

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1885**  
Railroad: The last spike on the B. & M. extension was driven Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1885. But a few years ago on the present site of Oberlin the buffalo roamed undisturbed and the wolf dug his holes unscared; today the shrill voice of the iron horse startles the oldest inhabitant, and this is the beginning of a new era in the history of Oberlin.

Nate Addleman drove the first railroad spike in Oberlin.

Geo. Benson is building a frame upper story to his stone house.

The first frost of the season put in an appearance on the evening of the last day of September. No damage resulted therefrom.

J.B. O'Toole, a brother of W. J. O'Toole, from Lachwood, Iowa, has arrived here and expects to locate in this county.

Oberlin will soon have an elevator. They will be prepared to buy all kinds of grain and will also deal in coal and livestock.

The annual meeting of the county Sunday School Association was held at Jackson last week with other delegates from Pleasant Hill, Shilbooth, Decatur Union, Oberlin and Bethel. Officers elected were: Rev. John Wilson, president; Rev. D. O. Banta, vice president; Mrs. C.E. Bradbury, recording secretary and Miss Sophia Towne, statistical secretary.

**100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1910**  
Otis L. Benton got in a new Studebaker auto on Monday.

Bard McMullen went down to Algona Tuesday evening to help get out the Plaindealer.

L.C. Tilden left Wednesday evening for a three-week trip to the Pacific Coast Country. His father, Egbert Tilden, and sister, Julia, accompanied him and will spend the

fellows in the county who were privileged to watch the World Series baseball games in Chicago. Down at Jennings some 80 odd men tossed a dollar in the jackpot to send one of their number to the series and the lucky man was Al Petracek. A similar jackpot was made up at Norcat and it was Joe Winchell who won the trip from there. Mrs. Winchell accompanied him.

A huge explosion in a Chicago paint factory last week resulted in the death of a former Decatur County resident, George Ralph Harger, who was superintendent of the Glidden Soya Products Company. He is survived by his widow and one child; his mother, Mrs. M. E. Harger of Seattle and two brothers, Rolla of Indianapolis and Andy, well-known farmer of Harlan Township.

Mr. Everett McGee is the owner and proprietor of a new business in Oberlin, the Service Tire and Supply store, which in addition to the tire service, offers a complete line of auto supplies.

As the result of a discussion at the Chamber of Commerce meeting last week it was voted to install lights at Smick Field for the remainder of the football season. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$1,600 and funds were made available by the two Oberlin banks on notes secured by some 60 signatures of local businessmen and other football fans.

The C. of C. committee members who have worked on the project are Andy Thomsen, Uriel Goodrich, Jake Betts, Russell Anderson and Howard Hanson. The lighting system which has been installed at practically every football field in this part of the state is expected to double or triple attendance as so many farmers, clerks and business men can not get away to attend games played in the afternoon.

Hospital News: A baby girl, Joline Ruth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson Sunday.

Mrs. Cora Patton and Dixie Lee accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark to the football game at Smith Center Friday night. They remained in Smith Center visiting Mr. and Mrs. N.E. Dow and returned home by bus on Sunday.

Norcat: The two-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sebaugh died Saturday after a very short siege of scarlet fever.

**50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1960**  
Dr. Frank Brewster, former Oberlin physician who is famed as the "World's first flying doctor" had a modern airport named in his honor this week. More than 5,000 persons turned out over the weekend at Holdrege, Neb., for the formal dedication.

Funeral services were held at Selden Methodist Church for Fred Strohwig, 76, who was formerly

employed as pharmacist at the D.G. Addleman drug store. He was later engaged in the real estate business in Selden for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Grose were honored with a farewell party Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rush announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon, to Jerry Schuetz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Schuetz of Mercier.

Interest in the DCHS music program is indicated by an enrollment in girls' glee club of 95 compared to 67 last term.

**25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1985**  
Despite the harsh weather, yields of fall crops are surprisingly good according to area elevator operators.

Entries in the fifth annual Mini-Sapa Antique, Thresher and Engine Show topped the hundred mark and over 2,000 spectators attended the show held at the Decatur County fairgrounds.

An open house and farewell honored Dave and Jane Michael. Michael, who has worked as a physician's assistant at the Oberlin Medical Clinic since 1976 has ac-

cepted a position as an instructor of physician assistants in Des Moines, Iowa.

The Red Devil football team topped off a successful Homecoming 1985 Week with a 14-0 win over Atwood. Kristin Richards was homecoming queen and her court included Jill Whitaker, Jodi Votapka, Terri Harmon and Michelle Addleman and the 10-year queen Gail (Euhus) Harvey. Escorts were Myron Heronema, Gary Juenemann, Keane Wurm, Brent Kaempfe, Cory Raulston and Brock Wilson. Cross-country team members who served as escorts during the halftime ceremony at Smick Field were Jeremy Dunn, Todd Fiscus, Mark Huntley, Scott Braden, Curt Jones and Mark Frickey. During the Homecoming dance which followed the game Corey Raulston was announced as the Homecoming King.

The 10-mile CROP Walk Sunday afternoon raised \$776. The Rev. Kerry Nimemire of Decatur County Ministerial Assoc. supervised the walk this year which was planned by Sue Olson of Faith Lutheran Church. The Jennings CROP Walk is being coordinated by the Rev. John Boyle.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Christmas is still over two months away, but it will be here before we know it. Oberlin Business Alliance has chosen a theme for the Light Parade, which will be held at 6 p.m. the day after Thanksgiving on Nov. 26, starting at the south end of Main Street. It will be "Candy Land Christmas." The other themes that were offered by the grade school classes were Polar Palace, Discover the Spirit of Christmas, Hot Rod Christmas, Cowboy Christmas, and Santa's Workshop.

We still have room for crafters at the Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 27. This is a good event for any youth group needing funds from bake sales or any craft to help with trips for school, church, or any other youth organizations. Last year, there were over 700 people that came to the show. For a registration and information contact the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce at 785-475-3441.

For those of you that get the paper on Tuesday, please remember the benefit at the Golden Age Center Tuesday evening for the outside landscaping all around the building. A Taco Salad supper is being served from 5-7 p.m.

On Thursday the K-State and KU game will be played at the theater. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the game starts at 6:30 p.m. All the pop-

corn you can eat, plus one bottled drink, and a taco bar is provided during halftime. A fee of \$10 is charged. This is for persons 21 and over only. Proceeds go toward finishing of the bowling alley.

Starting Monday, Oct. 18, the office hours will increase here at the Chamber office. Our Chamber volunteers will be managing the office each morning from 9 a.m. to noon, and I will be in the office from 1-5 p.m. These new hours will help the public by being open longer hours as there were people needing information at times when the office was not open.

With the Christmas Shopping Season coming up, I would like to encourage you to check out all of Oberlin's businesses for your shopping needs. We are fortunate to have so many places in our town to accommodate our daily necessities, plus good antique shopping, and crafting supplies.

The Oberlin Business Alliance will be offering the Santa Bucks again this year and they will be available in the Chamber Office by Nov. 12. These Santa Bucks are available for anyone to purchase, and can be used in any Oberlin Business Alliance member's store which is printed on the back of each Santa Buck.

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## Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

Anticipation is mounting as we continue preparing for the 2010 Good Samaritan Rock-a-Thon! This weekend 16 residents will set their chairs to rocking! This may be the single most important activity of the year. The residents have high expectations of the generosity of the community and tremendous faith in our great God! They look forward to being used by Him even in their old age for His work! Please consider sponsoring them this Saturday, Oct. 16. Proceeds will go toward 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, Okla.

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, Mary Waldo, Dean Groneweg, Loren Schrock and Betty May. Sponsor sheets are available downtown or send or drop by your donation to Good Sam. Thank you on behalf of the Rockers!

This week Emma Sanford sat attentively for hours watching the cement workers skillfully wheeling barrels of cement through the building to reach their destination, the Lora Marietta Memorial Court Yard. They were able to complete the first phase of the remodeling; now the landscaping will begin. The beautiful fall weather and the lovely new walking path complete with Ollie's footprint lured Amy Rehm, Leone Porsch, Dean Groneweg, Dorothy Pryor, Alice Bobbitt and Violet Schissler outdoors to enjoy the changing season. Emma now can be found at the back door waiting for Nelson Concrete workers to return to fashion steps to replace the slanted drive.

While the Court Yard was humming with workers, two vans headed out to the country to see the progress of the harvest and enjoy lunch at the Simonsson farm. We were greeted by two mules, 12 horses, two colts and the sweetest goats you ever did see! Amy Rehm, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Emma Sanford, Dean Groneweg, Loren Schrock and Earl

Brown had a great time! Johnny and Connie Simonsson were gracious hosts and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts!

At Story Telling, authors Violet Schissler, Alice Bobbitt, Faye Miller, Dorothy Hunt, Olive Arnold, Opal Bryan, Leone Porsch, Paul Meisner, Elden Long, Betty May, Evelyn Olson, Cheryl Hill and Edla Olson added another story to their collection.

Men's coffee is picking up speed! Pastor Keith Reuther and Frank McEvoy come to have guy talk and tell some "fish" stories! We now have 12 men living here at Good Sam and we are thankful to offer some things for them to enjoy together. Earl Brown, Walt May and Dean Groneweg can often be seen at the front porch together, "just shootin' the breeze!"

Everyone loves a parade...especially the Homecoming Parade! The front porch was filled to overflowing as the band marched by followed by the Homecoming Queen, our very own Sara Kye! The cheerleaders arrived on top of the Fire Truck and performed their dance, the fight song and Brooklyn O'Hare disappeared into the branches as she was lifted during the impressive cheer stunt! Thanks, Brenda Ploussard, for sharing them with us!

Visitors Max and Veanna Carman, Peggy Carman, and Gene Van Vleet (San Diego, Calif.) for Myrtle Waldo. Mabel McLaughlin (Sturgeon, Mo.) Mert McEvoy and Del and Lorine Graves (Colorado) for Lucy Schissler. Rea and Dee Magers (Norcat), Dorothy Avery, Marian Fraker, Kay Marcuson and Charlotte Meints for Mary Waldo. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman. Jerald and Elaine Leitner for Walt and Betty May, Shirley Hayward, Lucy Schissler, Nila Wesch and Barb Beisner. Ralph and Norma Unger for Leo Mooty, Walt and Betty May, Lucy Schissler and Dean Groneweg. Reva Marshall for Dorothy Hunt. Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock. Jody Betts for Edla Olson. Marlo and Bea Magers (Atkins, Ark.) for Barb Beisner. Janice Baer (Topeka) for Evelyn Olson. Sue May for Walt and Betty May.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Volunteers are a highly valued commodity at Cedar Living Center. We are on the lookout for some special individuals to fill a few spots. We continue to need an additional helper for our Tuesday afternoon bingo game. We are also looking for someone to host the pinochle players once a week or even once a month. We have a need for someone to write letters for one resident. Please call Cedar Living Center at (785) 475-2276 and ask to speak to Charlotte or Teresa at extension 263.

Several residents met to play a game of dice on Monday afternoon. Residents trying their luck included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Edna Mott, James Plotts, Agnes Pruitt, Aleen Van Vleet, and Mary Votapka.

Charlotte Jackson led the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

Agnes Pruitt won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Elsie Goodnight won the blackout game.

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to work on Halloween decorations.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Thursday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game. A group of residents met after supper for an

evening of games with Charlotte Jackson.

The baking group made banana chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies disappeared quickly.

The dietary department and the activity department joined forces on Sunday evening to make ice cream sundaes. Each resident received a freshly made sundae of his or her choosing. Those assisting included Pam Anderson, Vicky Sylvester, Laysha Medina, and Teresa Shaughnessy.

Recent visitors: Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Patsy Marintzer, Colorado; Carol Ogburn, Prescott, Ariz.; Mary and Jacob Rath, St. Francis; Delphia Sis, Atwood; Raquel Frerichs, Lexington, Neb.; Jason Hafner, Lexington; Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon; Evan Wenger, Aubrey, Texas; Ron Wenger, Denton, Tenn.; Brian and Mary Clark, Atwood; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Owen Wilson, Traer; Levi Jones, Becky Fringer, and Tara Larson, Colby; Stean Olson, Hays.

Lyle Gamblin, Carol Kompus, Jerald and Elaine Leitner, Marian Dempewolf, Connie Miller, Marilyn Gamblin, Anita Fortny, Eunice Richards, Robert and Penny Fringer, Earl Brown, Oberlin.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

St. Mary's Catholic Youth Organization participated in CYO Sunday this past weekend at 8:30 Mass. Following Mass, CYO members enjoyed breakfast and meeting at the home of their sponsor, Deb Portschy. From there, they went to the City Light Plant, where they met PRIDE members Lorri Martin and Destiny Schroeder and city employee, La Vern Fricke, to check Christmas decorations. Light bulbs were changed and decorations were made ready for the upcoming holidays. This was a community service project for St. Mary's CYO.

Pat Marintzer, Idalia, Colo., was a visitor of Doug Bobinmyer this past week and spent several days with Carol Kompus of Oberlin. Sharon Vogel was a Tuesday guest of Carol and Doug stayed for lunch.

After lunch, they brought Wilma Bobinmyer to the house for a tour of Carol's new home. Carol spent Wednesday afternoon at Doug's in Herndon. Pat left for home on Sunday and Carol enjoyed dinner with Wilma at Cedar Living Center.

Jason Hafner and Raquel Frerichs, Lexington, Neb., were guests of Bob and Julie Hafner last week. Tuesday afternoon they enjoyed visiting Edie Pettera and Joan Noble at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

Wednesday they went to Atwood for lunch at the Obert senior center to visit Janice Sattler and dinner guests.

David and Bonnie Franke spent a week in Albuquerque, N.M., attending the International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta. John Kugler, McCook, took them up in his hot air balloon Sunday morning when he launched.

What a thrill! What a beautiful sight each morning with nearly 600 hot air balloons launching. One hundred of these were special shapes. While in Albuquerque, they were guests of Brian, Tracy, David and Ellen Franke. Dean, Carrie and Heidi Franke of Jefferson City, Mo were also guests. They visited the zoo, the aquarium, the Botanical Gardens and enjoyed the Mexican cuisine in Old Town.

The Alicia and Tim Rippe Benefit, Herndon, will be held Sunday, Oct. 24 at the Columbian Hall in Atwood. Serving soups, sandwiches and desserts will be at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. An auction of donated items will take place at 1 p.m. Funds will be supplemented by Thrivent. Contact Nadine Green (785) 322-5281 at work for further information. Funds will go towards medical expense for Alicia.

Now for the rest of the story! A call from Merlin (Mo) and Joann Wirt, Herndon visitors who live in Herndon, Pa., came this week. The travelers had a delay in North Platte, Neb., after leaving Herndon, where Mo was hospitalized with a kidney stone. A knowledgeable doctor cared for Mo but in visiting found out Dr. Carlson's wife grew up in Herndon. Readers will be happy to hear Mo and Joann enjoyed a very wonderful trip after the short delay and returned home on Oct. 1, and surgery will take place this week.

Jim and Ardis Jefferies, Jessica Sean and Lilly Ann Cole of the Kansas City area; Alan Hartner, Gina Fantini, Misty Hartner, Amber Selander, Shari Hendricks, Jason Cardamone of the Denver area; Mi-

chelle Hartner and Kent and Chris Wood enjoyed football and food at the Herndon Pool Hall Sunday afternoon. Later, Kent and Chris hosted a wiener roast and bon fire at their home for all the relatives.

The Herndon community sends Happy 18th Birthday greetings to Rawlins County Square Deal. We wish you many more successful years!

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

United Methodist Women met Wednesday afternoon for a Bible study, led by Vickie Bailey. The interesting study was on "The Lord's Prayer." Those attending were: Kay Brown, Rachel Carter, Ruth Chance, Lila Jennings, Kathy Nauert, Barbara Patterson and Helen Rhodes. The Hunter's supper was discussed and it was decided to have the same menu as last year. More planning will be done for this at the Nov. 3 meeting.

Kids Reading Program is held the second Saturday of each month. On Saturday, Helen Rhodes read the story, treats were served and the group decorated pumpkins. Those attending were: Taryn and Jordan Fleckenstein, Anna and Clayton Carter, Candice, Rayna, Sidney and Abe Taylor, Jazzmin Wahlmeier and Taylor Wahlmeier.

The Jennings Legion will be serving a ham, bean and cornbread dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Sunflower Senior Center on Sunday, Oct. 17, with a freewill donation. There also there will be a bake sale at the same location and a garage sale will be going on at the Legion building. All proceeds will go to the Legion.

Kent Brown of Estes Park, Colo., came Wednesday evening to spend a few days with his parents, Kay and Doyle Brown. Kurt Brown, Dashiell and Millie of Quinter came Friday evening to visit over the weekend.

Jane and Jim Wahlmeier, Concordia, visited her mother, Rachel Carter over the weekend.

City water meters will be read on Oct. 21. Please post on your door if your meter is inside.

We have been watching the improvements being made on several houses in Jennings. Lisa Hicks is remodeling and adding to the former Ann Gillespie house which she purchased several months ago from Eric and Chris Green. Dorothy Shimek is having new siding and porch put on Stanley Shimek's house. Elton Gillespie has been working on his house which he has rented to Ann Szweistis. Ann has been living at the housing.

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