

## THE OBERLIN HERALD

## Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1884

The hotels were crowded Saturday. In fact they are every day.

A splendid shower Friday evening broke the long extended drouth and fixed the ground in excellent condition for seeding.

There was lots of politics in town Saturday. Oberlin and Decatur County can scare up more politics than any other location in Kansas.

Our townsman, J.B. Colt, enjoyed a brief visit from his father who resides in Brooklyn, New York.

J.R. Conquist's folks were made happy by the arrival of a baby girl, all in the vicinity of Shibboleth.

## 100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1909

The mill was started Tuesday. Professor Nossaman has rented the front rooms of the Birdsell residence and will likely be keeping house before the snow flies.

I.O. Wear and wife took H.A. Griffith and wife to Norton Wednesday. Griffith went to help make a Baptist preacher out of a Methodist and Wear went along to watch the transformation.

The railroad men who desire to move their families to Oberlin are having trouble finding houses that are large enough and of the kind they desire.

## 75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1934

At Oberlin the year 1934 can claim the record for being the driest during the first nine months of the year since records were started in 1887. There is a total of 9.39 inches of precipitation. We could use a 2 or 3 inch rain in October very nicely and here's hoping we get it.

Led by their high school band, a huge rooting section of Smith Center High School students will invade Oberlin tomorrow for the first game in nine years between these two schools. The eligibility list sent by Smith Center to Oberlin this week guarantees eligibility of 70 players and in recent years they have lost only one game a year. Oberlin's team, coached by Dutch Anderson, hasn't lost a game this year having won over Phillipsburg, Cambridge, Neb., and Lenora.

Rev. Fred Blanding has been returned to this pastorate of the Oberlin Methodist Episcopal Church and members of his congregation

and his many friends are happy to hear he is remaining here. Other assignments: I.W. Torrence returns to Norcatur; Homer B. Massie to Jennings; and Chas. H. Simpson to Dresden.

Cedar Bluffs: The nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pierce was thrown from his horse and seriously injured when he was bringing in the cows from the pasture and a rabbit frightened the horse he was riding and he ran into a barbed wire fence. Albert Berg heard his cries for help and helped his parents get him to the hospital.

Emil Petracek, drought relief administrator, has been spending a week at the Chicago World's Fair and Tolle Hoppas has been the pinch-hitter and has made no errors at least that he or any of his henchmen will admit.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Janousek and five children of Nampa, Idaho, left for their home Saturday after spending 10 days visiting relatives. They were honored with a farewell party at the new Bohemian Hall Friday evening.

## 50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1959

Oberlin City School enrollment, including kindergarten, at the close of the first month of school stands at 440.

The Decatur County Soil Conservation District office will have an open house Oct. 9 at the new location in the Kiefer building, formerly Sandy's Shop. The SCS office formerly was located with the ASC office in the Meckenstock building. Current employees of the local Soil Conservation Service, organized in 1944, are John Dark, work unit conservationist; Calvin Ufford, conservation aide, and Mrs. John Smith, secretary.

Copies of The Oberlin Herald can now be purchased on press day at Safeway grocery store as well as Don's Supermarket and the Herald office. They will be available shortly after one o'clock on Wednesdays.

Modern, up-to-date farmsteads are appearing more frequently in Decatur County, according to County Agent Henry Gronewoller. Under construction are homes for Elwood Bogart, one mile from his present home on the Danbury-Kanona

road; Kenneth Van Vleet, northeast of Oberlin; Arthur May, west of Oberlin; Harold Lohofener, one mile north of the cemetery and Rex Wurm, north of Oberlin. Paul Nauer, southeast of Jennings is also planning a new home while Ted Pollnow plans to build near US-36 west and Howard Mockry has completed a new home on east US-36.

The Red Devils lost their third consecutive game Friday night as hard-running senior fullback Glen Isernhagen powered St. Francis to a 26-7 win at Smick Field. In an 8-man grid contest Norcatur and Selden fought to a 12-12 tie in a contest at Selden last Friday afternoon. Herb Shirley accounted for both Norcatur markers, although a 55-yard ramble to the one-yard-line by Dean Thornton set up the first touchdown. Selden's record includes a 14-13 victory over Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Borton of Detroit, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Lou, to Rex Rasmussen, son of Mrs. Chris Rasmussen and the late Mr. Rasmussen, former Oberlin residents. Rex is a graduate of DCHS with the Class of 1952 and of the University of Kansas and is employed as a pharmacist in Lawrence. A fall wedding has been planned.

The St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin has the setting Sept. 27 for the wedding of Miss Roberta Wurm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Wurm, to Lynn A. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Johnson, all of Oberlin.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

The museum's 51st Mini Sapa Celebration is now history. We would like to thank all that took part in this event. The winners of the raffles were Dakota Cook for the Acer 10 Aspire One Computer; Stephen La Bash for the counted cross-stitch framed picture; and David Depperschmidt for the Kansas resident lifetime hunting or fishing license.

Our next event is the Annual Christmas Tree Tour, which will be here before we know! We still have some trees left for groups,

## 25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1984

A one-year freeze on Medicare payments to physicians implemented by the federal government went into effect Monday. Local surgeon Robert Simpson noted that the government is taking an unfair advantage of physicians who have been cognizant of the spiraling costs of health care and tried to keep the costs down.

A late September snow fall appeared to have done no damage to fall crops as it quickly melted by mid-morning.

A total of 57 runners competed in the Rotary Club-sponsored Mini-Sapa 15-kilometer run and 2-mile fun-run Saturday. Bob McAnany of Hays was the winner in the 19-29 division of the 15-K event and Trish Wild placed first for women. Topping the field of 2-mile runners was Dan Winston of St. Francis who circuted the town loop in a time of 10:50.

The five senior girls chosen as Decatur Community High School Homecoming Queen candidates this year are Kim Unger, Renell Erickson, Kelley Michael, Terese Bishop and Terri Leitner. The 10-year queen will be Cindy (Harrier) Lincoln and Stu McGowne will be the athlete of the past.

The DCHS band attended the football game between the Air Force Academy and Colorado State University on Saturday and participated in the mass band performance at half time. Band director is Ken Honas.

organizations or individuals to adopt for decorating. Our theme this year is centered on Oberlin's 125th Anniversary. If you would like to participate in this fun activity and help support the museum, call us at 475-2712.

Updates for the 2010 Alumni Directory keep coming in. We thank all of you who have updated your information and encourage those of you that have not to go to the school website, www.usd294.org, click on the Alumni tab, complete the form and submit.

Bollers, Lochbuie, Colo. They helped Tyce celebrate his second birthday.

Lawrence and Lila Jennings, Brendan Jennings, Rhonda Jennings and Andrea Workman were in Salina Tuesday morning to welcome 1st Lt. Brent Jennings home from Iraq where he has been stationed with the 287th Sustainment Brigade for the past year. After leave time Brent will be working in

Topeka where they have a home.

Visitors at the Lawrence Jennings and Brett Jennings homes this past week were Glenda Harris, Grand Junction, Colo., who had attended a class reunion in Salina, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Jennings, Topeka and Brendan Jennings, Hastings.

Notice from the Jennings City Council: Burning within the city limits of Jennings has been extended through October.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Gaylord and Shirley Shields and Loyd and Fern Moore left Sept. 16 for Omaha and flew to Frankfort, Germany, where they met Stan and Deanie Moore and joined the tour group, spending two weeks touring Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. They flew back to Omaha and returned home Sept. 30. Gaylord and Shirley also visited the Mike Shields family while in Omaha.

Karen Eskew, Scott and Kristi Waterman, and Heather Waterman flew from Denver, on Sept. 24, to Durham, N.C., to attend the wedding of Wayne Andrews and Chrissy Waterman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Waterman. They flew home Sunday, Sept. 27.

The Decatur Community High School Junior Varsity Volleyball team won first place at the Oberlin Invitational volleyball tournament on Saturday. Elizabeth Nedland is one of the members of the team.

Becky Tate, Mollie, and Grace, Robin Rouse and Dani, and Maddie Johnson returned home Sunday noon after spending the weekend

camping at Cambridge Lake. The trip was to celebrate Mollie's ninth birthday and Dani's upcoming birthday. Sondra Fowler was an additional Friday night guest at the lake.

Cameron Nedland arrived home Friday evening at the Dan Nedland and Rhonda May home and left Monday for Kansas State University where classes will resume on Tuesday following fall break.

Walter and Betty May were Saturday evening dinner guests and Sunday afternoon visitors at the Dan Nedland and Rhonda May home.

Ed Waterman, Sedgwick, was a weekend guest of David and Karen Eskew. Ed and Karen attended the 50th wedding anniversary reception in Colby for their cousin Kenneth and Carolyn Call.

John and Dianne Bremer were Sunday evening dinner guests of his cousin, Martin Chapman of New Orleans, at an area restaurant. Martin is spending a few days in the Oberlin area visiting Keith and Helen Muirhead.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Family members and friends of Cedar Living Center should mark their calendars for the Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner, which will be held on Sunday, Nov. 22, in the CLC dining room. The Family Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 20. Additional information about the parties and how to make reservations will be available soon.

The penny card players met for a game on Monday afternoon. Players included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Donna Kent, Ira and Mary Kolsky, Ruth Leopold, Joan Noble, Aleen Van Vleet, Mary Votapka, Dolores Wheeler, and Edna Mott. Refreshments were served following the game. Residents and staff also took advantage of the beautiful weather on Monday afternoon. More than half of the residents sat outside in the sunshine before supper. After supper on Monday a group of residents gathered for an evening of games.

Donna Kent had the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Fern Wenger won the blackout game. Volunteers Ila Ray and Opal Huntley assisted with bingo.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinocle players on Wednesday afternoon.

Several residents met to watch a movie and share some freshly made popcorn on Wednesday. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Fr. Mark Berland had the Catholic Mass on the Cedar Living Center patio on Thursday morning.

There were some high rollers at the dice game played on Thursday afternoon. Lacey Ream assisted with the game.

The baking group made apple-sauce cookies on Friday afternoon. The poker players gathered on Friday night for a game.

Recent Visitors:

Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Jim and Carolyn Plotts, Norcatur; Lori Truetken, Selden; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Alysha Tadlock, Goodland; Marilyn Fisher, Julie Fisher, Topeka; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Connie Moore, Gothenburg, Neb.

Jody Betts, Lyle Gamblin, Max and Veanna Carman, Dolores Depperschmidt, Evelyn Meitl, Sharon Johnson, Mary McEvoy, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Phyllis Screen, Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

This week was what we consider relatively quiet and yet it seems the days were full and the week went by quickly. What do you think?

Monday, we were blessed by a new volunteer. Phyllis Screen came to help out with Ol' Time Music. She wowed us with her talent playing the organ. This pleased Olive Arnold immensely. Since her very first day coming to the Good Sam she asks everyday, "Doesn't anybody know how to play the organ?" Everyone enjoyed the music, but nobody more than Olive! Kick Ball is back! Monday afternoon, another junior volunteer rallies the group for a time of "disguised exercise."

Tuesday, Lunch Bunch took advantage of the nice weather and headed to the Frontier for possibly our last outing for the season. Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Leone Porsch, Emma Sanford, Evelyn Olson, Opal Bryan, Dorothy Pryor and Alice Bobbitt all went. We then took a drive through the cemetery and did a mini-garden tour around town. Later, Elsie Macy had a hankerkerin' to shop at the Bargain Box... so off we went!

Wednesday morning Bible Study with Mert draws a crowd; Lora Zwicke, Evelyn Olson, Faye Miller, Kathryn Post, Leone Porsch, Dorothy Pryor, Lucy Schissler, Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Myrtle Ross, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Edla Olson, Violet Schissler and Jeanette Conway. The same group gets second helpings of study with Lisa on Thursdays.

Can't have a Wednesday without BINGO! Alan Addleman, Pooch Portschy, Earl Brown, R.D. Thornton, Emma Sanford, Lora Zwicke, Evelyn Olson, Faye Miller, Kathryn Post, Leone Porsch, Dorothy Pryor, Lucy Schissler, Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Lemman, Myrtle Ross, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Edla Olson, Violet Schissler with two grandkids, Doris Marintzer and Elsie Macy.

Art Class completed their beautiful watercolor sunflowers that will be added to our rotating gallery! Amy Rehm, Faye Miller, Leone Porsch, Myrtle Ross, Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson and Kathryn Post all have their pieces on display.

Thursday evening Prayer Team is a resident led time of prayer. Edla Olson and Amy Rehm have stepped forward to get this going. This week the group prayed for seven unborn babies among the staff! We are doing our part to populate Oberlin!

Friday, the guys got together for Men's Coffee! Pooch Portschy, Earl Brown, Elden Long, R.D. Thornton, Walter May, Leo Mooty and Paul Meisner gather at the round table with Pastor Keith Reuther and Frank McEvoy.

To end the week we celebrated

Founder's Day during our Family Potluck! This is always a good time! The program featured Pastor John Paulson, as Dad Hoeger giving a monologue about the beginning of Good Sam. Jeanette Diederich sang and everyone joined in a Liturgy. The fellowship was sweet and the food was great!

Upcoming events: Oct. 11 - the Wichita Children's Theater will perform at 4:30. Oct. 18 - at 2 p.m. we will be hosting a Bridge Tournament, contact Cindi Sauder for more information. Oct. 24 - 2009 Rock-A-Thon, proceeds this year will go to the Decatur County Food Pantry. Oct. 30 - the Spook Parade, last year over 200 children filled our halls to overflowing and we ran out of candy. If you would like to donate some candy it would be greatly appreciated! Just for fun we are having a Houdini Zucchini Decorating Contest. Giant zucchinis are on the front patio, help yourself and use your magic to turn it into something spectacular! Winners will be announced at 2p.m. Oct. 30!

Visitors this week were Roger, Susan and Erin May, Sharon Slabaugh, Rhonda and Dan Nedland for our new family members **Walter and Betty May**. Mert McEvoy and Sally Olson (Atwood) for **Lucy Schissler**. Penny Fringer, Reva Marshall and Dixie and Ron Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. John and Edie Tate, Dan and Cathy Wilson (Ionia, Mich.) Janet Miller (Elkins, Ark.) and Donna Kelley for **Lois Carlson**. Arian Arnold (Herndon) for **Edla Olson**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Leo Mooty**. Connie Simonsson for **Amy Rehm and Ollie**. Ollie now has a personal walking partner, Cerys Davies our newest junior volunteer walks him everyday.

Jeff, Penny and Logan Hayward for **Shirley Hayward**. Donna Kelley, Delta Anderson, Dan and Cathy Wilson (Ionia, Mich.), Janet Miller (Elkins, Ark.) for **Eva Bryan**. Doris Fringer and Eunice Wenger for **Lora Zwicke**. Jerry Olson and Janet Ball (Topeka) for **Evelyn Olson**. Dean and Eloise Thornton (Ingalls) for **R.D. Thornton**. Pooch Portschy, Loren Escher, Hubert Mumm and Glenn Martin had lunch with Cheri Kastens. Moriah, Johanna, Bethany, and Nathan Smith along with her daughter Linda visited **Dorothy Pryor**. Betty Heisel and Shelby Hackney for **Ethel Nemeth**. Max and Veanna Waldo for **Myrtle Waldo**. Nancy Landau Jackson (Atwood) for **Eileen Laird**. Gladys Geis and Doris Fringer for **Kathryn Post**. **Leona Helmkamp** celebrated her birthday with friends, Ann and Don Mines with a private Pizza Party in the Quiet Room.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Jennings community extends sympathy to the family of Keith Sauvage, Oberlin. He is the father of Joan McKenna, Jennings. His memorial service was held Tuesday, Oct. 6, at Paul's Funeral Home in Oberlin.

Terri Hanke, Jennings, along with her mother, Elda Hanke, Phillipsburg, spent Sept. 21-27 in the Washington area. The first day they had tickets to see the White House and spent the rest of the day visiting popular sights, taking time to see the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. Later in the day they drove to Norfolk, Va., to meet up with WWII veterans who served on the destroyer escort, the USS Bunch.

Some of the veterans are friends of the Hanks' and they were invited to join the tour group. During the week the group took a morning boat tour of Norfolk's Harbor, the world's largest naval shipyard. Later in the day they toured the battle ship the USS Wisconsin.

The rest of the week included a day-long excursion to Colonial Williamsburg, a visit to the Douglas MacArthur Museum and each day the group visited a different and unique local restaurant. Upon returning to the Washington area, they stopped at The Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, near Dulles Airport. The building provides room for the Smithsonian to display the thousands of aviation and space artifacts that cannot be exhibited on the National Mall. The two sites together showcase the largest collection of aviation and space artifacts in the world. The Hanks' especially enjoyed seeing Global Flier, The Enola Gay, and the Concord Jet. The next stop was to see Washington National Cathedral, the second largest cathedral in the United States. Elda and Terri returned home Sept. 27.

The City library is still in the process of automation. We can see the end of the work now. Carla has ordered new books and will inform the public when they arrive. Saturday is the reading hour for children. Thanks to all for the great participation.

September 22 was the first 2009-

2010 meeting and journey of the Jennings Tuesday Study Club. Seven members of the study club met at the United Methodist Church in Jennings and proceeded in two vehicles to Goodland. The members met at Crazy R's Bar and Grill and enjoyed lunch. After lunch they went to the museum in Goodland. Touring the museum was interesting and informative. Then the group went to the Dr. Gulick house that has been restored by Rod and Michele Cooper. They have done an incredible job on the house and surrounding grounds. The members going to Goodland were: Rachel Carter, Ruth Chance, Lynn Tacha, Merle Snyder, Sue Long, Joan McKenna and Carla Latimer. The month of October will be a trip to Brewster.

Sunday was a full day at the United Methodist Church in Jennings. Worship service was followed by committee meetings. Then lunch was shared by all. After lunch an Ad Council meeting was well-attended. Following the council meeting the Nominating Committee met.

Government commodities will be given to eligible families Thursday, Oct. 8, from 10 to 11 a.m. at 403 S. Pennsylvania in Jennings.

Saturday was Clean-up day. The Mayor and City Council had organized equipment and people to work at various properties in town. Many loads of trees and brush were hauled to the Jennings Landfill. A lot of the property owners were in town to help. Lunch was enjoyed at the Broken Wheel and Bar with various people donating the food. Some ate the leftovers that evening. Everyone worked hard to make the day a success. Another clean-up day will be planned in the spring.

Reminders: United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday at 4 p.m. with Bible Study led by Vicki Bailey.

Dan Wahlmeier, rural Clayton will be the program entertainment at the Sunflower Senior Center Tuesday, Oct. 13. Potluck will be served at 6 p.m.

Stan and Ramona Shaw and Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs spent the weekend at the home of Kyle, Lisa and Tyce

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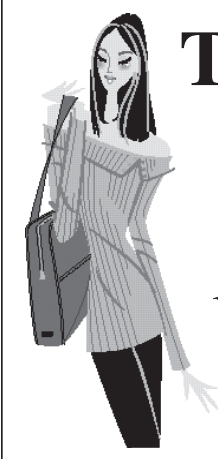
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