

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1885

Only seven days compete for the freight business in this town.

Quite a heavy snow storm put in an appearance here Sunday, but it soon melted.

J.M. Chilson of Marshall County, Iowa, came here last week and in one day was so well satisfied with the country that he purchased a homestead in section 27-2-30, and has contracted for a new frame house and a well to be dug immediately.

The correspondent for the Topeka State Journal in a visit at Oberlin found the following business firms flourishing:

Banks: Bank of Oberlin, R.A. Marks and Decatur County, Geo. A. Metcalf; Grocery, Hunt and Burnett & T. Crowe; Furniture, W.A. Frasier; Newspapers: Oberlin Herald, F.L. Henshaw & Kulp and The Eye, by Prof. Columbus Borin; Real Estate: Bertram & Doom, Chase & Biddlestone, Wilson & Addleman, Wilson and Tacha, Parker & Gillen, Keys & Emahizer, Reynolds & Vanderwerker, McElroy Brothers; General stores: Colby & Rodehaver, J.W. Allen & Son; Builders & Contractors: G. W. Shaw, Nelson Brothers; Hotels: The Oberlin House, Mrs. S.J. Rodehaver; The Palmer House, H. J. Potter; Restaurant: Alex Smallwood; Lumber yards, Bellamy & Clark, L. H. Morris, Howell Brothers and Chicago Lumber Company; Livery barn, H.L. Douglas; Sale & Feed stables: Colby & Moser and Hardware, E. E. Stewart.

## 100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1910

Miss Susie Landau returned from her Colorado home last week, having sold the land and given up the idea of being a landowner in the centennial state.

Ralph, the 10-year-old son of Rev. J.P. Clark, is suffering with an attack of appendicitis.

J.J. Durkee and wife of Provo, Utah, arrived in the city Friday for a visit.

Clark Bush, assistant cashier of the Oberlin National Bank, left Saturday evening and he and his wife will proceed to Ashland, Ore., where Clark will be cashier of a bank.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, Miss Ruby Mosier and Mr. Arthur Stickle of Oklahoma City were married by the Rev. Richard Cox of the Episcopalian Church.

Jennings Items: Jennings has not a vacant house while in Norcatour we hear there are at least 40, Clayton, 10, Dresden, 9. In time we can boast that Jennings is the best town in the county.

## 75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1935

Oberlin's first football game under floodlights was a success in more ways than one. Not only were the gate receipts increased over previous afternoon games but the crowd was treated to a real football game with Oberlin winning over Goodland 25-6. The score does not indicate how evenly matched the teams were and in the third quarter as Goodland continually threatened with their fine passing game. The

last night game on the schedule will be Friday night when the Colby Eagles come to town.

Another new house is being built by Reserve Building & Loan which will be for sale or rent and is located on the lot at the southeast corner of Beaver and Oak streets in west Oberlin.

Otto Pollnow is the new barber at the Driskell Barber Shop. Carl Driskell has purchased a barber shop in Garden City and left Monday to take over the management.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kump are the parents of a baby boy, Jack Robert, born Sunday, Oct. 20. A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ross on Oct. 16. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kelley, a 12-pound boy, Oct. 16. Mr. and Mrs. Morton Brown, a baby boy, Omar Leroy, Oct. 20.

Glen Gierhart returned Monday night from Kansas City where he attended a reunion of his World War I buddies in Company A, 353rd Kansas regiment. Prior to the reunion he attended the Kansas Aggie-Nebraska football game on Saturday at Manhattan with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark.

Messrs. John Nitsch, John Bivans and Harold Lohofener left from Norton via train Sunday night to attend the American Royal Livestock Show. John Nitsch returned Tuesday driving a new 1936 Plymouth for his show room.

Jennings: Dr. and Mrs. Jeffries were pleasantly surprised Sunday evening when a group of neighbors came with well-filled baskets and reminded them that another wedding anniversary had passed. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Firebaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Erickson, Dr. and Mrs. Liggett and Ann and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Munson.

## 50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1960

Karen Ashley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Ashley, Selden, was crowned Homecoming queen of Selden High School at halftime of the Selden-Herndon football game. Selden won the game 46-0.

Art Nelson announced Monday that he had purchased the former Beckwith Service Station on US-36 from Service Oil Co.

A newcomer to the Herald staff is Paul Bocquin who will succeed Lance Gilmore as managing editor. Gilmore, who has been at the Herald since June 1985, joined the editorial staff of the Wichita Eagle.

Two Oberlin men reported wounding what they believe is a mountain lion on the Edna Montgomery farm two miles north and four west of Dresden. The men, Keith Sauvage and Danny Harold, were loading alfalfa bales when they spotted the animal crouching a short distance away. Several persons have reported what they believed is a mountain lion in the Northwest Kansas and southwest Nebraska area.

Midway News: Funeral services were held at the Atwood Methodist Church for Chris Schmidt, 99, longtime resident of the Achilles community.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. John Dark are the parents of a son, Jay

Patrick, born Oct. 21.

The Rev. and Mrs. O.J. Brown were honored Oct. 23 at the Prairie Chapel Church. It marked 50 years to the day since he began his preaching career.

Students and their teacher, Mrs. Grace Teeter, from the Addleman School, Dist. 28 visited the Herald office Friday afternoon. Pupils on the tour were Janice Barrett, Wayne Aschwege, Kathleen Aschwege, Carolyn Bryan, Ronnie Bryan and Carol Sue Bryan.

## 25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1985

Red Devil football fans who traveled to "Cowboy" country through the fog and drizzle last Friday night were well rewarded as the DCHS varsity gridders under the direction of head coach Earl Barber, corralled a competitive Goodland squad in a 35-0 victory, ending "a long dry spell." The Red Devils will host WaKeeney in their last home game for the 12 seniors.

More than 80 persons attended a special meeting at the Oberlin American Legion sponsored by the Decatur Area Chamber of Commerce to hear the report of the KSU research team on the farm crisis impact in this area.

Flora noted that 1979 was the last really good year for farming and that farm income has been quite low since 1981 citing the long-term trend to larger farms and the decline

in the number of farmers as a factor in the decreased number of retail establishments. Also, the OPEC price hikes in the mid 70s and later the world-wide oil glut were factors in the oil industry in the area and the economic impact affected both the real estate and construction businesses.

On the plus side, Flora stated that the development of a strong medical system with a modern county hospital, five physicians, two long-term care facilities and an active county health department has kept the older segment of the population in the county area unlike some counties.

Hospital News: Julie and James Witt, daughter, Keely Michelle, 10/15/85; Marla and Craig Larson, daughter, Marissa Rose, 10/15/85; Sharon and Randy Olson, daughter, Kerrie Beth, 10/17/85.

Museum curator Sandy Russell expressed appreciation for several recent donations including one large donation from an anonymous contributor which made it possible to purchase two much-needed furnace units for the museum.

Duane Dunn, advisor for the Oberlin FFA Chapter, and Mary Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wilson, attended the state FFA Leadership Conference held on the campus of Kansas State University. Wilson is president of Northwest Kansas FFA.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Janice Sattler shared some good news this week with family in Herndon. She received a surprise telephone call from her grandson, Adam Sattler of Hutchinson. Her name was on the winning ticket drawn for the flat-screen television.

How did that happen? Adam filled in Grandma Janice's name so the news truly was a surprise.

Love and support were apparent Sunday with the gathering of family and friends attending the soup dinner and auction at the Columbian hall in Atwood for Alicia and Tim Rippe. The response from workers and those donating of time, talent and generosity touched all. Everyone felt thankful and blessed to live in a rural area where we care and support each other.

Sharon Ecker and Ann Solko hosted a birthday party in honor of Chris Wood at the home of Esther Pennington Thursday. Guests were Voni Sattler, Esther, Beth Chartier, Sharon, Julie Hafner, Ann and the honored guest, Chris.

Don and Joan Grafel entertained Nanette Philbrick of Casper, Wyo., from Thursday to Saturday of last week. Nanette, Don and Joan were Thursday evening dinner guests of Steve and Susan Nelson of Ober-

lin. Additional dinner guests were Makenzie Nelson and Matt Buesch of Wichita.

Theresa Rippe, Sharon Ecker and Julie Hafner were luncheon and afternoon guests of Liane Martin at Elk Inn in Oberlin on Wednesday.

Wayne and Donna Pick, McCook, accompanied David and Bonnie Franke to Jefferson City, Mo., for the weekend where they were guests of Dean, Carrie, and Heidi Franke. They celebrated Heidi's first birthday on Saturday. Other guests were Bill and Sharon Romans of Jefferson City. On Sunday, they toured the Missouri State Capitol Building, returning home on Monday.

Don and Joan Grafel took Todd Nelson of Colby out to lunch on Saturday.

The Catholic Church will celebrate World Priest Day on Sunday, Oct. 31. This is a time for all to thank your priest for committing their lives to the Lord. Thank you, Father Nick, for shepherding the flock at St. Mary's and congratulations for accepting the call to religious life and sharing the Good News.

Don't miss Halloween! Be ready for spooks and goblins Sunday evening.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Elwood and Jeanie May; Brandon May, Salina; Leslie Meyers, Kearney, Neb.; and Andrew and Stephanie Frankforter, Ethan and Isaac, Grand Island, Neb., attended the wedding of Kane Robinson and Marissa Larson held Sunday, Oct. 10, at 10:10 a.m. at the Avery House in Fort Collins, Colo. The Avery House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was built in 1879 by Franklin Avery, founder of First National Bank. Elwood and Jeanie enjoyed a few days vacationing in Fort Collins visiting family and friends and returned home after the wedding.

Greg and Janice Cundiff and John and Dianne Bremer were guests of Martin and Evelyn May Friday evening at a local restaurant to celebrate Greg's birthday.

The Decatur Community High School Cross Country Team is headed to State Cross Country Saturday, in Wamego. They qualified for State

competition by placing third at the Regional Meet held Saturday at the Oberlin Country Club. One of the team members, Tyler Shields, placed 10th in the Regional Meet with a time of 17:37:63.

The Decatur Community High School volleyball team won Sub-State at Leoti on Saturday after defeating Syracuse, Rawlins County, and Oakley, and are bound for State competition in Emporia Saturday, Oct. 30. Traveling with the team are Cassidy Shields, a member of the volleyball squad, and Statistician Hannah May.

Andrew and Stephanie (May) Frankforter, Ethan and Isaac have moved to Grand Island, Neb., where she has accepted a job as an English Language Learning (ELL) teacher for grades 3, 4, and 5.

## Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

Now for the the rest of the story: Six years ago, a heart was moved, a question asked, "What can WE do?" In response to the hurricanes that ravaged the coastline, compassion filled the room and a dream was born — the Rock-a-Thon!

Over the past five years the ladies, with the love and support of the community, have raised \$8,610 to give to the needs of others. That does not include the proceeds for this year yet.

The first year, 10 ladies lined Town Square. This year, 16 chairs were needed to accommodate all the compassionate hearts ready to serve. As set-up began Friday afternoon, several ladies took turns sitting in one chair, then another and another. It was like a scene from Goldilocks. "This chair is too short; this chair is too small; ahhh, this chair is just right!" Faye Miller was so anxious and excited she slept in her rocker all night!

Saturday, at nine o'clock sharp, Eva Bryan, Lucy Schissler, Betty May, Shirley Hayward, Amy Rehm, Earl Brown, Loren Schrock, Myrtle Ross, Evelyn Olson, Dorothy Pryor, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Leone Porsch, Faye Miller, Violet Schissler and Doris Marintzer set their chairs to rocking! Edla Olson and Mary Waldo were not feeling well and so were unable to participate. They were so sad!

The day began with Janice Shobe inspiring us with a devotion about quilts; lots of little pieces of fabric collectively making a beautiful, memorable piece of art. She likened the little pieces of fabric to the small contributions that collectively would help us reach our 2,600 goal. A perfect picture of what the day would bring.

Entertainment was provided by Dennis Brown (songs); Erin May

(songs, piano and dance); Anita Hirsch (songs); Chris Nelson (trumpet); John Paulson (Christian Challenge); Dayna Massabaugh (drama and prose); St. John's Vacation Bible School Kids (singing); David and Michael Noren (piano); Loren Schrock and Cheryl Miller (harmonica and piano); Creative Movements Gymnastics and Amy Carman and family (singing).

At 4:00 p.m., thanks to the wonderful generosity of the Oberlin community \$2,722.00 was posted, well over our stated goal! But wait Janice came to put the backing on our beautiful quilt — a \$1,000. donation from Jane Dowling in memory of her father, Art Dowling, the gentleman who built Centennial Bowl, the first Oberlin Bowling Alley. Happy tears rolled down those beautiful faces, bringing our six-year combined total to \$12,431.!

Pretty impressive for an "Old Folks Home!" Thank you for giving not only to the bowling alley but also to the hearts and lives of the ones you sponsored! Praise be to God!

Guests this week included; Eleanor Rogers (Selden) Anogene Rogers (Rexford) Delores Raile (Hoxie) and Alberta Ritter for **Hu-bert Mumm**. Betty Heisel and Helen Brooks for **Ethel Nemeth**. Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) and Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt**. Melissa and Adrian Chambers for **Barb Beisner**. Linda Smith and family (North Platte) for **Dorothy Pryor**. Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Wayne and Odetta Marietta (Russell) for **Elden Long**. Sue and Erin May and Martin and Evelyn May for **Walter and Betty May**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Keith Schrock (Topeka) and Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**. Martin and Evelyn May for **Nila Wesch**.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The Halloween decorations have been hung and we are stocking up with lots of candy and other treats before the children arrive for the big day. As always, we would welcome visits from children of all ages. The residents will be prepared to hand out treats on Thursday afternoon following the Trick-or-Trunk parade. We would also encourage the children to stop by on Halloween night (Sunday) anytime between 5 and 8 p.m. Please help us to make the holiday extra special for the residents.

This past week was spent remembering the 1950s. Monday afternoon residents played a game of Name That Tune featuring music from the 50s. Wednesday afternoon residents spent some time with trivia and stories about the decade. Root beer floats were served as a special treat. Thursday evening residents enjoyed an evening of music provided by our friends in the Old Time Band from Hoxie and the surrounding area. Several visitors spent the evening with us, some dancing and others just tapping their toes and enjoying the music.

Thursday was an extra special day for Cedar Living Center resident Aleen Van Vleet, as she celebrated her 100th birthday. Aleen was the guest of honor at a birthday party held in the dining room. The party

was hosted by her granddaughters Susan and Patty. They served cake to residents, staff, family members, and guests. The guests included a group of her friends from the senior center.

Mabel Zimmerman won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Ira Kolsky and Edna Mott.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service on the patio before supper on Thursday.

Recent visitors: David Wilson, Springfield, Ore.; Owen Wilson, Traer; Cheri Kastens, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Ella Mae and Elton Keller, Dixie Keller, St. Francis; Susan Orr, Colby; Shirley and Gary Emigh, Selden; Janice Doyle, Kansas City; Kevin Vavroch, Shawnee; Bob Strevey, Norcatour.

Carol Kompus, Marian Dempe-wolf, Dolores Koerperich, Connie Miller, Marilyn Gamblin, Henry Edgett, Marion Wenger, Neil Marshall, Dewaine Stapp, Elden Haas, Dorothy Moore, D. J. Rutherford, Mabel Bailey, Nora Bell Manning, Myrna Jones, Wayne & Lois Larson, Stuart Euhus, Lyle Gamblin, Mirium Fisher, Martin and Evelyn May, Robert Fringer.

## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

On Saturday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m., the Royal Neighbors will host a bingo party at the Red Barn. Any freewill offering will be appreciated and the proceeds will be used for replacement or repair of windows in the Rexford Museum. Cake and cream will be served after the game. Also, bring with you any used cell phones, which are being collected to be distributed to our soldiers overseas.

Birthdays celebrated this last week of October include, Rhelda Dible, Oct. 26; Betty Nichols, Oct. 28, and Wes Bencken, Oct. 29.

Operation Christmas Child boxes will be wrapped and packed on Sunday, Oct. 31. A soup and sandwich luncheon potluck will be at noon. All are invited to participate and asked to bring one of the following: soup, sandwiches, salad, or dessert.

I was asked to make known that Verizon Wireless has activated a new cell site in Rexford. This new cell site improves Verizon Wireless' voice and data network around Rexford. Specifically, coverage is improved along Highway 83 between Selden and Gem.

The activated new cell site in Rexford will enable more Verizon customers to use their wireless phones concurrently to make calls;

send and receive email and text, picture and video messages; access the Internet; view high-quality videos; and download music, games and ring tones, while enjoying clearer reception and fewer dropped calls.

Lisa Stoll, Golden Plains school nurse, has the school participating in Red Ribbon Week, "Say No to Drugs." On Tuesday, the theme for students will be Peace Out to Drugs. Students are to come to school dressed in Hippie attire. Wednesday's theme, Encourage Hugs not Drugs, and to show support, students are able to wear pajamas to school offering a favorite stuffed animal. Thursday will be Red Rally Day, with student body wearing the color red.

Monday activities at Golden Plains: No school for students, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and a High School Junior Varsity Football game with Northern Valley at Alma, 5:30pm. (This was a rescheduled game). On Tuesday, Middle School Volleyball Freedom League Tournament will be at Sharon Springs starting a 10 a.m. On Thursday, the last league football game for Golden Plains will be at 7 p.m. with Logan. No school will be in session on Friday.

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## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinhouse

On Oct. 14, during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Paulie Neff and Carl Mumm got low and Pat Wessel had the most aces (the Seniors forgot to write down who got second). Other members present included: Betty James, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Matt Finney, Ralph Weis, Bob Wessel, Edna Schiltz, Shirley Baker and Gail Mumm.

On Thursday, Ralph Weis won high, Ann Hazlitt got second, Shirley Baker got low and Paulie Neff had the most Kings. Other members present were Betty James, Jeanie

Spresser, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Bernita Aumiller, Matt Finney, Edna Schiltz, Carl Mumm, and Mary Galden.

School Calendar — Thursday — Spook Parade, 2:30 p.m.; 7 p.m., High School Football in Rexford with Logan. Oct 29 — No school. Oct. 30 — State Volleyball. Nov. 1, — 4:00 p.m. Junior High Scholars Bowl in Rexford. Nov. 2, — Bi-District Football.

Winterfest will be Nov. 26 in downtown Selden.

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