

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1886

The slight indisposition of the weather Monday night blockaded the train.

The eastern mail was sent out on the train Monday and henceforth we will receive our eastern mail by the same route.

The McCook Tribune says it cost the B. & M. \$500 per day for labor on the Oberlin branch during the snow blockade.

The county offices will after the first of next month be located in S.F. Colby's house on Commercial Street which is being fitted up for the purpose.

Wano & Bird City are at it tooth and nail over the county seat question of Cheyenne County.

The body of Samuel Stewartson, county clerk of Thomas County, who perished in the storm has not yet been found.

Kenneth people obtained their supply of coal last week from Oberlin dealers.

H. Lipincott has purchased the Crowe stock of groceries and will continue the business at Tim's old stand.

The Howell Bros. are erecting buildings and preparing to remove their stock of lumber to their new yard at the foot of Penn Avenue adjoining the J.F. Harris & Co., coal yard.

## 100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1911

The Junior Editor visited the Kansas State College at Manhattan last week.

Bruce Bateman has opened up a cleaning and pressing shop.

Charles Clark, former manager of the Foster Lumber Yard was renewing old acquaintances this week. He now lives at Leavenworth, Kans.

Guy Allen and wife of Colorado are in the city, being called here by the death of Mrs. Allen's mother.

A patron of the Jackson barn threw a lighted match into the manager of hay Saturday and a serious conflagration was only averted by the quick actions of Henry Calhoun.

1910 will go down in history as being the driest year ever recorded in this country. Only 11.77 inches of rain fell during the entire year.

Bert Shaw went to Lyle Friday evening to assist in the care of his brother-in-law, O.E. Furman, who is down with lung fever, but who is reported as improving.

## 75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1936

The birthday ball for President Roosevelt held Jan. 29 at the Masonic Temple was well attended with many of the dancers coming from out-of-town. At the midnight hour a floor show was put on by Red Perkins and his 14 original Dixie

Ramblers. The local Crippled Children's fund received 70% of the proceeds. It was an orderly crowd and if any of the dancers were indulging in stimulants it wasn't evident to those watching the dance.

While in St. Francis on a land inspection trip on Saturday, Frank Anderson was stricken with an attack of acute appendicitis and surgery was done Sunday morning. His wife was with him and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson, and two of his brothers, Harry of Norcat and Arnold of Clayton, went to be with him.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Harry Asbahr, 42, who died from an accidental shooting in her home by a five-year-old neighbor boy who had found a loaded rifle while playing with other children in an adjoining room. She is survived by her husband and three children.

Evan Hubble, an engineer with the Kansas State Highway Department, and Dean Douglass of Fort Collins, Colorado, were married Saturday in Fort Collins at the Baptist Church. They are making their home in Oberlin in an apartment at the C.E. Carper residence.

Custer News: Quite a few neighbors and Dresden people were skating Sunday at the Jennings Lake. We noticed that John and King Muirhead and Jay Chapman and others were quite graceful skaters. Even Dewey Bremer and Bob Muirhead were out among them. Atley Muirhead was not as lucky as he broke a front tooth in a fall on the ice.

The 100x50 foot county shop building located south of the CB&Q railroad tracks has been completed. The long-needed structure will be used for storage and also contains an office for assistant county engineer Glen Mowry. It was built of concrete blocks at minimum cost to the county being put up as a FERA and WPA project.

A.R. Erbert of Colby is the new owner of the Oberlin Steam Bakery. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weimer will assist in the bakery this week but plan to move soon to Oregon and engage in farming. Oberlin is very sorry to lose this family as they have proved both popular and efficient in operating the bakery, and Oberlin people wish for them success in their new venture.

The second detachment of 150 CCC boys arrived by special train Tuesday noon.

Miss Alice Coldren, reporter and bookkeeper in the Oberlin Herald office for the past year, left Sunday for Manhattan where she has enrolled for the second semester. Her replacement, Mrs. Ernest Woodward, is familiarizing herself with the many duties the editors find convenient to shift to the reporter's

desk. She wishes to assure readers that she will welcome and appreciate your cooperation in getting all news, by telephone or personal interview.

## 50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1961

Virgil L. Alfrey, former publisher of the Hardtner Press, assumed his duties as assistant editor of the Oberlin Herald Jan. 25. His wife and their four children remain in Hardtner until a 3 or 4 bedroom house can be found in Oberlin.

Fifth and sixth grade pupils of Oberlin Grade School presented a program last Friday consisting of a narration of historical events with pantomimed scenes to portray Kansas from 1861 to 1961, a century of progress. More than 100 students took part in the program.

When the University of Kansas Chorale, one of the state's most popular singing groups, tours western Kansas this week, its director, Prof. Clayton Krebiel, will be no stranger to the area. He was a member of the Oberlin high school faculty prior to joining the KU faculty in 1950.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Ketterl, a son, Kevin Joe, born Jan. 31, 1961.

Pfc. Gary Soderlund was honored with a farewell party Sunday at the home of his parents. Gary left early Monday for Oakland, Calif., and from there will go to Japan.

## 25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1986

Decatur County's New Year baby for 1986 is Austin Wayne Coryell who arrived at the Decatur County Hospital on Jan. 23. His parents are Frank and Patti Coryell and he has a brother, Lucas, 3. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walt Castle, Oberlin, and Elizabeth Coryell, New Castle, Colo. Great-grandparents are Gertie Castle and Velma Ater, Oberlin and Irene Sines, Grand Junction, Colo. Wendy Purdon of Alberton, a

suburb of Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa, is a new student at DCHS and is making her home with the Willard and Jackie Frickey family. She is a Rotary International student sponsored by Oberlin Rotary and will make her home in Oberlin for a year.

The Oberlin Red Devil boys basketball team captured the championship of the Oberlin Invitational tournament for the second year in a row. Marquis Sauvage, DCHS senior was named Most Valuable Player and both he and Kyle Elwood received berths on the All-Tournament team. Barb Juenemann, DCHS sophomore, was named to the girls All-Tournament team.

Funeral services were held in Colorado Springs, Colo., for a former Oberlin resident, Paul Nitsch, 60. He was the son of the late Paul and Lydia Nitsch and served in the U. S. Army in World War II and two terms in the Kansas Legislature. He is survived by a son, Paul A. Nitsch, a daughter, Shelley and a sister, Mrs. Aileen McClung.

Decatur County winners of Dane Hansen scholarships were Mary Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wilson; Jeremy Dunn, son of Jim and Marian Dunn and Tina Brown, daughter of Leroy and Betty Brown, Jennings. In addition a theological scholarship was awarded to John Goering, former industrial arts teacher at DCHS, to attend St. Paul's School of Theology in Kansas City, Mo.

A new student at DCHS is Karla Krause, a freshman from Anthony who is the daughter of Ray and Leona Krause. She has a younger brother, Steve, who is in the sixth grade.

Dr. Ren Whitaker who is in his 17th year of family practice in Oberlin has turned over the chief of staff position at Decatur County Hospital to Dr. Richard May.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Weather permitting the Sunflower Senior potluck dinner will be held on Tuesday Feb. 1, at 12 noon. There was no January dinner because of weather conditions.

The United Methodist Church will be collecting non-perishable food items during February for the Oberlin Food Pantry. A box will be put at the church and you may drop items off at anytime.

Weekend visitors at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw to enjoy pheasant hunting included Brent Finley and Steve Parker, Joplin, Mo.; Brandon Wagoner, Granby, Mo.; Elliot Gillespie, Belton, Mo.; Logan Black, Colby; Adam Wahlmeier, Norton; and Colleen and Kevin Wagoner, Sharon Springs. Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton, visited Saturday evening.

The Jennings Tuesday Study Club drove to Wakeeney on Tuesday, Jan. 25, for their January meeting at the Western Kansas Saloon and Grill. President Joni Metz opened the meeting and read the December minutes. Some remembered activities from the Christmas luncheon were added to the minutes. After additions were made, the minutes were approved. The January treasurer's report was then approved. Joni read a note from Vendla Tacha thanking the group for having Kathy Nauer deliver her luncheon gifts when she was unable to attend.

Joan McKenna received Christmas cards from former members, Lois Scott who is "doing OK at 94", Rosa Brock and Twila Stieben.

Answering roll call, with updates on their holiday activities, were members: Patty Foster, Joan McKenna, Terri Hanke, Helen Muirhead, Shelley McKenna, Lynn Tacha and Joni Metz. Next month the club will go to Norton for a program on quilting and needlework by Doris Mizell.

After lunch, they wandered around the Western Kansas Saloon and Grill in Wakeeney. The large clean old building has been through many lives. It was restored and decorated with antiques and paintings of the town's people and history. The group shopped at the Loving Wishes where they were given pretty red carnations and Valentine wishes. They then went to the Elk Dreamer Gallery located in the McClellan Pharmacy. Before coming home, they had treats at the Gibson Health Mart's soda fountain.

On the evening of Thursday, Jan. 27, Terri Hanke hosted the Jennings Book Club at her home. Ten books were read in 2010 and Terri prepared a meal that included a food item mentioned in each book. The book the group read for January was Patty's House of Curl by Lorna Landvick.

Members enjoying the great meal were: Kay Brown, Patty Foster, Violet Foster, Pat Hall, Carla Latimer, Sue Long, Joan McKenna, Shelley McKenna, Joni Metz, Kathy Nauer, Helen Rhodes, Lynn Tacha and Mary Vanover.

The Jennings City Council will be meeting on Feb. 10, instead of Feb. 3.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Bessie Peterson is recuperating at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood from a broken ankle, which she suffered recently in a fall.

She underwent surgery at Hays Medical Center. Mail will reach her at Lake Road, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Elden and Detta Anderson accompanied Gary Anderson to Manhattan on Sunday, Jan. 23, to attend the band concert, in which their granddaughter and niece, Samantha Anderson, was chosen to play first chair on her French horn.

She participated with other students from Decatur Community High School at the band camp over the weekend. En route home Monday, the Andersons were dinner guests of Cheryl Stull at Solomon.

Joyce Hill and Jerry Hill of Norcat and Sandra Craig of Fort Collins, Colo., visited Saturday

afternoon at the home of Steve and Arian Arnold, then they all enjoyed steaks at Roger's in Herndon.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson were dinner guests of Mark and Barbara Olson on Sunday at Roger's in Herndon to honor Mary Lou on her birthday.

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## Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

Time and faces change, but the Love remains the same!

This week we so pleased to have our hallways filled with cheerful young faces. The First Hand Friends came to share stories with their Reading Pals. Then the Sappa 4-H Club came bringing Valentine Door Hangers to brighten up the rooms. We are always delighted to have children in our midst, making our lives more relevant and happy.

We have seen the benefit of preparing our home for a change we are seeing to give specialized care for your loved ones. The opening of the Garden of Hope several years ago, and additional training we have invested in through Gemini Consulting has helped to prepare us for a more prevalent trend in elder care.

It is a fact that more than 50 percent of individuals living in nursing homes and assisted living residences have some form of dementia. The percentage is expected to increase in the coming years due to the advanced age we are now living. The Good Samaritan Center is anticipating this increase and is actively seeking ways to educate their staff and the community to better serve this growing population of residents.

Our motto is "In Christ's Love, Everyone is Someone." We believe that everyone is a child of God and deserves to be cared for physically and spiritually and treated with dignity, honor and great worth.

Mrs. Lois Morelock of McDonald will be at the Good Sam on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 2:30 to help families understand the facts about Alzheimer's disease. If you have a loved one living with this disease or any other form of Dementia you will greatly benefit by attending. Please bring your questions as there will be time allotted for Mrs. Morelock to address them. There is no cost for the program and refreshments will be served.

Mark your calendar and be sure to join us for a "SNO-BALL" on Friday at 7 p.m. Music will be provided by Michael Milbauer and the Star Valley 4-H Club will provide decorations for refreshments. The public is welcome.

Visitors this week were: Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock. Detta Anderson for Eva Bryan. Kirk and Holly Young for Earl Brown. Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt and Evelyn Olson. Jerry Hill for Don and Cheryl Hill. Penny Fringer, Reva Marshall and Ron and Dixie Snyder for Dorothy Hunt. Brecklyn Jensen for Violet Schissler. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman. Bud and Vicky Mumm for Doris Marintzer and Francis (Chaz) Janousek. Eunice Richards for Earl Brown and Lucy Schissler. Rita Schaller and Francy and Dale Miller for Faye Miller. Ralph and Norma Unger for Lucy Schissler, Ben Jorns, Evelyn Olson and Walt and Betty May.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

There were several winners at the dice game played on Monday afternoon. Residents who joined in on the game included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Doris Gilbert, Ira Kolsky, Bob Keller, Joan Noble, Agnes Pruitt, and Mary Votapka.

There was a lot of laughter and toe tapping when Mary Ann Amack and Myrna Jones led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Alvina Gamblin won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie between Darlene Fisher and Aileen Van Vleet.

We had a big group of residents gather for coffee, cookies, and trivia games on Wednesday afternoon. The cookies were donated to the activities department by Roberta Petracek.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson before supper on Wednesday afternoon.

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

Several residents met for a game of bowling on Thursday afternoon. Snacks were served after the game.

Games were played in the dining room following supper on Thursday evening.

Blanche Skubal celebrated her birthday on Friday.

The baking group is always popular with residents and staff on Friday afternoon. The group made homemade cookies on Friday and served them warm from the oven.

Kansas Day trivia was on the agenda on Saturday afternoon when residents met to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the day Kansas became a state.

The Sappa Valley 4-H Club visited on Sunday afternoon. They had handmade Valentines for every resident. The pictures were hung on each door.

Recent visitors: Patsy Marintzer, Colorado; Lillian Sulzman, Caroline Jacobs, Dresden; Meredith Hrnchir, Atwood; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Sandy Schuetz, Norton; Norma Ward, Clayton; Darlene LaRue, Jennings.

Robert Fringer, Lyle Gamblin, Dolores Koeperich, Kirk Brown, Nic Brown, Mirium Fisher, Ivis Hanson.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Congratulations to Justin and Wendy Scott on the birth of their son, Wyatt, who was born Sunday evening, Jan. 30! Watch The Oberlin Herald for more details. Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Connie Olson, maternal great-grandmothers are Wilma May and Evelyn Olson, and paternal grandparents are Myron and Alberta Scott of Hill City. Wyatt also has two brothers, Garrett and Gage, to help welcome him home.

Kiaya Jane Gayle Waterman, daughter of Heather Waterman, was baptized Sunday, Jan. 30, during morning worship services at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin, officiated by Pastor Kevin Schnakenberg. Her sponsors are Scott Waterman, Oberlin; Christina Bryan, Paxton, Neb.; and Joseph Waterman, Ponca City, Okla. Other out-of-town relatives attending were Darren and Becky Hibbs, A.J. and Emma, Wichita. Kiaya is the granddaughter of Melvin Waterman and the great-niece of Karen Eskew.

Duane Unger, Colby, was a Saturday lunch guest of Ralph and Norma Unger.

Elizabeth Nedland performed in

a piano clinic and concert Saturday in Colby which included piano auditions and a multiple keyboard concert.

The Decatur Community High School Scholar Bowl Team won the 2011 Northwest Kansas League Championship after winning all four rounds at the league meet held Jan. 17 in Oberlin. Competing on the Oberlin team against Quinter, Rawlins County, Hoxie, and Oakley were Elizabeth Nedland, Jacob Helm, Nolan Henningson, Joe Hirsch, and Laysha Medina, coached by Marlene Moxter.

Hunter Nedland, Manhattan, and Jessica Bremer, Topeka, were weekend guests of their families, Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, Rhiannon Davies and Liam, and John and Dianne Bremer.

The Decatur County Good Samaritan Center's second annual Hoedown fundraiser to benefit the residents will be held March 26 at the Oberlin American Legion. Tickets should be available for purchase the middle of February; see Dianne at Great Northwest Insurance, 122 S. Penn, or Montine at The Good Samaritan Center office.

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## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

The last of the family of Noah and Mattie Huff will be laid to rest this week. Alta May Van Gundy did not quite make it to her 106th birthday, which would be in Jan. A niece, Judy, had planned to come back from California for Alta's birthday, but now will probably plan for a summer visit. Alta was the sister of my mother, Hazel Van Gundy, and Roy, Frank, Glenn, Leland and Duane Huff.

Of course, a person does a lot of living in 100 years. I have a picture of their family in front of a sod house; one with a group at the Lyle school; and others over the years. Outside of being a daughter, wife, and aunt, she was a hired girl, housekeeper for other families including Dr. Taylor at the Norton Tuberculosis Sanitarium back in the

1930's a licensed practical nurse, foot reflexologist, made and sold linament that was registered by her second husband, O. J. May, and was a consecrated Christian.

She liked to visit and loved to laugh. When we visited her at the nursing home, she always ended her visit with, "God bless you, honey." And I'm sure He did.

Kathy Van Meter had surgery in Omaha, and was in the hospital from Wednesday to Friday. Kim and Clinton Nejdil visited after she got home on Friday.

Lynn Scrivner and Andrew and Cassie Browning called on Toots Magers one day last week.

Joyce Sumner reported that her daughter-in-law, Von is feeling better.

## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The Royal Neighbors have collected close to 40 phones and most have been sent overseas to our military men and women. The members would like to thank everyone for donating their used cell phones and encourage continued donations. There is a drop off box at the Red Barn.

The family of Hulda Wark plan to honor her on her 90th birthday at Colby Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby on Saturday afternoon. Her address is: Sheridan County Long Term Care, P.O. Box 167, Hoxie, Kan., 67740, or an e-mail to savvy-seniors@sheridan.hpmin.com with her name in the subject box.

Other February birthdays to mention: Pat Williams, Feb. 4; Phyllis Cheney, Feb. 10; Ken Johnston,

Feb. 29 (leap year birthday).

February activities at the Red Barn: Book Club, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m.; Bingo, Saturday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m.; Blood Pressure Clinic, Monday, Feb. 14, 1:45 p.m.

Shepherd's Staff news: Sunday and Monday of this week a group of pastors from Wichita County spent the weekend relaxing together and finding out more about the Shepherd's Staff Conference Center. A pastor from Hutchinson stayed in the Prairie House all week. During the weekend a planning group from a church in Scott City joined the pastors. These couples and singles stayed in the Lonesome Dove Boarding House and remarked how much they enjoy visiting Rexford for their annual retreat.