

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1883

School begins in the new schoolhouse, Monday, Nov. 26th.

An addition has been laid off to the townsite of Norton and it will be built up rapidly; so says the Courier.

J.B. Colt has just received two fine base-burner stoves, ordered by R.A. Marks.

A debating society has been organized at the Lamb's Draw schoolhouse, and is in a flourishing condition, with much interest manifested. Why can't Oberlin take steps in that direction?

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held Friday night, Nov. 16, 1883, for the purpose of organizing a mock legislature.

100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1908

Tuesday was a snowy day, the first of the season.

We hear that Jerry Votapka has bought the Louis Krub place southwest of Oberlin and will take possession next spring.

Married Nov. 8, 1908, Mr. Howard Eiler and Miss Lena Reasoner.

The annual meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs is being held in Oberlin this week.

Norcutt Items: Rafe Willard is having a fine residence erected on his farm.

Allison Items: Our new schoolhouse is complete and painted and new seats have been installed.

Chas. Thiesen has his new residence on his farm about complete.

The new church is well underway.

75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1933

A large number of Oberlin people are making plans to attend the Armistice Day celebration in Atwood Saturday which includes the annual meeting of the Atwood and Oberlin football teams.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Kathka are the parents of a baby girl born Tuesday. She weighed 8 pounds and her name is Mary Kathrine.

A business deal was consummated last week whereby O.A. Zimmerman becomes the new owner of the fixtures and equipment of the Bon Ton Bakery which for years has been owned and operated by

J.H. Fleming. The Zimmermans moved from Selden to Oberlin and are located in the Theresa McKague property next to the Presbyterian parsonage.

Court House News: Lyle J. Emigh, 22, and Miss Clyda B. Shaw, 19, both of Selden, applied for a license Nov. 3 and were married by W.A. Hendrickson of Norton.

Harry Peters, the brother of Fred and Sam Peters of here, died at his home in Washington, D.C. Friday. He was employed in the post office department in Washington, D.C.

The recent Cornhusker News of the University of Nebraska has complimentary remarks about freshman Sam Francis and his future at the University of Nebraska. He is expected to fill the shoes of George Sauer, Nebraska fullback, when Dana X. Bible begins the process of fashioning his 1934 varsity as he runs, passes and kicks and does all three well.

Norcutt: The Liberty Theatre has installed a new sound system. Ticket prices have advanced from 10 to 15 cents.

Cedar Bluffs: Word from Everett Drescher states that the C.C.C. boys from Decatur County were feeling fine. They are at Cass Lake, Minn., for the present.

I.W. Wright and son of Lyon Township killed 25 rattlesnakes this past summer and fall; 19 of them in one day.

50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1958

That yearly mania, pheasant season, has come and gone here. The hotel and private homes are no longer overflowing. It is possible once again to get a meal at restaurants sometime during the appropriate hour. Bosses and employees are back in their stores. Housewives and farmwives are not widows anymore. Who paid the price for five days of men on the hunt? The pheasants — nearly 1200 of them in Decatur County.

Mrs. Iva Johnston and her staff cleaned and dressed just over 1100 birds. Last year the total was 265. Phyll Cramer of Oberlin Locker reported that by Monday 1000 pheasants had been frozen.

Keith Sebelius, former state com-

mander of the American Legion, was the speaker at the Veterans Day program at Smick Field on Tuesday. In the football game between Alma and Oberlin, the Red Devils won 31-7 in a non-conference game to give the team a 7-2 season record. In action last week the Devils downed the Norton Bluejays 27-13 at Travis Field to nail down third place in the Northwest Kansas League.

Gaylord Shields purchased the 520 acres of farm land, with improvements, at the auction Monday of the J.S. Brown estates on a bid of \$36,150. The improvements are located 11 miles southwest of Oberlin on the county highway and Mr. and Mrs. Shields and children plan to move to their new home March 1. Ward Claar was the successful bidder on the town property at 106 N. Rodehaver, purchasing the two-bedroom house for \$6,600.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Merton Goodman, Clayton, daughter, Xandra Sue, Nov. 5, 1958.

25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1983

After waiting more than four months for moisture of any kind in northwest Kansas Tuesday night's drizzle brought mixed emotions to football fans seated at Smick Field for the Decatur Community High

School-Hugoton bi-district playoff game.

The drizzle changed to sleet late in the game and area residents awakened Wednesday morning to find several inches of snow on the ground.

Although Coach Earl Barber's Red Devils had topped Hoxie 21-6 on Friday night to qualify for the bi-district berth, their season ended Tuesday night against undefeated Hugoton when a field goal in the closing minute of the game lifted the Eagles to a 10-7 win.

More than 100 persons attended the Hospice-sponsored seminar on "Coping with Grief and Loss" which was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Marcia Lattanzi of Boulder, Colo., as speaker.

The Jennings Coyotes closed out their grid season with a 54-0 loss to Northern Valley of Alma to finish the season with a 3-6 record.

The DCHS cross-country team placed 10th in Manhattan in the state meet.

Major Kent Reinhardt, owner and operator of Oberlin Milling Co., recently returned from a three-week stint with the U.S. Army Reserve in Coesfeld, West Germany. He is a member of the 388th MEDSOM based in Hays.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Dewayne Jackson served as Lyle's minister on Sunday and an added blessing was the presence of several members of his family.

Carol Moye and Tracey Pershin, Douglas, Wyo., who was here for a quick visit with her family, and Tracey's granddaughter, Kylie, visited Veda Wood on Saturday. Tracey attended the church service and dinner at Lyle with her grandmother, then left to visit with her daughter Adrienne before heading back to Wyoming. A.J. and Tielia High and Aubrey have been frequent visitors.

Margaret "Toots" Magers and June Jolly ate at the Norcutt Pheasant Hunter's supper on Saturday and played pitch at Norton, and Toots,

Kathy Van Meter and Joyce Sumner played pinochle in Oberlin.

On Monday, Nov. 17, Kathy Van Meter and Joyce Sumner took a load of clothing, blankets, etc. to the Mexican-American Ministries of the Methodist Church in Garden City. On their way home, they shopped in Scott City. On Monday, Kathy loaded her car for a trip to the Bargain Box.

Gary Anthony took his brother, Keith to Kearney, Neb., for more tests on Tuesday. Gary said his stepchildren's father died in a car wreck. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Farr family.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Leone M. Purton, 79, who died on Nov. 3.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz., and Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo., chatted with family and friends at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin last week. Each afternoon they spend time with their mother, Edie Pettera at the Cedar Living Center. On Monday morning they visited their great-aunt, Hattie Toth, and Shirley Williams in Atwood. They also had a nice visit with their aunt, Caroline Pettera, at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

Del Solko and Julie Hafner discussed bologna making while having lunch at the Pizza Hut in McCook Tuesday. "Lots of bologna going on already," according to Del!

Lee Towne and Lynda Lange, Curtis, Neb., were Friday visitors of Julie and Bob Hafner. Lee and Lynda had been to Beaver Valley Supply in Atwood and stopped in Herndon to enjoy lunch and visit old friends before heading home.

The bachelor party in Herndon for Nik Martin of Kansas City, Mo., was held Saturday night with best man, Adam Ketterl, Atwood, planning the event. Before enjoying steaks at Roger's Bar and Grill, the men gathered at the sandpit for some fun and advice for Nik. Friends, Jon Prophet, Manhattan, and Brandon Winter, Mount Hope, attended.

St. Mary's Catholic Youth Organization students participated at mass Sunday with Greeter, John Solko; Lectors, Bethany Chartier and Drew Basgall; Servers, Marcus Portschy and Valentine Solko; Presentation of Offertory Gifts, Audrey Basgall, Jessica Riener, Charles Solko and John Solko.

Enjoying a lunch of taco soup on Thursday at the home of Bud and Vicky Mumm of Gem, were Dan Marintzer, Omaha, Neb.; John Marintzer, Northglenn, Colo.; Damian Marintzer, Westminster, Colo.; Sam Solko, Herndon; and

Cecil Walker and Wayne Henderson of the Houston area.

Brenda Henry's social studies class toured Herndon Friday afternoon. Julie Hafner gave the history of the St. Mary's Catholic church. Judy Ketterl opened the Herndon school so students could check out the gym and classrooms. Pete Lorentz demonstrated the old hand-operated washing machine in the former Herndon Drug Store. Before heading back to Atwood the students, Brenda Henry, Julie Hafner and Myra Sattler enjoyed ice cream at Roger's Bar and Grill, the former Leinwetter Funeral Parlor. Students taking the tour were: Taylor Leitner, Isabella Skolout, Brooke Paslay, Brianna Trail, Nikki Hemel, Bobby Reuther, John Solko, Bryce Henry, Michael Capo and Jonathan Markland II.

Sharon Vogel returned home Sunday evening from assisting daughter, Kim Hoffman, Colorado Springs, with the holiday craft fair. She also enjoyed spending time with great-granddaughters, Katilyn and Tucker Adams of Castle Rock, Colo.

St. Mary's fall bazaar was blessed with many participants and spectacular weather. A turkey and ham dinner was served to 363 people on Sunday, Nov. 2.

Pam and Don Stuczynski of Herndon won the Stoeger® Condor 12-gauge shotgun. Dana Juenemann of Hays won the Mittleman® Voyager Trunk, and Shirley Barenberg of Lakewood, Colo., won the \$50 savings bond. Bingo, the raffle and games for the children led by the Catholic Youth Organization, followed the dinner. The group expressed appreciation to all who attended.

Julie's Memory Joggers
Citizen Patriot June 1976:
Herndon Ball Players Ready for Atwood Old Timers at the Herndon

Ox Roast, Saturday, June 5, 1976.

We still have Hook Marintzer, Lefty Escher, Underhanded Huffles, Bent Fingers Al W. Solko, Hard-hitting Urban Lippold, Outfielder Harry Niemeth, Lefty (Groves) Stoney, The Old Pusher Clarence Solko, Always There Bill Solko, and The Old Driller Pete Portschy. Lean Ted Castans will pitch.

We are expecting the red-headed Leitner boys, bearded Clarence

Lorentz, Max Diamond and Denny Leitner — 700 miles to play ball, the three Swede boys, Vince Glad, John Cederberg and Bob Henningson.

The rest of our boys are still signed up with the Kansas City Royals.

We are expecting you to bring Fritz Peterson, the old "umpire," cause we have Pooch Portschy and Albert Kirchner.

JUNE 5TH IS OUR DAY!

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. John 10:9-11.

We celebrated Muriel Ready's abundant 100 years this Saturday. Town Square was filled with friends and relatives who traveled great distances to be with her and John for this momentous birthday. Guests were too numerous to mention each by name, but each were a blessing to Muriel and her family.

We truly believe that because of Jesus our residents do have abundant life. Every day we sing praises to the Lord, pray, share testimony of the good things He does for us, and cast our burdens on Him.

We do a lot of fun and meaningful things to occupy our time, like pinochle with the Lyle Gals, Golden Ringers, Art Class, Brain Teasers, etc. But those things are pretty trivial compared to things that have eternal value. This is what sets our facility apart from the others who do not openly and purposefully invite Christ to be a part of every day living.

This week, we said good-bye to Ruth Laidig. Our love and sympathy to her family. Ruth had been a faithful Bible study attendee for the past five years. Whenever we spoke of heaven she would say, "Gee, I hope I'll be in heaven, but I really don't know for sure." Just weeks before

she died, she finally grasped the truth that she indeed would be in heaven. What a joy and a comfort to her and her family. It is so important to help others understand that we don't have to hope we get to heaven, but to assure them that if they have placed their faith in Jesus that they can know they will be in heaven one day.

Please mark your calendars for a special treat! On Saturday, Nov. 22 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. we will host our fourth annual Rock-A-Thon. Proceeds will benefit the new Senior Center! Join us for the great entertainment, and you can build your own sundae with our new soft serve ice cream!

Visitors this week were: Merv McEvoy to see **Lucy Schissler**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Gladys Geis for **Kathryn Post**. Reva Marshall and Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Ken and Clem Mumm (Selden and Colby), Vicky and Bud Mumm (Gem), Gordon and Judy Smith (Greeley, Colo.) for **Hubert Mumm**. Daisy Rhein for **Jeanette Conway**. Barbara Castor and Roger and Marcie Cody (Columbia, Mo.) to see **Elaine Thomas**. Sherrel Adams and Vesta Gilbert for **Elaine Benda**, **Elaine Thomas**, **John Ready**, **Violet Schissler**, **Mary Lemman**, **Pooch Portschy**, **Alice Bobbitt** and **Evelyn Olson**. Chris Dempewolf for **R.D. Thornton**. Doris Fringer for **Lora Zwickle** and **Kathryn Post**. Larry Bearley (Oakley) for **Bendas**, **Readys**, **Amy Rehm** and **Kathryn Post**.

Cedar Living News

We are busy preparing for the annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner, which will be held in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Sunday, Nov. 16. Reservations are needed for the dinner. You may call the center for additional information or to make a reservation. The dietary department will be making the main dishes and the guests are asked to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Monday afternoon. Players included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Mary Kolsky, Edie Pettera, John Schuhart, Goldie Stapp, and Delores Wheeler.

Many residents took advantage of the beautiful autumn afternoon on Monday and sat outside before supper. More than a dozen residents plus several visitors and staff joined the group.

Mary Kolsky won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Frank Ward won the blackout game.

Several residents gathered for a movie and popcorn on Wednesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson before supper on Wednesday.

Catholic Mass was held on the

patio on Thursday morning with Fr. Henry Saw Lone as celebrant.

There were lots of cheers as many residents tried their hand at bowling on Thursday afternoon. Refreshments were served following the game.

The baking group made homemade cookies on Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sumner had dinner on Saturday with Dale Butler in honor of Dale's birthday.

Recent visitors: Evan Wenger, Aubrey, Texas; Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz.; Marilyn Meyer, California; Lillian Sulzman, Helen Muirhead, Dresden; Deanna Sumner, Wava Reames, Glen and Carolyn Strevey, Norcutt; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Elmo and Margaret Lund, Hays; Terry, Sherri, and Bryanna Ramsey, Ark City; Marilyn Fisher, Topeka.

Jackie Votapka, Jody Betts, Max Carman, Ella Betts, Earl Brown, Roxie Pomeroy, Edie Tate, Ira Kolsky, Lyle Gamblin, Alice Shirley, Opal Huntley, Roberta Johnson, Shelli Fortin, Jodie Wenger, Doug and Pat Brown, Connie Miller, Marilyn Gamblin, Elvin Beneda, Orin Beneda, Rosella Meitl, Oberlin.

Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

It's time for your annual Medicare drug coverage check-up. Plans change. People change. This gives you an opportunity to shop and compare.

Four things you can do starting Saturday, Nov. 15, to make sure your Medicare drug coverage is right for you in 2009:

- Review your plan's 2009 benefits. Medicare Part D plans can change so don't be complacent. You could save money by changing to a different plan.

- Do a Medicare Part D comparison on the Internet at www.medicare.gov. If you do not have access to a computer or want help, call Decatur County Hospital (785) 475-2208, extension 224, and a Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas counselor will do a comparison for you.

- Saturday, Nov. 15, to Wednesday, Dec. 31, you can change plans or enroll in a Medicare drug plan. Your new plan choice will begin on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009. If you do not have drug coverage, this is your chance to enroll in a Medicare drug plan. If you decide not to enroll in a plan for 2009, your next opportunity to enroll will be Saturday, Nov. 15, 2009.

- You may be eligible for extra help with your drug costs. Maybe you haven't signed up for Part D because you think you can't afford

it. To find out if you are eligible, contact Social Security at (800) 772-1213.

Two counselors, Joanne Wendelin, Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker, and Ruth Miesner, will be available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 17, 18, and 19, to help you compare your choices. Please pre-schedule an appointment with a counselor by calling Decatur County Hospital at (785) 475-2208, extension 224. The Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas Program is a free, unbiased counseling program provided by the Kansas Department on Aging.

Cedar Living Center is gearing up for their Thanksgiving potluck dinner, which will be held on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 12:30 p.m. Anyone may attend the dinner, but reservations are required. Call Teresa or Charlotte at 475-2208 or 475-2276 to make reservations, schedule an event or to find out more information on any of the upcoming holiday happenings.

Several parties and entertainment events are scheduled for the month of December, including the family Christmas party at Cedar Living Center at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21. Dr. Sliter will once again be hosting a cookie decorating party on Saturday, Dec. 6. Area children of all ages are invited to take part in decorating and tasting the cookies.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Funeral services celebrating the life of Lula Thieler were Saturday morning at the Rexford Community Church with Pastor Lane Purcell officiating. Our condolences and sympathy is extended to the family. Lula was the Rexford news correspondent for many years.

A Happy Birthday shout to Darla Dible who celebrated Monday. Other November birthdays include Lawrence Juenemann and Ray Zoberst, Nov. 17; Grace Cheney, Nov. 24; Eileen Dible, Nov. 26; Marguerite Black, Nov. 27; Jean Hawkins, Nov. 29; and Rex Carwell, Nov. 30.

I attended the Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus at the Colby Community Building Wednesday evening. My mother, Madonna Anderson, and my 4-year-old granddaughter, Morgan Wark, also joined me. After the piece, "Patriotic Prologue," the band played, "Fairest of the Fair." John Philip Sousa, composer. Boy, was I astonished

when Morgan recognized the music by stating, "Hey, that is what is on Dorothy." (She is talking about a favorite movie, "The Wizard of Oz"). I asked her which scene the music was playing in and she told me it was at the end where all the writing is. Needless to say, we all enjoyed the evening.

I would like to thank the Western Plains Arts Association for making it possible for the folks in western Kansas to be able to attend such cultured events.

As a reminder, there will be no blood pressure clinics held at the Red Barn during the months of November and December.

The Red Barn has these items for sale: Cookbooks - \$14.95 (\$5 shipping and handling), Rexford phone books - \$2.50, and Magnetic Address Books - \$1. Contact Jolene Hansen to purchase any of these items at (785) 687-4646.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Geneva Day services will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church.

Hunters who joined Dave Bergling and Robert Groneweg for pheasant and quail hunting over the weekend were Dave and Steve O'Neill and Mitch and Ben Dil-saver, Brighton, Colo.; Michael Stanford, Albuquerque, N. M.; Dana Wilfong, Goodland; and Randy Paolett, Erie, Colo.

Mary Lou Olson took her granddaughters, Mary Olson, and Ashley and Whitney Witt to McCook on Saturday for lunch to help Mary celebrate her 17th birthday, belatedly.

Later, Mrs. Olson attended the open house at the Good Samaritan Center, which honored Muriel Ready on her 100th birthday.

Ethan and Jordan Beckman of Grinnell were weekend guests of Frank and Margaret McEvoy.

The Sunday School children are practicing each Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Herndon Covenant Church for the Christmas program. Kristi Dirks is in charge and those who could provide soup, desserts or other food may contact her.



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