# **Events of Yesteryear**

125 YEARS AGO - March 1886

Grass is beginning to sprout. Every other person you meet nowadays has a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Kulp commenced housekeeping Tuesday in a neat little residence in the north

Two dizzy blondes were caught masquerading in male attire Sunday evening and run into the cooler by the marshal.

Abrick addition will be built on to the E.E. Stewart hardware store.

The hardware stock of the late firm of Smith & Bariteau was last week sold to John B. Colt and E.E.

The Rev. and Mrs. John Wilson were "pounded" Friday of last week. The presents included: a pound of silver coin, a pound of sterling and other money and groceries to the value of more than \$50.

#### 100 YEARS AGO - March 1911

Mr. and Ms. D.E. Logan have moved back from Tecumseh, Neb., to their former home near Danbury,

of Studebaker autos last week, Dr. I.E. Larrick and H.O. Douglas each Myron Raymond is back from the

Salina Commercial College and has again taken up his work as deputy

The Victor Mercantile Co.'s stock of merchandise will be sold soon. Walter Vernon shipped another car of horses to his father at Lancaster, Pa., this week.

A number of band enthusiasts met Monday night and decided to organize for the summer. Fred Patton was elected leader; Fred Close, manager and assistant leader and Ned Coldren, secretary and

The new electrician, Mr. Baer, who hails from Texas, arrived Tues-

Mrs. S.J. Morrish left on the train Thursday evening for the eastern part of the state to look after business pertaining to the Eastern Star.

The young people had a surprise on Marion Smith at the H.O. Douglas home Saturday evening that was attended by the entire eighth

#### 75 YEARS AGO - March 1936

It is reported that good seed grain is scarce in Decatur County Another case of scarlet fever was

reported at the CCC Camp, so it is again under quarantine.

Ray Votapka, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Votapka, has been selected as a member of the Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra. He is a graduate of DCHS and is enrolled as a junior in the School

Oberlin held no prouder people than Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Stevenson Friday when they learned that their daughter, Dorothy, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. C.N. Bressler of Salina, were the parents of a fine 8-pound son. Mrs. Stevenson left for Salina on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tudor Stevenson in their new Chevrolet to inspect the newest grandson.

Court House News: A marriage license was issued on March 8 to Herschel Smith of Cedar Bluffs and Ona Cox of Traer who were married by the Rev. Mr. Appleyard of Traer.

Norcatur is again a busy town, He is currently a city employee and 4, 1986, at 2 p.m. at St. John's school in session and things moving they reside in Cedar Bluffs. along as usual. Those who are out of quarantine for scarlet fever are approved the recommendation of among the happy ones

When Mrs. Annie Bolin came to Kansas in 1880 cowboys were riding through Oberlin's one street and deer and antelope were roaming the prairies. Mrs. Bolin remembers her pleasant visit at the home of Mrs. Homer Colvin while the men hunted buffalo bones which they hauled to Grainfield where they were exchanged for groceries. Mrs. Bolin is still living in Oberlin and enjoys her many friends though few remember pioneer times. Her children are Mrs. P.F. Johnson of Casey, Iowa; Mrs. Letha Curtis of Mason City, Iowa, Mrs. Elsie Harger of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. A.C. Compton, Mrs. Wesley Ridgway and Ben Bolin, all of Oberlin.

Herald office visitors Monday afternoon were Miss Lee Ora Rezner of East Liberty School and nine students: Harley Kathka, Lyman Kathka, Merlin Armstong, Elmer and Elner Kathka, Francis Kathka, J.A. Quinn shipped in a carload Donald Scott, Betty Horn and Maxine Armstrong.

#### 50 YEARS AGO - March 1961

Ira Laidig has announced his retirement as Oberlin City School principal effective July 1, 1961. John Bearley, teacher and coach, has been selected to take over next year as principal. Ray's Jewelry store was burglar-

ized on Saturday night last week but owner Miles Ray said their huge safe protected the most valuable items with the items taken having a value of less than \$350. Three other places of business were broken into later in the week, Stevenson's Drug Store, Oberlin Clinic and the Oberlin Grade School.

Jennings; Guy Robbins, 58, had a narrow escape when the car he was driving stalled on the railroad track by the sale barn in Norton and was hit by a freight train. His car was pushed about 80 feet down the track but he escaped with only minor injuries though the car was a total loss.

Girl Scout Week is being observed in Oberlin. There are two Brownie troops and two intermediate troops currently registered with a registration of 82 girls.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Call, Oberlin, son, Harlan Craig, 3-9-61; Mr. and Mrs. La-Verne Rippe, Oberlin, son, Darryl Francis, 3-13-61.

Selden: Matilda Rogers, Selden's oldest citizen, and perhaps the oldest in Kansas, will observe her 109th birthday on March 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Berry of Oxford, Neb., are the parents of a son, Mark Eugene, born March 3 at the Oxford Hospital.

Funeral services were held the past week for four Decatur County residents: Mrs. O.C. Tally, 83; John Goscha, 59; Harry Yonker, 66 and Mrs. Blanche (Bartlett) Leist, 79.

## 25 YEARS AGO - March 1986

Marilyn Horn, who has shared the deputy clerk's title with Marjorie Olson the past two years, has been appointed by Gov. John Carlin to succeed Charlotte Meints as Deputy County Clerk. Marilyn and her husband, Steve, moved to Decatur County five years ago as houseparents for Cookson Hills.

The USD board of education Supt. Adams and voted to delete the CCVEP course at the high school and offer a general business class for the coming school year.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cederberg, Herndon and Ms. Barbara Szweistis, Birmingham, Ala., announce the engagement of their daughter. Jan Cederberg, to Ward Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Olson, Oberlin. Both are graduates of Fort Hays State University. A May 25 wedding is planned at Faith Lutheran Church, Oberlin, Mr. and Mrs. W. Robert Rice,

Winfield, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristy, to Lt. Rohn Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Hamilton, Oberlin. The bride-elect is a graduate of Winfield High School and is a senior at Kansas State University. Her fiance is a 1980 graduate of DCHS and a 1984 graduate of KSU with a degree in civil engineering. He is a pilot in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Little Rock, Ark. The wedding is planned for May 31 at the First Baptist Church in Winfield.

Diane Messenger and Jim Barrett exchanged wedding vows Jan.

Lutheran Church, Oberlin, with the Rev. Jon Mapa officiating. Parents of the couple are Keith and Virginia Messenger, Dighton; Jack Barrett, Oberlin, and the late Jessie

By Jody Betts

Sixth grader Bryan Minnick at Oberlin Elementary School was the winner in the county spelling bee contest. Other contestants were Melissa Hunt, sixth grade, OES. Scott O'Hare, seventh grade and Rachelle Unger at DCJHS and Bobbi Brooks and Neal Cozier, Jennings USD 295.

New Arrivals: Linda and Gorman Glaze, Oberlin, son, Logan Layne, 3-6-86; Jeff and Lizann Fortin, daughter, Rebecca Nolene, Feb. 26, 1986 at McCook Community

Mr. and Mrs. Kary Anderson, Oberlin, announce the adoption of their son, Dane William, who was born Dec. 9, 1985,

The basketball season ended for the Oberlin boys with a 75-65 loss to Hoxie who went on to win the sub-state title by downing Norton 52-51. The DCHS girls team also lost to Hoxie in sub-state action by a 45-35 score to end their season

the worship service on Sunday

Ron Temple and his group pro-

vided an hour of musical entertain-

ment before supper on Sunday

afternoon. They sang a number of

old gospel tunes to an appreciative

Recent visitors: Sue Miller, Mc-

Donald; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden;

Ron and Jerry Temple, Norcatur;

Suzanne Cahoj, Atwood; Glen and

Lois Lamb, Audra Duncan, Carol

Kompus, Julie Schiessler, Max and

Veanna Carman, Connie Miller,

Mary McEvoy, Robert Fringer, Ivis

Phyllis Screen, Nadean Stoney,

Carolyn Strevey, Norcatur.

# **Cedar Living News**

observe their special day.

Pruitt, and Mary Votapka.

The Royal Neighbors met on the Cedar Living Center patio Monday The snow was the big topic of

conversation all day on Tuesday. sky won the blackout game.

The Cedar Living Center dining Johnny Carson.

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

munion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Several residents met for a social hour and trivia games on Thursday

# By Teresa Shaughnessy

Marian Miller and Doris Gilbert ooth celebrated birthdays during the past week. Each received calls, cards, and visitors to help them

afternoon for a game of penny cards. Γhose joining in on the fun included Dale Butler, Irene Fringer, Doris Gilbert, Elsie Goodnight, Ira Kolsky, Bob Keller, Joan Noble, Agnes

Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday afternoon.

Our activities went on as planned, but our bingo volunteers were unable to be with us and they were greatly missed. Mary Votapka won the first game of bingo and Ira Kol-

Wednesday afternoon with two loaves of bread baking in our bread machines. The bread was served warm with lots of butter while residents enjoyed an afternoon of old episodes of the Tonight Show with

Fr. Mark Berland brought Com-

The trivia was mostly on St. Patrick's Day and spring. A small group of residents gathered to play

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to make vanilla chip

cookies. The cookies did not stay around long. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church led

Several residents met on Monday

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann

room smelled really wonderful on

games on Thursday evening.

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Alicia Rippe, 29, who died Saturday. Survivors include her husband, Tim, and son Wyatt. She was a daughter-in-law of Richard and Theresa Rippe of this com-

Dick and Donna Kelley spent the weekend visiting Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica in Fredrick Colo. On Friday, they attended a talent show at the school, in which Jessica sang a solo.

Weekend guests of Steve and Arian Arnold were Carol and Pat Craig and friend, Monica, Keenesurday morning caller at the Arnold

**Midway News** 

Gwen Jones spent a few days in Denver with her daughter and Kan., 67730. husband, Mariah and Ben Grafel, and their infant son, Jasper Kendall, who is in the neo-natal unit at of their grandparents, Frank and Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital. Margaret McEvoy.

Mail will reach the couple at 1719 E. 19th Ave., Denver, Colo., 80218.

Congratulations to Everett and burg, Colo., and Judy Scott, Erie, Dee Holthus of Atwood, who cel-Colo. Mary Lou Olson was a Sat- ebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 11. They are former residents of this community and now live at 621 S. St, Atwood,

Spencer and Griffin Beckman of Grinnell were weekend guests

## Lyle News

on Sunday. It was Jane Engelhardt's

By Veda Wood

What a difference a day makes! Sunday was so warm we didn't need a coat, and today we feel the need to really bundle up. We keep reminding ourselves "It's still March." There have been several people

who have died and will be missed very much. We heard of Aurelia Jackson's father, Phillis Leichliter, Bob Shick, and "Butch" Stanley. We wish all the families concerned our

a big scrumptious cake. Added to the other goodies, I'm sure I ate too to bring me back from Norton this much. Then, we had to cut the after lunch chatting short in order to make it to the pancake supper at Norcatur. It was yummy, too.

June Jolly brought Toots Magers to the pancake supper, then they anyway. Sorry, Wava, we will try for went on to Norton for cards. June breakfast another time. said that this week she went to the We had a very good meal at Lyle doctor, called for bingo, played didn't want to try to explain.

cards, finished her quilt, and (you're birthday, and her mother had made right, June), I did forget the rest.

Wava Reames graciously agreed morning as I took my car to have work done. Then the snow was flying and I decided we could possibly have trouble so called off the trip. Later, it looked better so I went

Yes, I admit, I had a dent. I just

**Good Samaritan Center** 

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with

Come into His presence with singing! Psalm 100:1-2.

When you come to the Good Sam you are sure to hear joyful noises! Isn't it wonderful how God created us to love music?

We are so blessed to have Anita Hirsch, Tina Perrin and Janice Shobe on staff, Marilyn Horn, Cheryl Miller and Myrna Jones as volunteers and residents Loren Schrock, Lois Carlson, Barb Beisner, Lucy Schissler and Edla Olson to share their love of music and talent with us!

On Tuesday, everyone gathered in Town Square as Anita led an Irish Sing-a-Long. Not only could beautiful singing be heard, but the wonderful, joyful noise of feet dancing the Irish Jig! Lucy Schissler donated original

sheet music from the 1930's and 40's that has been framed and hung in the porch area to accentuate our phonograph and old records. Music is a key that can often unlock a part of the brain that has

been damaged by dementia. Even

people who are virtually speechless

and confused begin to hum, sing

and even dance when stimulated by the music. People with Alzheimer's often can sing songs they heard during their teen years, even when they can no longer remember the names

Music lifts depressed moods, calms agitation and lasts long after the music has stopped. So if you need a "Pick-me-up" just come sit on the porch awhile!

of their children.

Art class was busy again this week. Evelyn Olson, Amy Rehm, Alice Bobbitt, Betty May and Myrtle Ross studied the technique of artist Paul Klee and made oil pastel

Mary Lemman's family came Betty May.

on Friday to celebrate her 88th Birthday. On Sunday, Christine, Sarah and Alicia, all CNAs, took Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Doris Marintzer, Leone Porsch, Elden Long and Evelyn Olson out to the courtyard for some sunshine and a game of horseshoes. Opal won.

By LisaPualson

It'HO-DOWN time again! It was so much fun last year; we thought we'd do it again on Saturday, March 26 at the American Legion!

You won't want to miss it. Tickets

for the Dinner/Dance and Auction are on sale at Good Sam or at the Northwest Insurance Agency for Answer to last week's Life Story

Question: Which resident was married to the same spouse for 78 years? Loren Schrock married Marian Bishop in 1933. Recent visitors were: Cheryl

Miller for Loren Schrock. Jerry and Joye Hill for **Don and Cheryl Hill**. Reva Marshall and Ron and Dixie Snyder for **Dorothy Hunt**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek, Arden Cappel, Betty Butler, Janet Knipp, Marcia Lemman, Kollyn Schippers, Kristi Geschwentner for Mary Lemman. Frank and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler and Earl Brown. Connie and Jerry Olson for Evelyn Olson. Edie Tate and Gladys Geis for Lois Carlson. Eunice Martin. Serena Stacy and Megan Wentz for Glenn Martin. Steve and Arian Arnold and Galen Olson for Edla Olson. Elsie Wolters for **Dorothy Pryor**. Max and Veanna Carman for Myrtle Waldo. Betty Heisel, Shelby Hackney, Helen Brooks and Sharon Black for **Ethel Nemeth**. Connie and Johnnie Simonsson and Luanne Laird for **Amy Rehm**. Linda Wade and Marilou Long for Elden Long. Marilyn and Steve Horn for Myrtle **Ross**. Chris and Julie Gardiner for Leona Helmkamp. Sue, Roger and Erin May, Rhonda May and Dan and Hunter Nedland for Walt and

### **Mount Pleasant News** By Dianne Bremer

For tickets to the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center's 2nd annual Hoedown fundraiser on Saturday, March 26, please contact Dianne Bremer at 475-3400 (work), 475-2973 (evenings), or Montine at

dinner, auction, and a dance; funds raised go towards residents' needs not covered by the Good Samaritan operating budget. Ticket sales end Monday, March 21; tickets can only be picked up in Oberlin at Great Northwest Insurance, 122 S. Penn, The Hoedown will include a or The Good Samaritan Center.

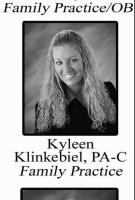


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