her husband, Kenneth Dible, who died Jan. 13.

A happy birthday to Dennis Alli-

son who celebrates on Jan. 21 and to Evelyn Proffitt on Jan. 25. Belated birthday wishes to Sondra Barnett whose special day was Jan. 11.

City Council met Wednesday, Jan. 9. An expansion of the office at the city building has been approved and construction will begin soon.

Darrel Leh is home recuperating after having surgery on Friday.

Red Barn ongoing activities: Barnswallows, Monday, 2 p.m.; Ladies Bible Study, Wednesday, 10 a.m.; Thursday, Come on Down, 2 p.m.; and Koffee Klatch Friday at 9:30 a.m. Bingo is the second Saturday of each month at 7 p.m.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jan. 24 - David Bainter, Julia Rogers; Jan. 25 - George and Lola Wessel, Diane Aumiller, Dawn Juenemann; Jan. 26 - Abby Boultinghouse, Michele Goscha; Jan. 28 - Roger Aumiller, Gary Robinson; Jan. 29 - Kansas, Helen Karls; Jan. 30 - Jack Mumm.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Paulie Neff won high, Carol Shaw took second, Lola Cook got low and Betty James had the most jacks. Other members present included Jeanie Spesser, Ann Hazlitt, Shirley Emigh, Edna Schiltz, Bernita Aumiller, Lois Neff, Leone Porsch, Helen Karls and Gail Mumm.

## Cedar Living News

We have some new faces at Cedar Living Center. New residents include R.D. Thornton, Virgil Cathcart, and Eileen Laird.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party on Monday afternoon. He served meat, crackers, and cheese to an appreciative audience of residents, staff, and guests. Dennis always brings good food and also good fun.

Myrna Jones, Mary Ann Amack, and Nadeane Haag led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Frank Ward was the lucky winner of both the first bingo and the black-out game on Tuesday afternoon. Volunteers assisting with bingo on Tuesday were Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Jeanne Isbell, and Alice Shirley.

The pinochle players met Juanita Williby for a game on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday.

There were several winners at penny cards on Thursday afternoon. Those joining in on the fun included Helena Bruggeman, Naomi Carter, Mildred Cochran, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Edie Pettera, John Schuhart, and Delores Wheeler. Lyle Gamblin also played with the group. Snacks were served follow-

ing the game. Barb Solko and Wynemah Cox played Scrabble on Thursday afternoon.

The poker players met with Sam Mack on Thursday evening. The group always has a good time.

The baking group made peanut butter cookies with chocolate chips on Friday afternoon.

The Fisher family brought pizza in on Saturday night to help Darlene Fisher celebrate her birthday.

Recent visitors: Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Dorothy Ward, Judy Jackson, Wava Reames, Chris Dempewolf and family, Shane New, Norcatur; Linda Bosler, Frank Cox, Herndon; Robert Koerperich, Selden; Leanna and Bill Roberts, Abilene; Linda, Spencer and Addison Schliep, McCook; Marilyn Fisher, Topeka; Shellie Franco, David New, Clayton;

Jerald and Elaine Leitner, Marian Thornton, Bob Dempewolf, Dolores Koerperich, Tom Fisher, Mirium Fisher, Jon and Karina Fisher, Royal Fisher, Donovan Baumann, Rowena Cathcart, Joyce Rippe, Carolyn Hackney, Joy Votapka, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Regina Stanley, Bob and Jo Ann Shuler, Ira Kolsky, Eunice Martin, Roxie Pomeroy, Oberlin.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Margaret Magers, Kathy VanMeter and Joyce Sumner met at Lyle on Jan. 8 to sew. That evening, Margaret and Kathy went to the Beaver City Senior Center for the pancake supper and cards.

The Liberty Star Club held its delayed December meeting in the Lyle Community building. They revealed secret sisters from 2007, drew names for 2008, made plans for the new year and had a good time. There were six members present in spite of muddy roads.

Later Margaret Magers went to the Norton hospital to visit her son-in-law, Richard Engelhardt, who had undergone surgery. She also visited Jean and Sandy Spires, who were also patients.

On Jan. 10, Kathy Van Meter

attended a tea party and luncheon with Dawna Bates and Judi Mandren, sponsored by her bank at the Norris house.

Mrs. Magers, Mrs. Van Meter, Coleen Rippe and Joyce Sumner played pinochle with residents at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin on Jan. 7 and Jan. 14.

June Jolly's granddaughter, Jennifer, and her husband and friends enjoyed snorkeling in Venezuela.

There was a wonderful turnout for Ron Montgomery's fundraiser on Jan. 12 in Norcatur. Veda Wood enjoyed sitting with Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen and also met an old classmate, Dean Knutson.

Windy Farr was hospitalized in Hays, but is home and is doing fine.

## Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Dick and Betty Martin of Wilsonville, Neb., visited Ann Martin on Saturday.

Danny and Jo Marintzer of Omaha visited Voni Sattler, and Kent and Chris Wood at the Herndon Pool Hall late Friday afternoon.

Herndon PRIDE is sponsoring a benefit dinner for Christine Dean to help defray medical expenses. It will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at St. Mary's Hall in Herndon. Herndon PRIDE members will be calling on community residents to ask for food donations.

Chris Wood visited Esther Pennington during the past week.

Bob and Patti Chartier of Ozawkie, along with Kenny Chartier and Douglas, and friends, Brian, Chuck and Mitchell of Atlanta, Ga., and Ross Gustafson of Topeka spent from Wednesday through Sunday with Joe and Nadine Green, and Frank and Beth Hraha. They came to hunt pheasants. Also visiting the Greens from Friday to Sunday

were Jennie and Kylie Reitcheck and Jeannie and Brittany Tuma of Colby.

Chelsey, Brandi and Kassie Williams visited their grandmother, Voni Sattler, Sunday evening.

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