

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1883

A good fire added much to the comfort of our office last Saturday. We are in receipt of Vol. 1, No 1 of the Oberlin Eye, published by George H. Hand.

S. H. McClaury has his sorghum factory running to its utmost capacity.

Mrs. E. S. Miner in the Lyle letter writes: "Last Saturday, on our return from Oberlin, we saw eight antelopes quietly grazing a little west of Chester Carrington's."

J. J. VanMeter of Norton County bought the first tract of land (40 acres) to be offered at public sale in this territory. He paid \$1.25 per acre.

100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1908

Married, Sept. 1, 1908, Matthew Hoffman and Miss Anna Handwerk.

J.B. Jennings recently purchased 26 mules of J.E. Love for \$2,600.00. They were said to be the best lot of mules in the county.

Rev. and Mrs. D.O. Banta returned from Washington State Saturday. They had been on the coast since April.

A goodly number of young men and women will leave for college this week. Among them we have noted the following: Misses Emma Griffith, Emma will go to Ottawa. Ray Yarnell, Frank Laidig, Gerald Benton, Neil Rogers and Irene Gilkison will attend Washburn. Earl O'Toole and Francis O'Grady will go to St. Mary's. Misses Edna Randall and Edna Darrow will attend Nebraska University.

75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1933

Twelve children have enrolled in the private kindergarten class which is taught by Mrs. Howard Banta. The classes meet at the H.Q. Banta home at 9 each morning and are dismissed at 11:30. Mrs. Banta was in charge of the kindergarten in the consolidated school until the department was removed in the retrenchment movement.

Funeral services were held at Leoville for Michael Campbell who was born in Ireland and came to New York at the age of 20 and at the age of 30 moved to Sheridan County where he took out homestead papers. As a pioneer he spent much time freighting overland from Lenora, from Grainfield and

Buffalo Park.

Sam Francis left Monday for Lincoln where he will attend Nebraska University this term.

Sappa: Vallonia School opened Monday with an enrollment of 17 and Miss Fausta Vernon teacher.

The Bruce Guinn family has moved to the Calahan place in Center Township.

Harold Hamit has a chance to obtain a scholarship in a medical training school in a suburb of Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nitsch and Milton plan to leave on Friday for Chicago and a look-in at the World's Fair.

Thirty-five boys were out for football practice the first night and more are checking out daily.

After a three-week tryout of a 9 o'clock opening hour for dry goods and furnishing stores, the stores will now open at 8 o'clock. Hours will be 8 to 6 through the week and 10 o'clock on Saturday nights.

50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1958

Lions from more than half a dozen neighboring counties poured into Oberlin Thursday evening to help local Lions Club members celebrate the 10th anniversary of the local club. The fellowship hall of St. John's Lutheran Church provided the setting for the occasion and plates were served to 231 persons. Club president Dwayne Jones gave a review of the activities of the Oberlin club. Speaker was Claude DeVorss, Wichita, a director of Lions International.

Funeral services were held in Denver for Mrs. John Bivans, 72, a resident of Oberlin for many years where she and her husband operated a grocery store. In addition to her husband she is survived by two nieces, Mrs. Eva McGee, Denver, and Mrs. Gladys Madden, Abilene, and four brothers.

A ceremony at the First Methodist Church in Wichita united in marriage Connie Sue King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee King of Wichita and Vaughn Eldon Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller of Oberlin. They will make their home in Manhattan where the bridegroom is attending college. He is a graduate of the DCHS class of 1949 and served two years in the army. The bride is a graduate of Kansas State College.

Midway: Mrs. Ole Olson, who

plans to move to California to make her home, was honored with a coffee at the home of Mrs. Gordon Anderson.

In an evening ceremony Aug. 24 in the Jennings Methodist Church, Miss Kay Tacha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Tacha, became the bride of Mr. Doyle Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bartos Brown. They will make their home in Manhattan where both will attend college.

David Musgrave is among the 150 cadets attending St. John's Military School at Salina this fall term.

Ray Lohoefer has returned from two weeks at the School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1983

According to Decatur County Extension Agent Allen Dinkel, fall crops are definitely showing stress from the drought conditions and a general rain is needed before wheat planting time.

Dr. Robert Simpson and David Michael, physician's assistant, will leave Saturday for Mexico where they will participate in a medical mission in Tatoxcac under the auspices of the Kansas East

Conference of the United Methodist Church. The 12-member group will also include dentists and dental assistants, physicians and a nurse-anesthetist. Tatoxcac is located in a mountainous area east of Mexico City.

A former Oberlin resident, Brig. Gen. Phillip B. Finley of Colby, will become the new commander of Kansas Army National Guard and assistant adjutant general. Finley and his wife Jacquelin made their home in Oberlin from 1967 to 1971 where he served as Decatur County Agricultural Agent.

A former member of the Red Devil football team, Dave Aker, is playing defensive tackle position on the 1983 Garden City Juco football team.

Three girls, Mary Wilson, Keli Anne Brown and Jade Morford, whose entries in clothing won top awards in the Decatur County Fair, are headed to Hutchinson to the Kansas State Fair.

Kirsten Otto, from Moors, West Germany, has come to Oberlin as the 1983-84 American Field Service exchange student. She is living with Roger and Angie Wilson and their daughter, Mary.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

Back in time: September 1958 from *The Oberlin Herald*:

"Strange Odor at Museum was Authentic Atmosphere

An extremely disagreeable odor growing worse by the day was a cause of considerable perplexity at the museum last week. In other words, the place stunk.

An investigation by curator Mrs. Lawrence Claar produced nothing of enlightenment.

Later, some boy working at the museum mentioned to Mrs. Claar that the scouts, whose headquarters in the basement below, had cut up a head of some sort downstairs.

Mrs. Claar went to the top of the stairs, took one sniff, and buck-passingly called in Ira Laidig to investigate. Mrs. Claar would not quote Laidig's reaction to the basement entry.

On emerging, he announced that a raw, butchered buffalo head was

residing in the cellar.

An inquiry disclosed that the Boy Scouts, with the best of intentions of making a museum donation, had obtained a recently butchered buffalo head and planned to mount it for the museum. However, the mounting was determined to be too costly and the head was left in residence in the cellar.

It was finally removed Tuesday, and the museum has lost a bit of the atmosphere of the Wild West."

Back to the present: September 2008.

This interesting bit I CANNOT top or have a matching comment for. But in talking about buffalo, don't forget about the Buffalo Tour and cookout at the Ginther Farm following the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Indian Raid Tour and special speaker, Richard Little Bear, on Sunday, Sept. 28.

## Cedar Living News

Charlotte Kurtz began working last week as the activity aide at Cedar Living Center. She will be in charge of many of the group activities and will be working closely with Teresa Shaughnessy, who continues to divide her time between Wheat Ridge Terrace and Cedar Living Center.

Charlotte, who lives in Norcatur, has been employed the past year as a nurse aide in the hospital.

Her husband, Jay, works at Dollar General. She is the daughter of Gerald and Judy Jackson of Norcatur. Charlotte is friendly and enthusiastic and she will be a great asset to the center.

We celebrated Labor Day on Monday afternoon with a root beer float party. Residents had an opportunity to get acquainted with Charlotte at the party.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Labor Day.

Delores Wheeler won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Donna Kent won the blackout game.

John and Edie Tate ate supper with Lois Carlson on Tuesday evening in honor of Lois' birthday. Other family members came to eat cake with her after supper.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinocle players on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday before supper.

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

A large group of bowlers met on Thursday afternoon for a game. We

did not keep score, but everyone did really well and we shared lots of cheers and we had a few good laughs. Refreshments were served following the game.

The baking group fried zucchini and eggplant on Friday afternoon. The eggplant came from our garden. We continue to be blessed with generous donations of garden goodies. Fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini and a variety of other produce have been a wonderful treat for everyone.

Ruth Havel was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration held on Sunday afternoon. Family members brought cake and presents to help with the celebration.

Max Vaughn and his band will be providing an afternoon of special music in the dining room on Saturday, Sept. 13, starting at 2 p.m. Visitors are welcome to join us for some toe tapping music (and maybe even a little dancing.)

Recent visitors: Verne and Carol Overmiller, Smith Center; Beth Johnson, Norcatur; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Elaine Koerperich, Selden; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Janeil Baxter, Smith Center; Stephani Hawkins and Adrian, Dallas, Texas; Barry, Brock, and Jordan Baxter, Smith Center; Pastor Carrie Buhler, Morland; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.

Pat Fringer, Jay and Shelli Fortin, Jackie Votapka, Connie Miller, Marilyn Gamblin, Gladys Geis, Paula Tadlock, Roxie Pomeroy, Lyle Gamblin, Ira Kolsky, Ella Betts, Earl Brown, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Connie Olson, Oberlin.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Chris Wood and Voni Sattler were Sunday afternoon visitors of their Aunt Esther Pennington.

St. Mary's Sunday Mass schedule will change from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., beginning Oct. 1 in Herndon.

A barbecue party was held at the Herndon Park for Janelle Solko who was celebrating her 21st birthday. Those attending were Alan, Ann and John P. Solko, Pat and Charles Solko, Ken, Del and Sam Solko, Rayeann, Dalton and Jayden Solko, Pat, Diana and Kara Allen, Jim and Destiny Schroeder and family, Steve Schissler, Rachelle and Renae Solko, and Don and Diane Solko. A few other friends also stopped by.

Ray, Mary and Dalton Carlson, Alliance, Neb., were Labor Day weekend guests of Bob and Lila Leitner.

Greg and Sheila Marney of Rossville, spent Labor Day weekend with Norma Grafel. Greg Marney and Greg Grafel participated in a golf tournament in Norton.

Julie Hafner, Allie Foxhoven, and Marlene Cook went to Castle Rock, Colo., on Saturday morning.

They enjoyed brunch at the Pegasus Restaurant, stopped at the Farmers Market, and shopped at the factory outlets. Julie is spending the week with the Foxhoven family in Parker and visiting her sister, Marlene and Tom Cook. They all attended the Ave Maria fall festival on Sunday where Caitie, Allie and Caleb Foxhoven helped in the altar-serving booth.

St. Martha's circle served the Ann Martin funeral dinner on Monday, Sept. 1, at the St. Mary's school hall.

Esther Pennington joined Alan, Ann, Val and John Solko for John's 14th birthday celebration on Saturday. John requested a birthday lunch of Knoedel (potato dumplings with tomato sauce). Sunday afternoon visitors of the Solko family were John Kleidosty of North Platte, Neb., and Del Solko.

Bob Hafner enjoyed Sunday dinner with his Aunt Edie Pettera at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

The St. Mary's volunteer crew trimmed and mowed the parish cemetery on Monday evening.

## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Not every athlete has the opportunity to participate in the summer 2008 Down Under Track and Field Games in Australia, but Tate Bruggeman, 17-year-old son of Paul and Karla Bruggeman, Rexford, was selected and states, "It was an experience I will never forget, and would love to go back."

Tate returned to the states placing second in high jump and their 4x4 team finished third. He also competed in the triple jump and long jump. After three days of competition, four days were spent going to zoos, theme parks, and enjoying the restaurants. The athletes then spent three days in Honolulu. While there, he enjoyed the sport of snorkeling and visiting the Arizona Memorial. Tate thanks the Rexford Lions Club for the benefit dinner and to all who donated making it possible for him to attend a once in a lifetime event.

The Rexford Community Church-sponsored "Kids Club" will resume Wednesday, Sept. 10,

for ages kindergarten through the 8th grade, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. If you have questions, call Brandy Todd at 687-4465 or Pastor Lane Purcell at 687-3305.

A men's Bible Study will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings at the church.

A Happy Birthday to Patty Purcell and Kylie Jones who have a birthday on September 11.

Some of us will be delighted to know that Bingo starts up again on the second Saturday of each month for those 50 and over. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m., and enjoy an evening out at the Red Barn.

Red Barn on-going activities: Monday, Barnswallows, 2 to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m., Ladies Bible Study and 8 p.m.; Come on Down, Thursdays, 2 to 5 p.m.; and Friday's Koffee Klatch, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

and writing and 'rithmetic, All to the tune of a computer click. Our younger generation would be handicapped without calculators and computers with "spell check." It is truly amazing to hear how quickly the elderly can solve mathematical word problems — and without pencil and paper.

On Thursday, the Museum helped us out with photos and news clippings of actual school days of the 1930's. We have five residents of the Class of "37 living here at the Good Sam: Amy Rehm, Elaine Benda, Elaine Thomas, Violet Schissler and Opal Bryan.

There was quite an exchange of laughter and stories. RD never owned up to the "hickory stick," but listening to his antics, he should have known it up close and personal! All of this fun was had over freshly popped popcorn. We have four teachers in our midst. In recognition of their profession they were given a shiny red apple. Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Edla Olson and Evelyn Olson were honored.

On Monday, the Lyle Gals, Kathy Van Meter and Toots Magers came to play their monthly game of pinocle with Lora Zwickle, Pooch Portschy, RD Thornton, Eva Bryan, Leone Porsch, Lora Zwickle, Opal Bryan and Alice Bobbitt. This is one of the highlights of the month's activities!

"Ollie" is quite the celebrity! He was asked to make an appearance at the Lund Covenant Church on Sunday. He was the star of the Children's sermon. Thank you, Connie Simonsson, for taking him.

The residents and staff of the Good Samaritan Society-Decatur County would like to thank all those who participated in our first annual balloon launch to open fair week. Proceeds went toward the purchase of our soft serve ice cream machine. At the close of the fair, we were \$140.65 short of our goal.

We also thank Gary Anderson for donating a gift certificate for a dinner for two at our drawing at the fair and the Amusement Board for the donation of tickets that were

given with the balloon purchases. Drawing winners of a Good Samaritan Society bags were Norma Richards, Rosella Meitl and Beth Sebaugh. The winner of the dinner was Renee Zodrow. Thanks for all your support.

Visitors this week were: Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Ross, Jami and Savannah Rauhut (Kansas City, Mo.) Kerrie Olson (Ellis), Connie Robison (Littleton, Colo.) Candy and Ken Rauhut (Garden City) and Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Keri Britton, Corey Rogers and Jeanne Britton (Denver) for **Opal Bryan**. Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) and Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Hubert Mumm** and **Doris Marintzer**. Barbara Castor for **Elaine Thomas**. Helen Brooks and Shelby Hackney for **Ethel Nemeth**. Eleanor Rogers (Selden) Anogene Rogers (Rexford) Alberta Ritter and Delores Raile (Hoxie) for **Hubert Mumm**. Judy Menges (Colby) for **Marie McChesney**.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

by Vic Mowry and his group. We visited with Velda Frank Ward and others.

Margaret Magers, Kathy Van Meter and June Jolly quilted on Tuesday, and enjoyed the good food at Senior Citizens potluck on Friday.

Carol Woodmansee brought the message at the Lyle Church on Sunday, and Jim and Carolyn Plotts sang a wonderful special.

Toots Magers went to the home of Rea and Dee Magers for dinner. Other guests were grandson, Zach and Brenda Pomeroy, and daughter, Ryan; Sherry and Bob Pomeroy; and Jeff and Joy Magers.

Joyce Sumner went to visit her granddaughter, Melanie, at Olathe, to visit the new baby.

June Jolly had an invitation from Debra Cappel, the lady in Mc-

Cook, who, with her father, Don Schamel, was responsible for our sending cookies to Iraq servicemen. Debbie hosted an open house for Major Mike Martin, who had returned from Iraq, and his son, Sgt. Corey Martin, who is going to Afghanistan.

June told the Lyle ladies about the woman who sent cookies, so we, with a few from Norton, baked a "batch." June and Veda Wood attended the open house and had a nice

time. We also met Joyce and Virgil Price's niece, Pam Messinger.

Lloyd Frandsen and Kathy Van Meter had dinner with Tim, Jolene and Clinton Nejdil at Quinter. They ran into Judy and Charlie Easton at the Q-Inn Café.

Later they went to WaKeeney to an open house and supper for the 80th birthday of Jean Hafensteine. On Wednesday, Kathy went to Holbrook, Neb. on business; and while there visited an antique shop.

Stampers make great gifts!

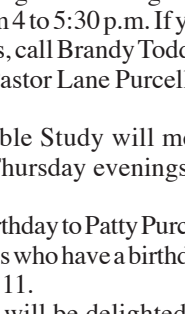
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