

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1885

Indian summer weather. The cars were in Kanona yesterday and will be in Oberlin next Tuesday or Wednesday. A German Catholic Church is being built on J.F. Heitmann's place on the Prairie Dog. Mr. John J. Cass of Allison was in Oberlin Sunday, placing on record the plat of that town. The city council has passed Ordinance No. 12, licensing the various businesses and professions, shows, peddlers, etc.

The Fourth Annual Fair and Decatur County Exposition Society was held three days last week and was the most successful yet with total receipts \$589.15. The livestock and agricultural exhibits were fine, and the races good and the Oberlin cornet band is to be complimented on the fine music furnished. The road engine of Dunn and Co., attracted much attention and finally at the close of the fair it was attached to the band wagon and was driven once around the track and then to town.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1910

Thursday night of last week No. 27 on the Rock Island was wrecked two miles east of Clayton resulting in 26 being killed and 50 wounded. Flood waters from a heavy rain softening the grade was the cause of the disaster. Grover Marvin was a passenger on the ill-fated No. 27 Thursday and came near going on to Jennings, but as the night was stormy, left the train at Norton.

H.F. Scott, wife and child were on No. 27 when it was wrecked and all escaped injury except Mrs. Scott whose arm was broken.

License to wed was issued Saturday to William Houser and Marie A. Thomm.

Beautiful weather, Italian skies, no dust and air just bracing enough to make sausage taste good; the yellow leaf on the cottonwood only signifying that fall is here

Norcatat Items: Tina Andrews and Lena Fossler will attend college at Manhattan

Jennings Items: W. E. Winget traded his residence property to W.P. Noone last week and in the deal is owner of the W.P. Noone farm adjoining the incorporation.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1935

Court House News: The county clerk and his deputy were occupied in having a radio installed in his office so they could hear the World Series.

It is with universal regret that Oberlin people bid goodbye to the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Blanding who leave today for Downs where he was assigned at the Methodist Conference. Mr. Blanding is a genial type

of man who makes and holds friends among all classes.

The Decatur Red Devils scored a decisive triumph over the visiting team from Lenora 31-0 and will leave tomorrow for Smith Center in what is expected to be one of the best football games in northwest Kansas this fall.

Cedar Bluffs: We are informed that Mrs. Sara Lincoln, Jessie and Howard, will move to Oberlin soon, where Miss Jessie will be within driving distance from her school in the Addleman district southwest of town.

Dresden: Miss Corcoran of Oberlin is now one of our high school teachers, taking the place of Miss Leslie of Beloit.

Harlan: Floyd Laidig's little girl, Fausta Mae, was bitten by a dog last week. The dog's head was sent to Lincoln where it was found to be free from rabies.

Lund: A baby boy arrived last Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wennemark who will answer to the name of Bernard Ralph. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved Ira Wasson family whose baby boy died and was buried in Selden on Sunday.

Work has been started on the new home being built by Mr. and Mrs. Price Worcester on East Commercial Street. The new house will be of the English colonial type, two stories and with all modern conveniences built in.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1960

Signs of the time have pointed in that direction for some time, but the news that Safeway Store will close Saturday night still came as a shock to townspeople.

Ralph Brown, vice president of the Farmers National Bank, was elected president of Oberlin Chamber of Commerce.

In a business transaction closed Tuesday morning, Don Fredrickson purchased the building and lots of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Roshong. Property involved is the L-shaped property which presently houses Don's Super Market and the city fire department.

Janice Bainter was elected president of the Decatur County 4-H Leadership Council.

Red Devil hopes of finishing high in the NWKL were dealt a sharp blow last Friday when the St. Francis Indians coasted to a 39-20 victory.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nauer, Jennings, a daughter, Julie Anne on Sept. 29; Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, a daughter, Janis Arlene, on Sept. 30.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1985

For most participants it's all over but the memories. The big celebra-

tion of Oberlin's Centennial year climaxed on Mini-Sapa weekend Sept. 28 and 29 but cold, moist weather put a damper on some of the activities that had been planned. The Saturday morning parade drew 135 entries and lasted an hour and a half and streets were lined with viewers. As soon as the parade ended viewers headed for the Kump building for the ethnic foods dinner and later watched the Koshare Indian dancers. A large crowd also attended the craft fair held in the high school cafeteria during the afternoon and the melodrama at Golden Age Center.

Sunday morning's weather dished up an estimated six inches of heavy wet snow which continued until mid-morning. The community church service was changed to the high school auditorium but doubtful weather conditions caused the committee not to risk bringing singer Pat Boone from Denver by plane.

An Oberlin native, Dr. Allan Hooper, will return this month to open a family practice at Oberlin Medical Clinic. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hooper, he has accepted a position here after spending three

years in Hoisington. Dr. Hooper and his wife, the former Jeanne Franklin, have two daughters, Jennie, age 8 and Jessica, age 5.

Centennial beard contest winners were: the Rev. Lloyd Walston, Jim Bryan, the Rev. Jim Stewart, John Simonsson, Judge John Bremer, Dr. Ren Whitaker, Pat Arasmith, Steve Cullen and Joe Herzog.

Fall crops have been faced with a frost, an 8-inch snowfall and a hard freeze all within the past six days. The 23-degree temperature Monday morning seriously hurt the area milo crop according to Kent Reinhardt of Oberlin Milling Company.

Hospital News: Hope and Shawn Guinn, Oberlin, son, Jared Ryan, 9/25/85; Melissa and Dan Nelson, Oberlin, son, Justin Jay, 9/26/85; Kendall and Kimberly Towne, Oberlin, daughter, Karolyn Elane, 10/2/85.

Larry and Jeanne Barber, Oberlin, are the parents of twin sons, Steven Ray and Aaron Eugene, born Sept. 26 at Hadley Regional Medical Center in Hays.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Oberlin's 125th Anniversary Celebration has come to an end and Mini Sapa Days for 2010 is behind us. Saturday was a busy day, a little cool in the morning, but the weather couldn't have been any more perfect.

At my position at the end of the parade, I didn't get to see the whole thing, but I heard many good comments. I ate breakfast and lunch at the museum and was lucky to be in the first groups. Both times the building was very full with a waiting line.

I'm sure Sharleen and the museum board members are still resting up, along with the group that organized the parade - Gary, Judy, Connie, Carrie and all their helpers. There are video disks of the parade here in the Chamber Office for \$3, provided by Bill Duncan.

It has been fun helping with our 125th Anniversary and learning more about our town. While living in the county for so many years, I didn't pay a lot of attention to all of the history.

I'm sure some of you have noticed the new music on Main Street. We now have Sirius Satellite Music. I haven't experimented with all the channels yet, but I will try some new ones occasionally. There ought

to be something out there for everybody.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Tailgate Party before the football game on Friday, beginning at 5:30 p.m. behind the stadium. Barbecue beef sandwiches will be served along with chocolate chip cookies. Come help us cheer on the Red Devils.

We have 40 spaces purchased so far for our Annual Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 27. Some new ones and some old ones have signed up, and it looks like a nice variety of arts and crafts. There is still plenty of room for more.

Also remember the fund raiser at the new bowling alley on Sunday featuring the Philadelphia Orchestra Concert. Tickets can be purchased here in the Bee Building at the Decatur County Economic Development Office. Wine and cheese will be available before the concert.

The last quarter table tents are out, and there is also a copy on the window at the entrance to the Chamber office. There are also a few copies on the first table here in the building if you would like one.

Have a great week!!

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Janice Cundiff, Evelyn May, and Karen Eskew attended a Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Zone meeting at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Atwood on Saturday.

Elizabeth Nedland played "Violet Nightshade" in the Decatur Community High School Melodrama "The Wild Flowering of Chastity, or Chaste Across the Stage" held Saturday morning in the Bohemian Hall as part of Oberlin's 125th anniversary celebration activities.

Richard May, Lawrence, was a weekend visitor of his parents,

Walter and Betty May, as well as other friends and relatives.

Walter and Betty May, Richard May, Robert May, and Justin Puckett were Sunday supper guests of Rhonda May and Dan Nedland and Elizabeth.

Jessica Bremer, Topeka, a weekend guest of her parents, John and Dianne Bremer, enjoyed Oberlin's 125th anniversary celebration and entered in Oberlin's 125th anniversary quilt show with a patriotic wall hanging she had machine pieced and hand quilted when she was 12 years old.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinhouse

On Thursday during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Shirley Emigh won high, Ralph Weis took second, Betty James got low and Gail Mumm had the most aces. Other members present included: Jeanie Spesser, Edna Schiltz, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Paulie Neff, Ann Hazlitt, Carl Mumm and Janice Kruse.

Birthdays and anniversaries - Oct. 9 - Mary Ann Juenemann, Cheryl Schlenk, Jesse Juenemann. Oct. 10 - Jerrie Robinson. Oct. 12 - Everett and Dorine Shuler. Oct. 14 - Maryse Schlenk.

School Calendar - Oct. 8 - 7 p.m., High School Football at Brewster/Triplains. Oct. 9 - 8:30 a.m., High School Volleyball tournament at Hill City. Oct. 11 - No school, teacher in-service. High School Junior Varsity Football at Rexford with Wheatland/Grinnell. Oct. 12 - 4 p.m., High School Volleyball at Logan. Oct. 13 - High School Gifted/talented Seminar. Oct. 14 - 4 p.m., Junior High Volleyball and

Football at Rexford with Brewster/Triplains.

New books at the Selden Public Library - Large Print: 1022 Evergreen Place, by Debbie Macomber; Exclusive, by Fern Michaels. Regular Print: The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo, by Stieg Larsson; The Girls Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest, by Stieg Larsson; The Girl Who Played With Fire, by Stieg Larsson; Twilight, by Stephenie Meyer; New Moon, by Stephenie Meyer; Eclipse, by Stephenie Meyer; Breaking Dawn, by Stephenie Meyer.

Anyone wanting to volunteer at the Library should contact a board member. The library is open on Mondays and Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. as volunteers are available.

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

It was a wild week here at the ol' Good Sam homestead. A Wild West kind of week! The pond has been transformed into a Ranch vignette complete with horse stable and horses, a handmade windmill and water trough fashioned by Loren Shrock put a finishing touch on the display!

Both staff and residents were encouraged to dress Western on Monday for the STAR-sponsored Social Hour a bunch of good looking Cowgirls showed up, and Dean Groneweg and Elden Long looked mighty fine in their hats, too! Loren Schrock and Lois Carlson serenaded us on harmonica then Cheryl Miller joined in on piano for a sing-a-long!

Tuesday, the weather was a little chilly so Hillbilly Horseshoes moved indoors. This was our final tournament round! Shirley Hayward, Leone Porsch, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Dean Groneweg, Elden Long, Doris Marintzer, Dorothy Hunt, Faye Miller, Evelyn Olson, Amy Rehm and Olive Arnold all stepped up.

Evelyn Olson took the tournament with an all time high score of 125! She will hold the trophy until next year!

The First Hand Friends came to read! So many residents commented on how well they are reading so early in the year! They always bring an air of excitement to the hallways!

On Wednesday, the Laugh it Up Circle met in Angel Lane dining room. This fun, silly, exhausting activity is exercise in disguise, exercising from the inside out! The room was filled with laughter and praise for one another with an argument put in just for fun why? Most arguments are silly so we could make up and be friends again!

Friday we had a special guest, Jimmie Ann Moore from Dewey, Okla. She is the director of the Ray of Hope Ranch, a home for young girls trapped in the Foster Care process. Many have sustained life trauma and she ministers to their hurting hearts through horses. She has 22 horses used to help these girls. The ranch will be one of the recipients of the Rock-a-Thon proceeds.

We're ready to ROCK on Saturday, Oct. 16. This year the majority of money will again stay in Decatur County. The residents would like to help with the completion of the new Bowling Alley. A small donation will be made to Victory House in Brewster, Shepherd's Staff in Rexford and Ray of Hope Ranch in Dewey, Oklahoma.

Residents who will take on the task are Alice Bobbitt, Eva Bryan, Opal Bryan, Shirley Hayward, Faye Miller, Doris Marintzer, Edla Olson, Evelyn Olson, Leone Porsch, Dorothy Pryor, Amy Rehm, Lucy Schissler, Violet Schissler, Myrtle Ross, Dean Groneweg, Loren Schrock and Betty May. Relief Rockers are Hubert Mumm and Leona Helmkamp. Our goal is to raise \$150 for each rocker, or \$2,550. Plan to join us for this exciting endeavor. There will be live entertainment all day long! Please contact Lisa Paulson or Anita Hirsch for more information. Sponsor sheets are available at the Good Sam, throughout the community and local churches.

Other visitors this week were: Mabel McLaughlin and Frank and Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler and Eva Bryan**. Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Jody Betts for **Mary Waldo**. Dale and Francy Miller for **Faye Miller**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Doris Marintzer, Hubert Mumm and Francis Janousek**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Cheri Kastens for **Pooch Portschy, Dean Groneweg, Chaz Janousek and Loren Schrock**. Reva Marshall, Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Galen Olson (McKinney, Texas) for **Edla Olson**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Norma and Ralph Unger for **Leo Mooty, Dean Groneweg, Lucy Schissler, Elden Long and Walt and Betty May**. Pete and Eileen Portschy, (Herndon) for **Pooch Portschy**. Detta Anderson for **Eva Bryan**. Stean Olson (Hays) for **Evelyn Olson**. Evelyn May for **Leona Helmkamp and Dean Groneweg**. Stan, Becky and Merrill Faimon (Stratton, Neb.) for **Doris Marintzer**.

Cedar Living Center

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The Cedar Living Center residents spent the week reminiscing about the past as we observed Oberlin's 125th anniversary. Each day included one event that focused on the past or our heritage. The week started with a special sing-along on Monday afternoon featuring many of the good old tunes. Myrna Jones provided the accompaniment.

Elsie Goodnight had the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Jim Plotts won the blackout game. Pioneer tales were on the agenda during the story time before supper on Tuesday.

There was plenty of action on the screen Wednesday when a western film was featured during the movie time.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Fr. Mark Berland had Mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

There were a few bandanas, cowboy hats, boots, and blue jeans on Thursday when staff members were encouraged to dress in western attire. John Juenemann provided a concert of country music on Thursday afternoon.

Residents enjoyed frying up some

old-fashioned doughnuts on Friday afternoon to finish up the week. Reports were that the doughnuts were finger-licking good.

Elsie Goodnight represented the residents of Cedar Living Center by riding on the Decatur Health Systems float in the parade on Saturday morning. Several staff members assisted with decorating the float.

We welcomed Mabel Zimmerman as a new resident at Cedar Living Center this week.

Recent visitors: Meredith Hrnchir, Atwood; Brandon May, Salina; Pete and Eileen Portschy, Julie Hafner, Herndon; Steve Mike Miller, Denton, Texas; Patsy Marintzer, Idalia, Colo.; Carol Ogburn, Prescott, Ariz.; Owen Wilson, Traer's Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Deanna, Brooke and Brady Sumner, Norcatat; Gene Van Vleet, Laine Van Vleet, San Diego; Cindy Kahnetscher, McCook; Evan Wenger, Aubrey, Texas; Tom Votpaka and Terri Hanke, Jennings.

Connie Miller, Elwood May, Catherine Neal, Opal Huntley, Carol Kompus, Marilyn Gamblin, Mirium Fisher, Robert Fringer, Pat Abbey, Mary McEvoy, Oberlin.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Be sure to attend the 125th Birthday Celebration of Thomas County at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Colby Community Building.

The Prairie Museum of Art and History is accepting quilts with a Thomas County connection for the quilt show from Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 31.

If you have not gotten a flu shot, the Thomas County Health Department will be at the Red Barn at 1:45 p.m. next Monday.

Happy birthday to Maryann Juenemann, who celebrates Saturday.

Also on Saturday, at 7 p.m., will

be the second bingo of the season at the Red Barn. All are welcome, but children who attend should be old enough to play.

Golden Plains activities for the Bulldogs: Tuesday at 4 p.m., high school volleyball with Northern Valley at Rexford; Thursday at 4 and 5:30, middle school volleyball and football with Grinnell/Wheatland at Grinnell; Friday at 7 p.m., high school football with Triplains/Brewster at Brewster; Saturday 8:30 a.m., high school volleyball tournament at Hill City.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Cliff and Sue Rippe of Lenexa were Saturday afternoon visitors at the Richard Rippe home. They were enjoying the fall weekend visiting friends and relatives in Hays, Quinter, Ludell and touring cemeteries in Walker, Atwood, and Norton visiting family plots.

Randy and Denise Fassnacht of Horton were weekend guests of Jim and Sharon Vogel. The men "Kick-a-Poo Road Kill" entered "Smoke'n on the Beaver in Atwood and placed first in pork butt. Stacey Dawson entered her salsa and all had a great time.

Congratulations to Jessica Riener and Tyler Martin, who were crowned Rawlins County homecoming queen and king last weekend. Jessica is the daughter of Cork and Jacque Riener and the late Pat Riener, and parents to Tyler are Hank and Lorri Martin, all of Herndon.

Janice Sattler, Atwood, and Julie Hafner enjoyed Oberlin's 125 Anniversary celebrations Saturday. They watched the parade and the Indian dancers before enjoying lunch, the Melodrama and Prairie Statesmen Chorus from McCook.

They picked their favorite quilts on display at the Golden Age Center before visiting Edie Pettera at Cedar Living Center.

Visitors and overnight guests of Roseanna Stoney were her cousins, Leo and Ida Nadea from Soldier. They traveled through Herndon heading home after an extended vacation.

Cork and Jacque Riener, Herndon; Jim and Amy Riener, Phillipsburg, and Jeff Riener, Manhattan, met in Oberlin Saturday to congratulate homecoming queen Jessica Riener and watch the Lady Buffs play in a

volleyball tournament. The family was entertained with a taco soup and dessert luncheon at the home of Barry and Patti Richards.

Father Nick Parker led the pro-life group in prayer before the rally on Sunday, Oct. 3, in Atwood at junction Highway 36 and 25. Participants were from area churches. This is an annual event in which all supporting life are encouraged to attend. The Knights of Columbus prepared breakfast before the rally with funds going to pro-life organizations.

Wayne and Linda Bosler recently enjoyed a 14-day vacation traveling to Branson, Mo. From Branson, they toured an amazing plantation outside of New Orleans. The couple traveled on having visits with a former pastor, college roommate and Navy friend of Wayne's. Before heading home to Kansas, they stopped at Ardmore, Okla., and had lunch with Wayne's sister, Carolyn Wallace and family.

Ron Leitner and Jay Ketterl delayed corn harvest on Saturday. The entire crew watched Oberlin vs. Burlington third and fourth graders' football game. Burlington won but Oberlin put forth much effort, as did No. 2 Colton running down the ball carrier. The game ended about noon so the crew returned to harvest. Colton is son to Jay and Annetta Ketterl.

Pauletta Gerver of McCook, and Pauline and Kenny Micek and Pat Prochazka of Atwood met Pauletta's husband, Ray, in Herndon on Sunday for chicken dinner at Roger's Bar and Grill. The sisters had attended a nephew's wedding in Colby.



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