

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1885

Grading is all done on the railroad. The pile-drivers arrived Sunday and went to work driving piles for the railroad bridge across the Sappa northeast of Oberlin.

Mrs. S. J. Rodehaver has sold the Oberlin House to Mr. O'Pelt from Nebraska City. The consideration was \$6000.

Mr. A. N. Burch, an accomplished printer, formerly of Wymore, Nebr., is at present engaged in the Herald office.

Isaac Cole and family returned from Washington territory Tuesday.

F. D. Bliss, a brother of our barber, Fred Bliss, from Buffalo, N. Y., is here looking up a location for a photograph gallery. He will probably locate in Oberlin.

John Emahizer has been appointed City Marshal as Roe Griffin has resigned.

## 100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1910

Ellsworth Vernon moved to Oberlin last week and his son Walter moved to the same farm.

The little son of Charles Jones fell from a threshing machine Sunday and broke his arm.

Harwood Benton returned from his trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, Monday.

The R. D. Wilson threshing machine was destroyed by fire last week while at the C. C. Brown home in Sappa Township.

W. D. Street, C. J. Raymond and H. Q. Banta have been appointed as a committee representing the old settlers organization in assisting the county commissioners in getting up a program for the unveiling of a monument in the Oberlin Cemetery commemorating the settlers killed by the Cheyenne Indians in 1878.

Norcatour Items: Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd returned last week from their wedding trip. Jim McCue is on his way to South America. He is working for the International Harvester Company. Jennings Items: The Odd Fellows have moved into their new hall. D. S. Logan has sold his farm in the eastern part of the state and is moving to Lenora.

## 75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1935

Dedicatory services were held at the Federated Church Sunday with the Rev. J. D. Bowles officiating. In addition to special music by the choir and the children's chorus, a paper entitled "The History of the Building Program" was given by Boyd Love who told that in May of 1934 the former Episcopal Church building was purchased from Walter Smith of Topeka and Bishop Mize of Salina. Total remodeling began in July of that year. The Federated Church also owns the old Baptist Church building and lot which are

for sale.

The Louis-Baer fight in New York City aroused as much interest in advance in Oberlin as any event in our memory. Of 15 men questioned, six expressed the opinion Baer would win. (Louis knocked out Baer in about 10 minutes of actual fighting.)

The Oberlin Rotary club speaker on Tuesday was Rotary Governor Judge Karl Miller of Dodge City who told about the Rotary International convention held in Mexico City in June.

Court House News: A marriage license was issued to J. V. Ward, 21, and Miss Cora Gilbert, 18, both of Rexford.

Playing their first game of this season's football schedule, the Oberlin Red Devils defeated the Wauneta, Nebr., eleven on the latter's lighted field 20-0. Wauneta has been the champion of the Frenchman Valley League the past two years.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Logan Sept. 21, a girl named Shirley Maxine. Mrs. Logan will be remembered as Bernice Shirley, one of Decatur's popular school teachers.

Mrs. Fred Bremer returned last week from a month's visit in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McKinney of Dresden were in the office to renew their subscription Thursday. Mr. McKinney drives one of the mail routes south of Dresden and has had some interesting though none too pleasant experiences on his route during the dust storms this spring.

Leoville: The quilt display in the church basement was well attended with many beautiful quilts on display including some from Dresden. Ice cream and cake were served by the Altar Society.

Jennings: The first football game of the season was played at Atwood and Jennings was victorious.

## 50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1960

Oberlin Business and Professional Women which has a membership of 50 will be observing National BPW Week Oct. 2-8 with various local activities before attending the BPW fall conference over the weekend in Hill City. Local president is Libbie Taylor, secretary of the Decatur County Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance.

L. F. Cushenberry, Oberlin attorney, told Oberlin Rotarians about his recent trip to Europe to attend the Olympics in Rome at their Tuesday noon meeting. Two things he noted which impressed "Cush" and his wife Iral at the Olympics were the friendliness of the Communist satellite delegations and the tremendous welcome to the U.S. athletes, second only to those of Italy.

Ten of 20 original students from 50 years ago turned out for a District

24 South Bethel School reunion with teacher Romaine Wyatt McConchie at the schoolhouse Sunday. Former students attending were: Emil Urban, Anna Fiala Peterson, Emma Fiala Mrstik and Frank Pavlicek, all of Oberlin; Rudolph Urban, Exeter, Neb.; Helen Urban Nicholson, Salina; Jerry Fiala, Sophia Petracek Skubal and Jess Petracek, all of Jennings and Gladys Clinkenbeard Eaton, Bethany, Mo.

Funeral services were held for Myrtle Anderson, 62, who graduated from DCHS in 1916 and received degrees from Fort Hays State and Colorado State College. She was a teacher for 41 years serving as principal of Oakdale Grade School in Salina the past 14 years.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Rex Moore, daughter, Shawna Rae, 9-22-60; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lantz, daughter, Jeanne Ann, 9-23-60; Mr. and Mrs. Dole Anderson, daughter, Sheri Lynette, 9-25-60; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Koerperich, Selden, son, Augustine Paul, 9-25-60.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Purcell announce the engagement of their daughter, Marietta, to Bob Swinford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Swinford of Lovington, N.M.

The Oberlin Red Devils made it two in a row as they employed a ground game to roll past the out-manned Hoxie Indians 12-0 in a home game.

## 25 YEARS AGO — Sep. 1985

Come rain or shine the Oberlin

Centennial parade will go on Saturday morning with more than 120 entries received and more expected. Spectators not wanting to look for parking spots can park at the fairgrounds and catch a bus ride downtown. Pickup point after the parade will be at Columbia Savings.

At 3 p.m. on Saturday the time capsule buried on the Decatur County court house lawn will be opened. Buried in 1960 the capsule has become quite the topic of conversation in recent weeks, as no evidence can be unearthed as to its contents. The committee is making elaborate plans for two more capsules — one to be opened in 25 years and one in 100. Committee members are Ray, Greg and Adam Lohoefer, Charlotte Meints, John Wright and Ted, Rusty and Chad Adleman.

A capacity crowd of 220 persons gathered at St. John's fellowship hall on Tuesday to hear Enola Gish, Baldwin, speak of her love for historical quilts and show unusual quilt designs and colors. More than 115 entries were displayed in the quilt show held that afternoon at Golden Age Center. Several were more than 100 years old and some were made in the early 1800s.

New Arrivals: Shawn and Dennis Spesser, Dresden, daughter, Kelsey Jo, 9-23-85.

After losing their opener to Larned 12-6, the Red Devil grid-ders bounced back to clobber the St. Francis Indians 33-6.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

My sis and I took our mom out to Estes Park, Colo., for the weekend. The mountains were beautiful with the aspens turning, the elk were starting to come down from the hills, and the weather was gorgeous. I think everyone else in the country had the same idea because the town was packed. It was also free pass day in all the National Parks. I had never been that close to the elk before and it was awesome!!

Right by the brush at the Visitors Center was a 14-point bull elk. He was eating on the lawn with his ladies scattered around the center. When he finished eating, we started moving around this huge rock and a tree as this Big Boy decided to walk out onto the sidewalk toward where his ladies were eating. He stopped less than 30 or so feet away from us and let out this bugle call, then proceeded on across the little river. One by one the ladies started following him. We saw other small groups out west of Estes, but this was the most amazing scene and especially to be that close. It is fun to travel, but it's

always good to be home.

On our way back down the mountain, I stopped to pick up the gift certificate from the Sylvandale Guest Ranch for our drawing this Saturday during lunch at the Museum. This ranch is a modern western type ranch nestled along the foothills west of Loveland, Colo., just before you start up the Big Thompson Canyon. Tickets are still available from any of the Chamber Board members and here in the office. The drawing will be at noon in front of the Museum. I will have tickets available that morning also during and after the parade.

Be sure and check out all the activities that will be happening on Saturday. There are flyers posted all around town with the schedule of events: parade at 10 a.m., lunch at the museum at noon, Indian Dancers, Trail Ride at 1 p.m., the Quilt Show on Friday and Saturday, the Time Capsule Opening at 2:30 p.m. and other events as listed.

Come have a fun weekend in Oberlin!!

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

St. Mary's Christian Mothers Altar Society held its quarterly meeting Sunday afternoon at the church rectory. President Theresa Rippe opened the meeting with prayer. Discussion and plans were made for the St. Mary's Fall Festival to be held on Sunday, Nov. 14. The next meeting will be Sunday, Dec. 5, following Mass and the Christmas party will be Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011.

Members enjoyed refreshments and cookies following the meeting.

Flu shots will be given in Herndon from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the senior center on Thursday, Oct. 21.

A mini health fair is planned where blood can be drawn and pneumonia vaccinations will be given in addition to the flu shot. Reminders will follow the next few weeks so watch for any changes in this schedule.

David and Bonnie Franke had a fun weekend of traveling. They were lunch guests on Friday of Roger and JoAnn Franke in Hutchinson.

Other guests were Cindy Franke and Ian McNeice of London, England. Ian is presently starting in a television series in England. On Saturday morning, David and Bonnie watched their grandchildren, Candaesa and J.D. Van Horn play soccer in Lawrence. They spent Saturday night with Tom and Kay Franke in Council Grove.

Aaron, Sarah and Gideon White of Norton were overnight guests of Dave and Judy Ketterl Friday, on their way to Colorado.

Bob and Julie Hafner attended "Excess Baggage: Riding the Orphan Train" Friday evening at the Fox Theater in McCook. Charlotte Endorf, Author and Scholar, of Norfolk, Neb., presented the program

on her independent interviews of the few 100 remaining orphan train survivors in the nation. She has traveled over 8,000 miles and tells many touching stories of children adopted in Nebraska. Over 4,000 children were placed in Kansas.

Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo., and Keith Pettera, Lakewood, Colo., were visitors of Edie Pettera for a few days last week.

The Belles of St. Mary's with Theresa Rippe on Clavinova entertained Thursday, at Good Samaritan in Atwood with gals; Sharon Ecker, Liane Martin, Chris Wood, Vicky Mumm and Julie Hafner, along with guest singers, Janice Sattler and Floyd Trail from Atwood and David Franke and Marita Portschy of Herndon. Bells were ringing, flags a waving, bubbles blowing and hats/caps swinging to the jolly old-time tunes that the residents love. Happy Birthday was sung to Harry Kastens on his 96th special year and ice cream served to residents and entertainers celebrating September birthdays.

Liane Martin and Diane Purvis attended the featured trunk show and presentation on quilt preservation at McCook Community College Saturday. The Nebraska State Quilt Guild planned the afternoon.

Roseanna Stoney's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren gathered at the Herndon senior center on Saturday, Sept. 11, for her surprise 85th birthday celebration. Those attending were; Paul, Michelle, Melissa and Ryan Prew, Logan; Lewis and Sue Stoney; Larry, Deb and Kaelea Stoney, Herndon; Terry and Teresa Gotchall, Tony, Beth, Haley,

Austin and Dalton Miller, Colby; Clarence, Margaret, Jayme and Chris Niermeier and Godchild, Tom and Margaret Brown Ludell; Dan, Myra, Rosie and Paul Stoney, Nathan Stoney, Aaron and Shawna Stoney, McCook; Mary Purdy, Joli and Brie, Elm Creek, Neb., and Roseanna's friend, Doreen Purdy, Kearney, Neb. Relatives unable

to attend sent love and best wishes to their grandmother, the honored guest.

Voni Sattler, Emma Lou Sattler and Char Hartner were visitors of Carol Kompus of Oberlin last week. Last Sunday Doug Bobinmyer surprised Carol, bringing chicken for dinner to enjoy while visiting.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Two bicyclers, Ryan Delamater and Davin Anderson from Cincinnati, Ohio, traveled through Jennings this past week. Because of the high winds, they had stopped at the city park shortly after noon. Some of the town's people fed them and they camped overnight in the United Methodist Church. They were on their way to California.

Bud and Helen Rhodes were pleased to receive word of their newest great-granddaughter, Kyla Rae Amos, born Wednesday, Sept. 22. Parents are Megan and Justin Amos, Abilene. She has a brother, Jackson, who welcomed her home.

Peggy Tacha of Oakley spent the weekend with Bob and Neoma Tacha while Roger and son, Dusty, were on an antelope hunting trip in Wyoming.

Martin and Darlene LaRue, and Bob and Neoma Tacha were among those who attended the beautiful wedding ceremony and reception of Dawn LaRue and Micheal Geist

## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

I am His special treasure and He knows me by name!

Isn't it wonderful that God is so intimately involved with our lives that He knows us by name and how many hairs are on our head? God knew us before the foundation of the world and promises to care for us even in our old age! What an awesome God we serve!

God knows our names even if we forget!! Working at Good Sam we see the ravages of dementia and the toll it takes on people we love. It is our goal to give them the most pleasant, peaceful and purposeful life possible, no matter what life on this earth brings.

One of the most exciting parts of working here is figuring out how best to compensate for the challenges that arise with each individual, whether it is mental, physical or spiritual. Remembering names is a challenge that many of our residents share, so a simple thing that is helping is name tags. You will see both staff and residents wearing them and we are also going to make them available for our guests. When you sign the guest book, there now will be name tags and a marker. Please print your first name as large as possible and then don't forget to introduce yourself in your initial greeting.

It is amazing how this one little thing has made such a big difference in relaxing the residents and allowing for more meaningful visits.

Last Sunday, we had the groundbreaking ceremony for the Lora Marietta Memorial Courtyard. Lora was a much loved, beautiful young lady that touched the hearts of all who knew her. We are pleased to honor her and her life this way!

The Hillbilly Horseshoe Tournament continues and Faye Miller advances to the Winners Circle this week.

The energetic, sweet faced First Hand Friends came to read for the first time, all 24 of them! The residents were happy to have them back and many comments were made about how well they are already

reading!

Our Story Tellers wrote another interesting piece to add to our collection. This is one of the highlights of our week. Everyone has so much fun!

The residents have decided on where the proceeds of the Rock-A-Thon money will be spent. They wanted to help complete the work they helped begin, so the Bowling Alley is taking priority. There are three other ministries they would like to help as well; Victory House in Brewster. Shepherd's Staff in Rexford and Ray of Hope Ranch in Dewey, Okla. Jimmie Ann Moore will be here on Friday at 2:30 p.m. to tell us about her horse ministry with young girls in Dewey.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 16! That is the Big Day for our Sixth Annual Rock-a-Thon.

Visitors were: Mildred Holmdahl for Lois Carlson, Evelyn Olson and Edla Olson. Mabel McLaughlin and Frank and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Elsie Wolters for Dorothy Pryor. Max Carman for Myrtle Waldo. Marian Fraker for Mary Waldo. Bev and Wayne Smith (Burlington) for Nila Wesch. Dale and Franci Miller for Faye Miller. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for Doris Marintzer, Hubert Mumm and Francis Janousek. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman. Ken Mumm (Selden) for Hubert Mumm. Cheri Kastens for Pooch Portschy, Dean Groneweg, Chaz Janousek and Loren Schrock. Reva Marshall, Tami Cook (Norcatour) and Bri Cook (Stillwater, Okla.) for Dorothy Hunt. Galen Olson (McKinney, Texas) for Edla Olson. Ali Hunziker (Suwen, South Korea), Becky Hunziker (Breckenridge, Colo.), Justin Laird (New York City), Ryan Laird (Yukon, Okla.) and Mike and Luanne Laird (Celina, Texas) for Amy Rehm. Brian and Pam Simonsson for Opal Bryan. Jerry and Adrian Chambers for Barb Beisner. Norma and Ralph Unger for Leo Mooty, Dean Groneweg and Walt and Betty May.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Now that autumn is officially here, the holiday season is not far behind. It is time to start planning ahead. We have selected the dates for our two biggest parties of the year. The Thanksgiving potluck dinner will be held on Sunday, Nov. 21. The family Christmas party will be on Sunday, Dec. 19. Family members and friends of Cedar Living Center will receive additional information about these parties a few weeks before the events.

We will also be starting to schedule other entertainment, parties, and special events in honor of the holiday season. It is not too early to call to schedule an event.

Residents played games and enjoyed snacks on Monday afternoon. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack hosted the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

Irene Fringer won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Wilma LaSalle won the blackout game.

The September birthday party was held in the dining room on Tuesday evening. Those being honored with September birthdays were Ruth Havel, Wilma LaSalle, Delores Wheeler, Elsie Goodnight, and Irene Fringer. Each received an autumn decoration. Everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream. The entertainment was provided by Rose Bainter and her family. They sang a variety of country music songs. A few residents even danced along.

Several residents joined in on a social hour on Wednesday afternoon. Many tried their luck with answering trivia questions.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Thursday afternoon. Residents who joined in on the fun included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Wilma

LaSalle, Edna Mott, Joan Noble, Agnes Pruitt, Aleen VanVleet, Mary Votapka, and Fern Wenger.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to enjoy ice cream treats. We skipped the baking on Friday as the air conditioning was off in the building so that a new chiller could be installed. The dietary workers were anxious to keep the ovens turned off as much as possible.

The Royal Neighbors met Friday afternoon on the Cedar Living Center patio for their September meeting.

Several residents and nurse aides worked together on Saturday to make homemade noodles. The dietary staff served the noodles to the residents on Sunday.

Irene Fringer was the guest of honor at an early birthday celebration hosted by her family in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Sunday afternoon. Family members and residents shared in eating her birthday cake and ice cream. Irene's birthday is on Sept. 28.

Recent visitors: Les and Kay Wurm, Overland Park; Ron and Linda Wenger, Dayton, Tenn.; Eileen Porschy, Eugene Kleidosty, Cheri Kastens, Herndon; Allan Vavroch, Manhattan; Gina Gamblin, Dodge City; Tami Cook, Norcatour; Bri Cook, Stillwater, Okla.; Becky Fringer, Tara Larson, Levi Jones, Colby.

Carol Kompus, Lyle Gamblin, Marian Dempewolf, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Dolores Koerperich, Phyllis Screen, Lois Lamb, Nadean Stoney, Max and Veanna Carman, Connie Miller, Jim Gamblin, Reva Marshall, Robert and Penny Fringer, Melanie Anderson, Ralph LaSalle, Ella Betts, Mary and Lonnie McEvoy

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