

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 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 part of town.

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

A brick 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. Stewart.

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, Neb.

J.A. Quinn shipped in a carload of Studebaker autos last week, Dr. I.E. Larrick and H.O. Douglas each taking one.

Myron Raymond is back from the Salina Commercial College and has again taken up his work as deputy county clerk.

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 treasurer.

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

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 grade.

## 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 of Music.

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.

Norcatour is again a busy town, school in session and things moving along as usual. Those who are out of quarantine for scarlet fever are 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 Reznor of East Liberty School and nine students: Harley Kathka, Lyman Kathka, Merlin Armstrong, Elmer and Elner Kathka, Francis Kathka, 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 burglarized 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. LaVerne 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.

He is currently a city employee and they reside in Cedar Bluffs.

The USD board of education approved the recommendation of 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 Szwesitis, 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 fiancé 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.

4, 1986, at 2 p.m. at St. John's 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 Barrett.

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 Rachele 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 Hospital.

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.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Marian Miller and Doris Gilbert both celebrated birthdays during the past week. Each received calls, cards, and visitors to help them observe their special day.

Several residents met on Monday afternoon for a game of penny cards. Those joining in on the fun included Dale Butler, Irene Fringer, Doris Gilbert, Elsie Goodnight, Ira Kolsky, Bob Keller, Joan Noble, Agnes Pruitt, and Mary Votapka.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday afternoon.

The Royal Neighbors met on the Cedar Living Center patio Monday afternoon.

The snow was the big topic of conversation all day on Tuesday. 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 Kolsky won the blackout game.

The Cedar Living Center dining room smelled really wonderful on 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 Johnny Carson.

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 social hour and trivia games on Thursday afternoon.

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

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 the worship service on Sunday afternoon.

Ron Temple and his group provided an hour of musical entertainment before supper on Sunday afternoon. They sang a number of old gospel tunes to an appreciative audience.

Recent visitors: Sue Miller, McDonald; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Ron and Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Suzanne Cahoj, Atwood; Glen and Carolyn Strevey, Norcatour.

Phyllis Screen, Nadean Stoney, Lois Lamb, Audra Duncan, Carol Kompus, Julie Schiessler, Max and Veanna Carman, Connie Miller, Mary McEvoy, Robert Fringer, Ivis Hanson.



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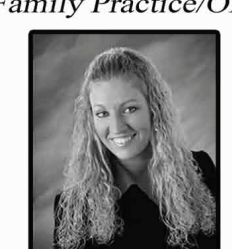
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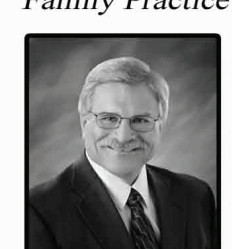
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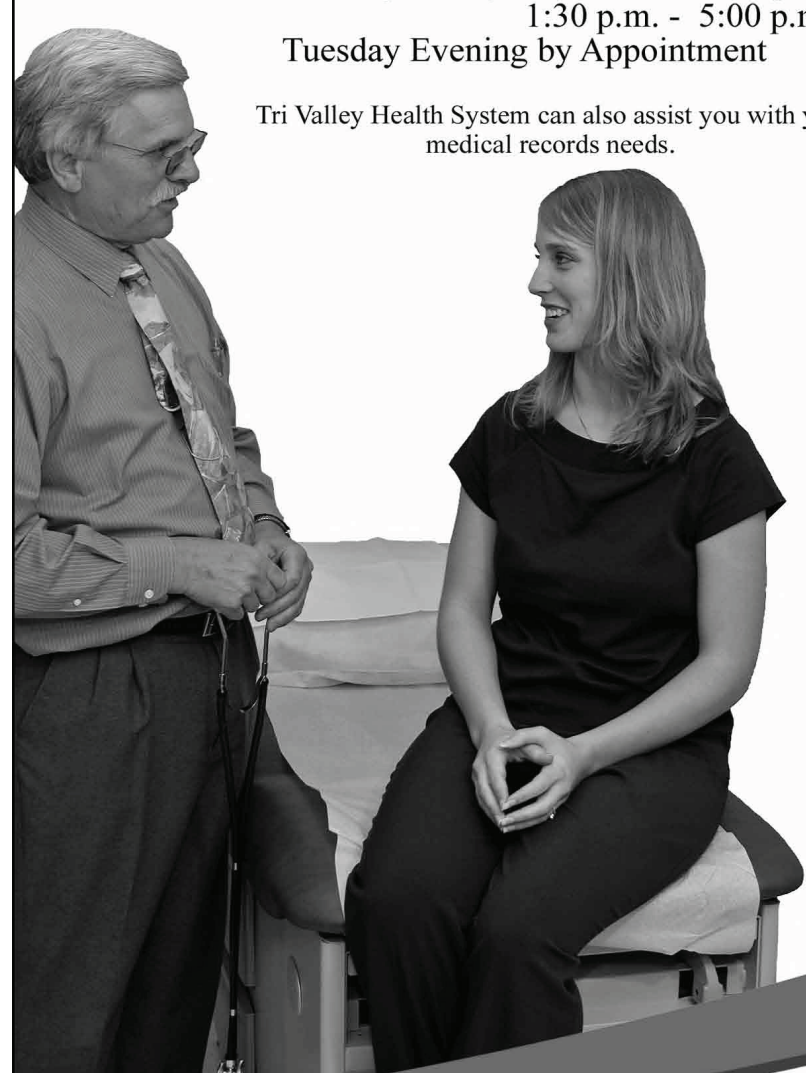
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## Midway News

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 community.

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, Keenesburg, Colo., and Judy Scott, Erie, Colo. Mary Lou Olson was a Saturday morning caller at the Arnold home.

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

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

Congratulations to Everett and Dee Holthus of Atwood, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 11. They are former residents of this community and now live at 621 S. St, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Spencer and Griffin Beckman of Grinnell were weekend guests of their grandparents, Frank and Margaret McEvoy.

## Lyle News

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 Leichter, Bob Shick, and "Butch" Stanley. We wish all the families concerned our sympathies.

We had a very good meal at Lyle

on Sunday. It was Jane Engelhardt's birthday, and her mother had made a big scrumptious cake. Added to the other goodies, I'm sure I ate too much. Then, we had to cut the after lunch chatting short in order to make it to the pancake supper at Norcatour. It was yummy, too.

June Jolly brought Toots Magers to the pancake supper, then they went on to Norton for cards. June said that this week she went to the doctor, called for bingo, played

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

Wava Reames graciously agreed to bring me back from Norton this 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 anyway. Sorry, Wava, we will try for breakfast another time.

Yes, I admit, I had a dent. I just didn't want to try to explain.