

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1886

A.H. Hollister has opened a meat market at Colby.

Robert Brindle has erected a windmill on his place just west of town.

J.W. Crouse has opened a store at Traer for the accommodation of settlers in that neighborhood.

Dan Caster has filed notice of his intention to make final proof on his homestead.

W.A. Burnett and A. L. Patchin are attending Grand Lodge of the A.F. & A.M. at Topeka this week.

The body of Stewartson, county clerk of Thomas County, frozen to death in the blizzard, has been found in a dugout in a standing position, with snow drifted in and about him as high as his shoulders.

Work was resumed on the rink Monday. The ceiling will be completed and the stage raised and enlarged. The association is spending \$400 on the improvements.

P.J. Worrall, of the enterprising merchandising firm of Worrall Bros., of Norcatour was in Oberlin last week.

## 100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1911

The best rain we have had since September came this morning. It was badly needed. The south part of Kansas is reported to have had a rain, the first in six months.

W.A. Dale and Claude Paddock went to Kansas City Saturday evening for the purpose of looking up houses to live in when they move down next month.

Hank Beardsley is again doing business at the old stand on the east side of Penn Avenue.

Howard Vale, accompanied by his five children, and his brother, Marion, left for Florida Wednesday evening.

W.A. Burnett and Fo rest Redman are attending Grand Lodge this week.

A daughter was born Feb. 10 to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stevenson.

Married Feb. 15, 1911, Mr. Elam Reist of Roosevelt Township and Miss Olga Peterson of Sappa Township.

## 75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1936

New records are being set with February weather as 14 of the first 18 days have had a temperature below zero.

Patrons of the Oberlin post office were greeted by a new postmaster this week with E. W. "Ned" Coldren taking over for Charles P. Stevenson. Ned is part owner of The Oberlin Herald.

The Norcatour School is closed for a week as a medium to prevent the spread of scarlet fever. One case was found in the grade school.

A fire Saturday night which started in a defective flue in the large two-story house of the John Campbell

family south of Dresden completely destroyed the place and some of the furniture and clothing. The family is temporarily located with the John Zimmermans, a brother of Mrs. Campbell.

Mrs. Charley Flaska planned a birthday party at the Custer School Wednesday afternoon for her two children, Lavina, 8 and Glenn, 11. Miss Mary Urban and her pupils from South Bethel School were also invited. Miss Edith Anderson teaches Custer School.

At the February meeting of Monday Evening Club it was voted to use the gift presented by Mrs. Elizabeth Mix as a stimulant for the beginning of a city library fund.

Cedar Bluffs: We understand that Otis Relph has purchased the Newberry house in Marion and will have it moved to his farm west of town, but not on the valley. It will be placed on ground high enough that the flood waters won't reach it.

## 50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1961

A new building for the kindergarten classes of Oberlin Elementary School will be erected on the school property for use next fall if the voters of the district approve.

The Oberlin Red Devils of Coach Melvin Simpson won the state wrestling championship trophy last weekend in Colby. In second place was Douglas followed by Norton, Colby, Newton, Goodland and Wichita South. Oberlin had two individual weight champions, Roland Martin at 165 and Gene Long at heavyweight.

Open house at the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Herndon Feb. 12 honored Mr. and Mrs. Math Riepl on their 50th wedding anniversary.

New Arrival; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Marietta, Hays, a son, John Wesley, on Feb. 15.

Robert W. Wurm, now serving with the U. S. Navy in Hawaii, won second place in the 147 lb. weight division of the Destroyer Flotilla Five wrestling tournament.

Jennings; Funeral services were held for Mrs. Mary Mazanek, 76, longtime resident of Jennings who was born in Decatur County on March 4, 1884.

Interest in sunflower production in the Western Great Plains has increased greatly in recent years and with the present need to find new crops adaptable to soil and water conditions of Northwest Kansas. Much research has been done on the subject and the Oberlin Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an information program March 2.

## 25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1986

After three days of operation, the bus office on Penn Avenue has received \$80,000 in pledges for investment in the Texas-based Transit Bus Manufacturing Com-

pany. In a progress meeting held at the former West Central building it was stressed that \$500,000 will be needed to bid for a share in the bus manufacturing plant.

Members of the Oberlin centennial general committee voted that a major portion of a \$10,000 fund be used to help bring the bus manufacturing plant to Oberlin, through both direct and indirect means. Members agreed to pledge \$3000 toward acquiring stock in the company with any future dividends to go to the Last Indian Raid Museum. Another \$3,000 will be used toward producing a brochure to advertise the city of Oberlin. It was agreed to reserve \$1000 for the preparation and burial of the next time capsule and \$500 to be invested for those planning the 125th anniversary celebration. A centennial rifle is to be donated to the museum.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Michel and

girls moved over the weekend to Ankeny, Iowa, to make their home. He had gone earlier and is teaching physician's assistants at a school in Des Moines.

Three area students received degrees from Fort Hays State University at the semester: Dale Meitl, BA in art education; Teresa Carlson, BS in elementary education and Ward Olson, BS in management.

Rexford: Jerry and Janet Latimer are visiting his parents, Herley and Bertha Latimer, before returning to Mali, Africa where he works as a pilot for Mission Aviation Fellowship. Prior to being assigned to Africa they spent eight years in Indonesia.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemoin Raulston flew to Fountain Inn, S.C., where they attended the wedding of their son, Reed, and Charlotte Wise on Feb. 14 at the Pisgah United Methodist Church.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Many family, friends and neighbors attended the funeral for Ethel Miller on Saturday, Feb. 12. She had been involved in so many activities, especially quilting, and had one of her handmade quilts displayed on her coffin. A granddaughter added to the service with her reminiscences.

Ethel's sister, Annetta, was able to be there. Her other sister was my sister-in-law, Vera Van Gundy, and she was June Jolly's cousin.

June Jolly and Toots Magers played pitch at Norton on Feb. 13, and took second. June said her kids asked where she wanted to go for her birthday, and she was considering the wine tasting again. Happy Birthday, June.

Merlin and Teri Wood's son, Michael, is on leave at their home for several days.

I read where two different columnists were complaining about

the person who sang the National Anthem at the Super Bowl. I didn't hear it, but if it was worse than previous ones, it must have been bad.

Wayne McAllister took Norma McAllister, Jean and Don Daniels and me to Lenora, where the United Parish served their annual Sweetheart Supper. The Norcatour Chatty Hatters met others from Clayton and Lenora. We had a delicious dinner and very good entertainment by a young country western singer, Gaylen Hillebrand of Lenora.

Kathy Van Meter called from the Denver Airport. She and Lloyd Frandsen flew to San Jose, Calif., on Thursday to visit her daughter, Earlene Chaves. Saturday they went to Livermore, Calif. to visit her granddaughter's family, Nathan and Katrina Trujillo. They returned home on Valentine's Day.

## Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

Monday we celebrated Valentine's Day by celebrating a mother's love for her children. We did that with the help of staff members Jennie Anderson, Ashli Samson, Karen Nichols and Crystal Witt. All of them are expecting babies except Karen who already delivered her little bundle of joy, Logan, who also came to the party.

There is an old wives tale that says you can tell the sex of the baby by the way the mother is carrying it. We tested that theory by lining up the Mothers-to-be in profile. Because of recent technology, they all know what sex the baby is already; have two boys and one girl in the lineup. So I asked the "Old Wives" to guess which lady was having the girl...they unanimously came up with right lady. Ashli is having a girl! We played more baby shower games, opened gifts, enjoyed punch and cupcakes and watched Jennie and Karen's older little boys giggle and play.

A year and a half ago we celebrated the anticipation of nine babies in much the same way. The residents love being part of the personal lives of their caregivers, just one more way we can be "a family." Violet Schissler was a Valentine Baby, the best Valentine gift her mother ever received!

Because of my daughter's accident before Christmas, I have not been at work to share her story with the Residents. So Thursday, during Bible Study, I was able to tell them all that God had done. It was a wonderful, tearful reunion and such a privilege to let them know how much of an encouragement they and the Good Sam have been to my family these past weeks. Amy Rehm, Leona Helmkamp, Eva Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Dorothy Pryor, Walt and Betty May, Violet Schissler, Leone Porsch, Mary Waldo, Crystal Moore and Eulaine Benda were all there.

We finally named our Pony; his official name is Butterscotch

Beauty. The residents insisted on a middle name in case he ever got in trouble. When being scolded he would be quicker to behave if you use his first and middle name.

Ronnie Kole presented us with a very special piano program on Saturday afternoon, which we greatly appreciated.

We were so excited to welcome so many visitors this week! Thank you all for coming; you are such an important part of bringing joy to our home!

Families, mark your calendar and be sure to join us for our Family Potluck at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 4, at 6 p.m.

Visitors this week were: Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**. Detta Anderson for **Eva Bryan**. Brian and Pam Simonson and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt and Evelyn Olson**. Jerry and Joye Hill and Brett and Erin Fredrickson (Thornton, Colo.) for **Don and Cheryl Hill**. Reva Marshall and Ron and Dixie Snyder for **Dorothy Hunt**. Brecklyn Jensen for **Violet Schissler**. Keri and Kollyn Schippers (Hoxie) and Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Bud and Vicky Mumm for **Doris Marintzer and Francis (Chaz) Janousek**. Frank and Mert McEvoy and Jim and Pam Wesch (Traer) for **Lucy Schissler**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Lucy Schissler, Ben Jorns and Alan Addleman**. Ann Hazlett (Selden) for **Leone Porsch**. Janice Baer (Topeka) and Jerry Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. Gladys Geis for **Lois Carlson**. Connie Robison (Littleton, Colo.), Rod and Glenna Copeland (Colchester, Vt.) Barry Martin (Olathe), Lisa Martin (Berlin, Germany) and Terry and Connie Martin (Shawnee) for **Glenn Martin**. Laurene VanOtterloo and Carolyn Miller for **Eva Bryan, Earl Brown, Opal Bryan and Amy Rehm**. Steve and Arian Arnold for **Edla Olson**. Jody Betts for **Mary Waldo**.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The residents of Cedar Living Center had a great day long celebration of Valentine's Day on Monday. The dietary department hosted a wonderful lunch complete with decorated tables and a great menu. Myrna Jones provided an assortment of sweetheart tunes on the piano. Earl Brown and Norma Ward, spouses of residents Zola Brown and Max Ward, were our guests for the Valentine's Day dinner.

A group of residents gathered in the afternoon for a game of Sweetheart Bingo. Song titles were used instead of bingo numbers. Heart shaped chocolates were given as prizes. Following the game, residents and staff enjoyed cookies donated by the Sappa Valley 4-H Club. The group sent an enormous platter with all kinds of homemade cookies in honor of Valentine's Day.

Myrna Jones returned before supper along with Mary Ann Amack to lead residents in singing all of our favorite old-time songs.

Residents also received many Valentine's Day cards. Tara Votapka passed around the Valentines left in our decorated box at the front desk as well as the many cards sent through the mail. Some residents also received boxes of candy or vases of flowers. It was a good day for everyone to feel loved.

Wilma LaSalle won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Edna Mott won the blackout game.

The bowling group met for an afternoon of fun on Wednesday. Refreshments were served following the game.

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

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

The Pi Alpha Club hosted the February birthday party in the Cedar Living Center dining room on Thursday afternoon. The ladies served pastries to an appreciative group of residents. They also did a sing-along time with Joy Russell providing the accompaniment. There were no residents with a February birthday to celebrate, but we sang the birthday song to a couple of the club members.

The baking group tried a new recipe using dried apricots and white chocolate chips on Friday afternoon. These cookies were a big hit with the group and will likely be tried again.

Word was received of the death of former resident Delores Wheeler. Delores lived at Cedar Living Center for several years before returning home to live with her daughter. She was a sister of resident Darlene Fisher. Sympathy is extended to all of the family.

Recent visitors: Aaron Harrison, Norton; Susan Orr, Colby; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Norma Ward, Clayton; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge, Neb.; Eugene Kleidosty, Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Mark, Amy, Laura, Kate, Mary Ann, and Wesley Wurm, McPherson.

Carol Kompus, Marian Dempewolf, Dolores Koepferich, Lyle Gamblin, Judy Jordan, Daniel Jordan, Gerry Neff, Elaine Bryan, Joy Russell, Cecil Hess, Marty Olson, Marjorie Olson, Max and Veanna Carman, Jon Fisher and Mirium Fisher, Oberlin.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The community meeting held Sunday at the Community Hall was well attended. Many issues were discussed such as water rates, snow removal from the streets, the playground, dog tag rates, burning within city limits and City Hall improvement to name a few. The soup and dessert luncheon was enjoyed by many. The donations went towards upkeep on the former Masonic Hall. We appreciate all who came to support the city.

The United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, March 2 at the church. Roll call will be a St. Patrick's tradition. Helen Rhodes is lesson leader and the program is "Discovering Haiti." Devotions will be given by Violet Foster and Glenda Johnson will serve snacks.

The City Council will not meet on March 3, but will instead meet next week on Thursday, March 10. Kim Coiner's resignation was accepted by the council at our February meeting. Paula Bolt is the new City Clerk. City election for three council members will be held Tuesday, April 5. Those whose terms are expiring are: Pat Hall, Stann Hartzog and Rick Foster.

Several in our community have been ill with flu-like symptoms. We wish all of them a speedy recovery.

Among out-of-town relatives who attended the funeral service for Lawrence Jennings were: Brian and Westley Jennings, Solomon; Brent, Rhonda, and Brendan Jennings,

Topeka; Crystal Jennings, Salina; Dale, Tammy, Eric, and Ryan Musgrave, Ong, Neb.; Luke, Erin and Ada Norman, Crawford, Neb.; Marcia Casey, Milt Sherwin, Marlene Hounshell, Andrew Hounshell, Alissa Zubko, Kevin, Janet, Ashley, and Zach Meyers, Denver; Steve and Vicki Cook, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Damon Cook, Dallas, Texas; Derek and Jackie Cook, Brighton, Colo.; Bob and Shelley Whitefield, Trout Lake, Wash.; Glenda Harris, Grand Junction, Colo.;

Dorothy Johnson, Glen Elder; James and Delores Jennings, Nadean Stoney, Jerry and Waunita Stoney, Steve and Joyce Carlton, Scott and Misty Carlton, Kramer and Samatha Wrinkles, Theresa Krizek, Loyd Keenan, John Keenan, Brett Jennings, Frances Vacura, Oberlin; Jim and Latita Keenan, Oakley; Frank and Jana Slansky, Stockton; Janeil Dilling, Goodland; Jody and Christina Skidmore, Aurora, Neb.; Jane Jareska, Cozad, Neb.; Dave and Amber Mrstik, Oshkosh, Wis.; Roger and Delores Tupper, Naponee, Neb.; Emery and Delores Tupper, Joyce Honeyman, Tracy Carpenter, McCook, Neb.; Ruth Shilling and Kortney, Almena; Jeana Yost and Shane, Norton; Loren and Phyllis Harris, Salina; Marion Baker, Allen and Julie Miles, North Platte, Neb.; Agnes Urban, Colby, and Chuck Griffith, Clayton.

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## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Jim and Sharon Vogel, Herndon, and daughter, Kim Hoffman, Castle Rock, Colo., drove to Salina for the funeral service of Steve Campbell. Steve, brother-in-law of Sharon, died Friday, Feb. 18 in Salina. He is the step-father of Levi and Sheri Davenport of Midland, Texas, formerly of Atwood. Steve so enjoyed helping Jim with the area festivities like the Rod Run and Smokin' on the Beaver each year. Family appreciated thoughts and prayers through this illness.

Gary Nemeth, Baltimore, Md., has been a recent guest of his parents, Bob and Geraldine Nemeth of Herndon. Gary visited family and friends in the area through the week.

Sympathy, from the Herndon community, is extended to the family of Delores Wheeler. Delores M. Jording Wheeler, 78, died Saturday, Feb. 19. She was a sister of Linda Bosler of Herndon. Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin is in charge of arrangements.

Research Group Focuses on Immigrants from Austria-Hungary!

If you have ancestors from Austria-Hungary, particularly from the Burgenland area, including Lebeny/Leiden and others in the Hungarian state of Gyor-Moson-Sopron, you might like to join our social network called Our Burgenland Roots. This fun and recently formed group is committed to compiling and sharing genealogical and related records (e.g., photos, family histories and other documents) to the mutual benefit of its members.

If you respond with your name and an e-mail address to maryerushing@yahoo.com, we will send to you an invitation to 'join'.

Bring your appetite to the Herndon Senior Center on Sunday, Feb.

27, for the Immanuel United Church of Christ annual pancake breakfast. They will be serving 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. There will be a freewill offering for this tasty brunch.

City council members and spouses joined in saying goodbye to Krystal Huttles, former Mayor of Herndon, and husband Dave, on Friday evening at Roger's Bar and Grill. Those attending the pizza party were Brad and Deanna Williams, Laverne and Sharon Frick, Krystal and Dave, Lewis and Sue Stoney, Bob and Julie Hafner, Dave and Judy Ketterl and Peter Johnstone. The Herndon community will miss them but wish them all the best in moving closer to family near Wichita.

Herndon senior citizens gathered for dinner and enjoyment Wednesday, Feb. 16 with a good turnout at the center. Sharon Frick won the blackout and Darlene Cole, the door prize.

The Herndon community will hold a benefit for Sandi Green on Tuesday, March 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Roger's Bar and Grill. Donations will go towards medical expense incurred from recent surgeries. For more information, please call 322-5552. More details will follow.

Family gathering for steaks Saturday evening at Roger's Bar and Grill were Bob and Geraldine Nemeth, Herndon; Gary Nemeth, Baltimore, Md; Hulda Frick and Jerry and Iva Behnke, Indianola, Neb.; Johnny and Amber Timm, Kennedy and Mason of Ludell and Rick and Shelli Nemeth, Herndon.

The Herndon community offers sympathy to the family of Vern Glebe, husband of Pat Haller Huss Glebe of Stratton, Neb. Vern passed away over the weekend. Services are pending.

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