**THE OBERLIN HERALD** 

# **Events of Yesteryear**

#### 125 YEARS AGO - Oct. 1884

We have sold the Oberlin Herald to Fred L. Henshaw, who has been foreman in our office for the past two years. All delinquent subscription accounts will be payable to him. - W.D. Street.

Nearly 100 loads of freight received in Oberlin last week.

Aprairie fire broke out from Reynolds sorghum factory on Lamb's Draw one day last week, burning over quite a scope of country between the Draw and the Beaver.

Married: Mr. Godfrey J. Tacha and Miss Katie L. Heilman. Ira Kellogg succeeded W.A.

Burnett as county treasurer on Oct. 13th. Major W.D. Don Carlos failed

to come to time on the trade for the Herald block and we have sold the same to Keys and Campbell who have operated a land and real estate office in the north room while the Herald will occupy the old stand.

### 100 YEARS AGO - Oct. 1909

The high school boys won the first game on the home grounds last Friday by the decisive score of 15-0; Norton was their opponent, Tudor Stevenson made a 24-yard drop-kick for a field goal.

Sam Peters and family leave this week for the West. The fellows who pinned their

faith to Pittsburgh in the World's Series are now telling everyone they meet, "We told you so."

H.O. Douglas autoed down to Arapahoe, Nebr., Sunday to see his daughter, Martha, who is teaching in the high school there. Hop made the return trip in a little less than five hours.

A very enjoyable reception was held at the Baptist parsonage Wednesday, honoring the 25th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. W.H. VanCleave.

O.T. Lemmons, a professional photographer, has purchased a half-interest in and will operate the Young Studio, which has not been operating since Mr. Young began the real estate work.

### 75 YEARS AGO - Oct. 1934

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A new bank, the Decatur County National Bank, which is the outgrowth of the successful reorganization of the former Oberlin National and the combination with the First National of Norcatur, will swing open its door for regular banking business next Monday. In the cashier's office will be J.R. spected figure in Decatur County's banking circle since 1915 when he the open house. entered the banking business with First National of Norcatur.

in 1925 he has been managing officer of the bank. Directors of the bank will include Howard Benton and Frank Frewen, Norcatur; Ed Helmkamp and D.W. Morton, Oberlin and Gilbert G. Brown, Kanona. Employees will be Mr. Chris Jorn, Mr. Paul Nagel and Miss Margart Metts.

The many Decatur County friends of Mr. and Mrs. August Lohoefener of Burkburnett, Texas, join in congratulating them on their golden wedding anniversary.

Court House News: One of the busiest places in town the past couple of days has been the AAA office where the committee are engaged in distributing the wheat allotment checks. The commissioners have named V.R. Caster as the poor commissioner replacing Mrs. Raymond Cilek, and Mrs. Marguerite Cleland, Norcatur, as case supervisor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Addleman are the parents of a baby girl born yesterday morning and her name is Ruth Ann.

Dresden: Mrs. Pearl McMann is the "hello" girl while Jessie Miller is visiting in Nebraska.

Marian Hawkes, who has been with her mother and father in Hays, where she is recovering from serious injuries received in an auto accident Oct. 5, has returned to Oberlin. The paralysis which affected his right side has cleared up partially and he is becoming somewhat more comfortable each day.

Clayton: About 100 friends and relatives celebrated the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Griffith. Emory Griffith and Alice Lu Harris exchanged vows in West Virginia on Oct. 16, 1884, which joined their lives. All four children grew up at their farm home near Clayton which is now managed by their son Charles.

### 50 YEARS AGO - Oct. 1959

A crowd of several thousand persons visited Station KOMC-TV west of Oberlin Sunday to see the station dedicated, hear speakers, consume refreshments, look over the station and listen to the Maverick Band

John Nitsch of Oberlin, president of Area TV, clipped the ribbon at the dedication ceremony and outlined the history of the station, describing the trials and tribulations which were eventually overcome. He thanked a number of Northwest Kansans from area communities (Jake) Betts, a familiar and re- for their support. Persons from 60

and reigned over Homecoming festivities which included Oberlin's first win of the season. The Red Devils beat the Atwood Buffaloes 27-12 and hoisted the Red Devils out of the North West Kansas League cellar. Led by Wayne Frickey and Lowell Stacy, the Red Devils piled up an early 13-0 lead at the end of the first period. Coach Moore labeled Roland Martin, Leland Cody and Frickey as defensive standouts.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dixson, Atwood, daughter, Bonnie Jo, Oct. 13, 1959; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rummel, Atwood, son, Craig Willard, Oct. 14, 1959; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Votapka, daughter, Donna Jo, Oct. 16, 1959; Mr. and Mrs. David Simpson, son, Michael David, Oct. 17, 1959.

Mrs. Frank Robertson recently assisted her daughter and family, the Mike Earlywines of Denver, in packing to move to Kearns, Utah.

The Jennings and Lenora high school bands will participate in Homecoming at Fort Hays State Oct. 24.

Jennings spoiled Norcatur's Homecoming Friday by toppling the undefeated Cardinals 22-14 moving into the CNWKA six-man lead.

Jerry Schuetz, 1958 graduate of Kansas State University, has joined the staff of the Decatur Soil Conservation office as a farm planner. Before coming to Oberlin he worked at the Gove County SCS office.

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bayley of Kingsville, Texas, are the parents of a boy born Oct. 15 and named Patrick John. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Karls.

### 25 YEARS AGO - Oct. 1984

Marynell Reece, Scandia, challenged the more than 90 persons attending the meeting of the First

District Kansas Federation of Republican Women to become better informed and more involved in the electoral process. Mrs. Reece stepped in for Sen. Nancy Kassebaum who was expected to address the group but was still in Washington late Friday on a final vote on an emergency bill restoring the government's authority to borrow money.

**By** Jody Betts

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The Oberlin Red Devils lost to the Goodland Cowboys 28-14 in a game played at Smick Field before an unusually large homecoming crowd. Renell Erickson was homecoming queen and at the dance which followed the game Darren Kaempfe was crowned homecoming king.

Decatur County commissioners meeting with ambulance director Carl Anderson agreed to purchase a new ambulance through Collins Industries of Hutchinson at a cost of \$36, 487.

Hospital News: Jackie and Kevin Brown, Oberlin, son, Christopher Paul, Oct. 11, 1984; Leon and Marita Portschy, Herndon, a daughter, April Diane, Oct. 16, 1984; Charles and Susan Betts McMonagle, San Diego, daughter, Christine Elise, Oct. 13, 1984; Robert and Carol Fink, Wamego, son, Austin Robert, Oct. 14, 1984.

Funeral services were held Oct. 9 at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville for John W. Geisinger, 88

Marie Allen, who is moving to Las Vegas, Nev., to make her home, was presented a farewell gift at the Oct. 8 meeting of Monday Evening Club.

Dr. Gary Fredrickson recently moved to the former home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bateman and family at 807 East Frontier Parkway, which he has purchased.

## Let's Go to the Museum By Sharleen Wurm, director

the museum and view our new awning. Jim and Tucker Dowling did a wonderful job. It ties our three front buildings together and will make a difference in our cooling bill.

If you are a Decatur Community High School graduate and have been putting off updating your information for the 2010 Alumni Directory go to the school website, www. usd294.org, click on the Alumni tab, fill out the form, and submit.

We invite you to drive down by tory ready for the printer by the end of 2009. We can NOT do this project without YOUR help.

> Plans are underway for our annual Christmas Tree Tour. Clubs, businesses, organizations and individuals are encouraged to participate. This is a great way to advertise your business, highlight a group project, or just plan a fun activity for your club.

This year the theme will center on Oberlin's 125th anniversary, so old-

# **Cedar Living News**

### By Teresa Shaughnessy

Vic Mowry and Band will be playing on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. in the Cedar Living Center Dining Room. The residents enjoy listening and dancing to the music by Vic Mowry and Band. They always have a good time.

The residents will be enjoying the special music played by Dianne Bremer in the CLC dining room on Saturday, Oct. 24, at 2 p.m.

Monday was Columbus Day and the residents met in the dining room to discuss and learn more about Columbus Day and then played a game of Penny Card. The big winners of Penny Card on Monday afternoon were Dale Butler, Aleen Van Vleet and Darlene Fisher.

The residents enjoyed a game of Bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Blanche Skubal and Alvina Gamblin tied for the first bingo. The blackout winner was Edna Mott.

The residents gathered on the CLC patio for story time with Charlotte Kurtz. It is a nice place to get together and read stories and the residents really enjoy the stories.

The craft group met in the dining room to finish the project of making ghost and pumpkin windsocks and started a new project for Halloween. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning. The residents enjoyed gathering for a perschmidt, Oberlin.

This week was kind of ordinary,

except there was an air of excitement

game of Name-That-Song. They enjoyed listening to songs in their era that they knew and sang along. A group of residents gathered on the patio to listen to news from the Oberlin Herald.

The Baking group made M&M cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies were served fresh from the oven and the residents enjoyed the cookies so much that there was none left to share. A few of the residents gathered in the dining room after supper to play Bingo during the late game night on Friday night.

Everyone enjoyed the game and Delores Wheeler was the big winner in Bingo.

Recent Visitors: Jim and Jaynee Sattler, Atwood; Linda Bosler, Carol Kompus, Doug Bobinmeyer, Herndon; Lad and Lori Truetken, Selden; Roberta Schillig, Dresden; Todd and Brady Sumner, Norcatur; Jarey and Pat Brunau, St. Francis; Alysha Tadlock, Goodland; Greg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; George Sayer and Rita Ogg, Lexington, Neb.; Jaye Rich, N.C.; Leo and Jesie Van Vleet, Phoenix; Pat Glebe, Stratton, Colo.; Veronica Olson, Westminster, Colo.; Shawn Wamsley, Shawn Fisher, Brian Jackson, Thornton, Colo.; Thad Jackson, Brighton, Colo.; Pat Marintzer,

and Veanna Carmen, Delores Dep-

# **Good Samaritan News** By Lisa Paulson

'Til the task is done

Won't you pledge To help our cause We promise to rock Without a pause

Rock-A-Thon 2009 will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Good Samaritan Home. Proceeds will go to benefit the Decatur County Food Pantry. Sponsor Sheets are available at the home. Donations may also be sent directly to Good Samaritan Center, 108 E. Ash, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

Visitors this week were Donna Kelley and Detta Anderson for Eva Bryan. Ralph Crimm, Mert McEvoy and Mabel McLaughlin (Sturgeon, Mo.) for Lucy Schissler. Mildred Holmdahl visited Evelyn Olson, Eulaine Benda and Lois Carlson. Norma Anderson and Arian Arnold for Edla Olson. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) were here for Doris Marintzer and Hubert Mumm. Reva Marshall, Penny Fringer and Ron and Dixie Snyder

brewing. The ladies were talking among themselves - buzzing like a hive of bees — in anticipation of Saturday's Rock-A-Thon. There is no activity more important than this annual event. It began as kind of a "happy accident" in Bible Study five years ago, when the ladies were expressing their helplessness in the wake of hurricane Katrina. The Rock-a-Thon idea was conceived and has become a yearly event. Eva Bryan's step-daughters asked her if she was going to rock this year and her reply was "I'm 96 but I can still rock a chair." She has rocked every year and isn't going to miss this one. All the residents look forward to an opportunity to serve and to give

much. This poem was written by the residents five years ago: We are old With hearts of gold Wanting to do our share Our eyes are dim

back to the community they love so

Our hearing weak

Idalia, Colo. Jody Betts, Lyle Gamblin, Max

different towns were registered at

Senior Margaret Young was crowned 1959 Decatur Community Since the death of Henry Benton High School Homecoming Queen

contact the museum we will provide you with a list of updates that we have. Our goal is to have the direc-

To all class representatives that fashioned Christmas ideas can be plan your class reunions: If you will used. Please contact us soon. Either come in or call us at 475-2712.

But we can rock a chail

We'll rock from morning 'Til setting sun We will not stop

(Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Brian and Pam Simonsson for Opal Bryan. Elsie Wolters came for Dorothy Pryor and Myrtle Ross.

Ralph and Norma Unger returned

home Sunday afternoon after at-

tending the Texas A&M/Kansas

State football game Saturday after-

noon in Manhattan with the Butch

Rittmann family of Shawnee and

Rachelle Gorrell of Bland, Mo. The

Ungers were Friday evening over-

night guests of Butch and Colleen

Nolan May, Lawrence, was a

Walter and Betty May, Wilbur

The Roland May, Roger May,

May and Robert May were Sunday

afternoon visitors of the Dan Ned-

and Rhonda May and Dan Ned-

land families attended the Decatur

County 4-H Achievement Social

at Sappa Park Sunday afternoon

where Hannah and Zach May, Erin

and Ryan May, and Elizabeth and

Hunter Nedland received achieve-

guest at the Dan Nedland and Rhon-

Rittmann, Christian and Rielly.

da May home October 15 - 18.

land and Rhonda May family.

## **Mount Pleasant News By** Dianne Bremer

in Junction City.

Bud and Vicky Mumm, Gem, joined Steve and Lydia Bryan of Arvada, Colo., for an eight-day tour of New England with a group of fortyfour. The tour began in Hartford, Conn., and continued through Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont and Rhode Island.

They enjoyed the view all along the coast and visited so many historical places that we learned about in our history books. The tour included many other places of interest and the fall colors were spectacular. The Mumm's returned home on Sunday.

Friends from Wheat Ridge, Colo., visited Esther Pennington this week. Lou Cushing and friend, Robert, stopped by to say "Hi" after being in Nebraska and Wisconsin. Chris Wood and Julie Hafner also visited their aunt this week.

Fr. George Clements was concelebrant with Fr. Stephen at St. Mary's on Sunday for Mass. Fr. George is from Chicago and has served the Lord for more than 50 years. You're welcome anytime Fr. George. Please come back soon!

St. Mary's Catholic Youth Organization will serve coffee and rolls after Mass on Sunday, to celebrate World Youth Day.

Join the youth as they say "thank you" for your generosity in sending them to National Youth Convention in November.

Sunday morning brunch guests of Voni Sattler were Brad and Deanna Williams, Kassi and Brandi; Zach Williams, Amy and Piper and Levi Sattler, Fort Collins, Colo. Desi Sattler, Wellington, Colo., stopped by for a short visit before heading home.

Don and Joan Grafel spent Friday through Sunday, at the home of Keith and Roma Grafel in Coun- and the Inurnment service at Fort

cil Grove. They went to Saeger's football game and Sydney's volleyball game. On Tuesday, they were guests of Roger and Joan Franke in Hutchinson. While there, they toured the underground Salt Museum, one of the Eight Wonders of Kansas.

Voni Sattler recently met her cousins at the Chief restaurant in McCook for lunch. Those enjoying visiting together were Rose Griess, Spokane, Wash.; Harry Fuqua, Kearney, Neb.; Richard and Danna Frakes, and Nadine Dewey, Trenton, Neb.

Kyle and Cindi Grafel and Rachel attended the Sterling College football game in Sterling on Saturday where Sarah is a cheerleader. They enjoyed watching Sarah cheer and visiting with her afterwards.

Saturday, Patsy Marintzer, rural Idalia, Colo., arrived to visit her mother, Wilma Bobinmyer in Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. Carol Kompus, Doug Bobinmyer, Joyce Rich, Arden, N.C., and Patsy enjoyed the time together, taking pictures and visiting.

Sunday, they went to Roger's Bar and Grill for dinner with aunts and uncles, Betty and Leo Rousselle, Culbertson, and Bob and Vera Bobinmyer, McCook. Joyce left for her home in Arden, Tuesday and Patsy will remain in Herndon for a few days.

Dean, Deb and Neil Portschy and Pete and Eileen Portschy attended the funeral of Tom T. Record in McCook on Wednesday. Tom was an uncle of Deb's. They were met in McCook by family members Freddie and Shirley Reed, Scot and Denise Murchie and David and Karen Reed, all of Stockton.

All attended the service together

McPherson National Cemetery, Maxwell, Neb.

**Herndon News** 

Steve and Susan Nelson, Oberlin, Makenzie Nelson of Wichita, and Todd Nelson of Colby, were supper guests of Don and Joan Grafel Saturday evening. Kent Grafel, Culbertson, and Kathryn Sousek of Omaha, were Sunday dinner guests

A baby shower was held Saturday at the Herndon senior center for Kaius Williams, son of Chelsey Williams and Sam Kogl. Family and friends enjoyed charades and fun baby games with drawings for

prizes. The jungle-themed cake, baked by Amy Rooney, punch, soup and relishes were served to the guests. Baby Kaius thanks everyone for coming!

**By Julie Hafner** 

### Julie's Memory Jogger's February 17, 1908 Nonpariel

Joseph Barenberg received, by express from Des Moines, Iowa, last Wednesday, two white ferrets which he will use in ridding his farm of gophers, rats and other destructive rodents.

# **Selden News** By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Oct. 15 at Senior Citizens, Betty James won high, Lola Cook took second, Ann Hazlitt got low and Mary Goalden had the most

Other members present included Royce Cook, Paulie Neff, Bernita Aumiller, Edna Schiltz, Ralph Weis, Shirley Emigh and Marilyn Meyer.

On Oct. 28 the Selden Catholic Youth Organization will be trick-ortreating somewhere between 7 to 8 p.m. for area food pantries.

If you have items for them please leave your porch light on so they know where to stop. If you are not going to be home and would like to donate you may leave your items in a bag on your porch or leave them at the  $\widetilde{\text{Midway}}$  Cafe ´ or in the boxes in the back of the church.

As a reminder to all parents and businesses: Halloween falls on a Saturday and there is no school on Friday so the Golden Plains Grade school will have the kid's parade

downtown on Thursday, Oct. 29 at 2:30 p.m.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Oct. 23 - Kory Koerperich; Oct. 24 - Tristan Porsch, Vicki Sulzman, Scott Anderson; Oct. 25 - George Wessel, Araya Astalosh; Oct. 26 -Julia Otter, Maureen Bruggeman, Jacque Boultinghouse; Oct. 27 J.R. Albers, Sam Shulers; Oct. 28 -Zane Pauls, Dawson Spresser; Oct. 29 - Jack McKee, Chris Springer.

School Calendar: Oct. 23 - 7:30 p.m. High School Football in Rexford with Weskan. End of first quarter.

Oct. 24 - Volleyball Substate. Oct. 26 - School dismissed at 12:30. Parent-Teacher conferences 1 to 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Oct. 27 - 10 a.m. Junior High Volleyball Tournament at Sharon Springs. Oct. 28-8:30 a.m. ASVAB. Oct. 29 - grade school children parade downtown at 2:30 p.m. 7 p.m. High school football at Bird City.

Jennifer Shaw, Emporia, arrived Wednesday evening, Oct. 7, to spend fall break with her parents, Richard and Anna Shaw, and returned to Emporia State University on Sunday, Oct. 11. While here, she also visited with Ralph and Violet Shaw and the Joel Shaw family.

Wayne and Lois (Haas) Larson, Brad Larson, and Kathy Almquist traveled to Pratt on Saturday where they attended the William and Edith Haas family reunion.

Elizabeth Nedland was honored on her 14th birthday with a party at her home Friday evening. Also attending were Walter and Betty May, Dannay Rhein and Rhiannon Davies.

Karen Eskew represented the Kansas District Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML) Southwest Zone at the Zone Rally held in Liberal on Saturday.

Kelly Olson, Manhattan, was a weekend guest of her parents, Jerry and Connie Olson. Kelly is a freshman algebra and geometry teacher

Jennings Senior Citizens met

Oct. 13 for a potluck carry-in meal

at the Senior Center. Dan and Shel-

ley Wahlmeier and children were

guests. We thank them for coming

out in the rainy weather to provide

musical entertainment for the eve-

ning. Those attending were Ruth

Chance, Rachel Carter, Stan and

Ramona Shaw, Bob and Neoma

Tacha, Alan Taylor and Louise

the former Masonic Hall on Nov.

14 is being planned by the Historic

Building Preservation Committee.

A hunter's breakfast to be held at

Cressler.

# **Jennings News By** Louise Cressler

ment awards.

Proceeds will go to make improve-

ments on the building. More on it next week. We are having some beautiful fall

weather in northwest Kansas. Many of the leaves on the trees are changing colors and falling. Hope you are able to get out and enjoy it.



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