

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1886
School opened Monday.
Business is brisk at the U.S. Land Office.
A young son of Albert Janousek of Big Timber, while building a sod house, had an arm put out of joint by a ridge pole falling and striking it.
The old, familiar firm of Bertram & Doom is no more. First, Mr. Bertram disposed of his interest to his partner, Mr. Doom, who in turn sold the business to A. J. King and others of this city. Mr. Doom will now devote his time to furthering the interests of the Oberlin Loan and Trust Company.
One of the most enjoyable occasions of the season was the birthday party of Mrs. William Love, held at her residence southwest of the city on Monday. Sixty people sat down to one of the best dinners we have encountered for many years.

100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1911
H.L. Murphy, who has been J.A. Quinn's right hand man for a number of years, left Saturday evening for Chicago where he will join several others on a trip to South America where they will put up harvesters and other machinery for a couple of months.
Will Curry had a bad spell of stomach trouble Monday which kept him away from his office.
George Bechtoldt left for Norton Wednesday evening where he has a position in a cream station.
Fred Bremer tells us that he sold \$16,000 worth of hogs that past 13 months and has paid out over \$8,000 for corn. At the present time he has about 600 head of hogs, big and little.

75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1936
The first big political rally of the fall campaign will be held next Tuesday at the County Lake near Jennings when Omar Ketchum of Topeka, candidate for senator, and Walter Huxman of Hutchinson, candidate for governor, will address the crowd.
The speaking program will begin shortly after the picnic dinner and bands from Oberlin, Jennings and Norcatgur will be present.
Congressman Frank Carlson will be in Oberlin Friday in company with Will West of McPherson, Republican candidate for governor.
Sunday afternoon the public will be admitted to the newly redecorated opera house with the showing of Dick Powell and Joan Blondell in "Stage Struck."
Miss Freda Leitner, who comes here from Atwood, is the new beauty operator in Mrs. Lena Olson's beauty shop. Miss Leitner is staying

with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Leitner.
Courthouse News: Marriage licenses were issued Sept. 4 to Kenneth G. Ward and Jaquetta Railsback and to Paul Temple and Ethel Clark, all of Norcatgur.
Drought and grasshoppers have not diminished the fine crop of students attending college this year and many of them are working their way through. Those enrolled at KU include Lorraine Love, Doreen Nitsch, Junior Gierhart, Rex Sage and Don and Harold Dyer. Attending Kansas State are Pauline Eiler, Dorothy Olson, Alice Coldren, Lucille Carper, Jack Dryden, Kenneth Norton, Irwin Miller, Bert Wickham and Orville Harold. At Fort Hays State are Naomi Griffith, Bernard Schreiber, John Wilcoxson, Shelbourne Hendricks, Lorraine Carper and Edward Purdy.
Robert Redman and Ray Votapka left Sunday evening on the Zepher from McCook to attend Northwestern and Richard Bowles and Vorris Reist are returning to the University of Indiana. Roy Cody and Leonard Wegener will enroll at Phillips University in Enid, Okla., and Art Dowling left Tuesday for Topeka to attend Strickler's Business College.
Leoville: School began Sept. 7 with the following teachers: Sister Mary Depazzi, principal and high school instructor assisted by Sister Mary Laurentia; Sister Rose Gertrude, 7th and 8th grades; Sister Agnes Loretta, grades 4, 5 and 6; Sister Genevieve Marie, primary department.

50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1961
The Centennial Bowl, Oberlin's newest recreational center, will stage its grand opening Saturday afternoon, Sept. 16 according to A.J. Dowling, owner, and Joe Corcoran, manager.
The building was constructed by Dale Young Construction for Tri-State Investment Co., Oberlin. The attractive snack bar will operate under the management of Mrs. Kenneth Martin.
A one-car accident Sunday afternoon claimed the lives of two girls, seriously injured one and three more girls received lesser injuries. According to the Highway Patrol, accident victims were Jeanie Long, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Long of New Almelo, and Marilyn Reichert, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Reichert of Selden. Seriously injured were Donna Dwyer of New Almelo while less seriously injured were Carol Fortin 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fortin, Leoville, Roseanna Schief-

erecke, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schieferecke, Leoville, and Delphia Dwyer, 15, sister of Donna Dwyer. All were students at Leoville High School.
The 1961 convertible belonged to James Dwyer, brother of the Dwyer girls, and was being driven by Miss Fortin who is said to have lost control when her scarf blew in her face. Patrolman Forrest Taylor said the convertible was being driven at a high rate of speed as evidenced by what happened after it went out of control.
Virgil Alfrey, assistant editor of The Oberlin Herald, has accepted a position with the Ellis County Farmer and will report for work Monday at Hays. Virgil and his wife Norma and their four children, Steve, Tommy, Barbara and Marc, moved here from Hardtner last January.
New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chambers, Oberlin, son, Jerry Joe, 9-8-61; Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Spresser, Dresden, daughter, Jeanette Marie, 8-27-61; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kirkpatrick, Oberlin, daughter, Ebany Ann, 9-6-61.

25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1986
Members of the Decatur County Amusement Authority breathed a sigh of relief at the evaluation session when they learned that the carnival brought in \$29,000, within a \$100 of the take for 1985 but with higher liability insurance and maintenance costs they would be lucky to break even when all expenses are

accounted for. Attendance was off on nights when it rained or threatened to rain.
At the recent city council meeting property owners living outside the city limits asked council members to reconsider their present policy of doubling the water rates for persons living outside the city limits. During the discussion city council members commented that those property owners do not pay the city's mill levy which supports city services such as a library, airport, swimming pool and others and that \$8 for 7,500 gallons of water is a pretty good deal.
Hospital News: Tom and Tracey Vacura, Jennings, daughter, Adrienne Nicole, 8-29-86; Joan and Thomas Pratt, Oberlin, son, Johnathan Ashford, 8-31-86; Charlene Shields, daughter, Tina Maie, 9-3-86.
Leigh Ann Cannata and Tracy Marshall were united in marriage July 19, 1986, in Waco, Texas. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Don Cannata, Waco, and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Marshall, Oberlin. They will make their home in Waco.
Dresden: An open house honoring Guy and Penola Sawyer will be held Sept. 14 at the rural home of Helen and Don Derby. The Sawyers were married June 2, 1936, at Leakey, Texas, where they are making their home. Also attending will be the Sawyers' son and wife, Dr. and Mrs. Jim Sawyer, Pendleton, Ore.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

It is always fun to have a house full of company. Residents and staff enjoyed having guests in for our first ever Frankfurter Friday. The guests included family members of current and past residents, families of staff, as well as friends from around town. Everyone enjoyed a free hot dog, chips, cookies, and a glass of tea or lemonade. We had so much fun that we hope to do it again soon.
It is always a delight to reconnect with old friends who have not been in for a visit recently. Richard Samson of Ludell stopped in this last week. Richard was a regular visitor during the years that his mother lived at Cedar Living Center. He brought us a big box of Colorado peaches and caught us up on the news in his family.
What would we do without friends? I managed to break not one, but two punch bowls, at the same time last week. Several co-workers came to help me pick up the pieces. Our friends Tom Votapka and Terri Henke came through the dining room during the clean up. Terri was kind enough to bring us her punch bowl as a replacement.
Marian Dempewolf assisted Tara Votapka with the Tuesday bingo game. Residents enjoyed the afternoon and everyone went home with candy.
Several residents met on Wednesday afternoon for a game of penny cards. Those trying their luck included Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Donna Kent, Ira Kolsky, Joan Noble, and Mary Votapka. Snacks were served following the game.
Father Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning. Several

church members led the saying of the Rosary on Wednesday. Milk shakes were on the agenda for social hour on Thursday afternoon. Residents had a choice of strawberry or chocolate shakes. They were thick, cold, and delicious.
Friday afternoon, following along with the hot dog lunch theme, was all about wieners, or I should say wiener dogs. Marsha Morford and Teresa Shaughnessy gave a program on dachshunds. They displayed knick knacks, toys, greeting cards, book marks, candy dishes, and pictures of the dogs. Also visiting were Lilly, of the Morford family, and Dolly, of the Shaughnessy household. These clever dachshunds both live charmed lives with doting masters.
Wilma LaSalle celebrated her birthday on Saturday. She received cards, calls, and flowers as well as several visitors.
Residents and staff observed a minute of silence and listened to Taps and the National Anthem before dinner on Sunday as part of the national 9/11 observance.
Residents were treated to an ice cream sundae party at supper on Sunday in honor of Grandparents Day. The dietary and activity departments teamed up to make the sundaes. Each sundae was made to order in front of the residents, according to their specifications.
Recent visitors: Linda Bosler, Herndon; Tom Votapka, Terri Henke, Jennings; Norma Ward, Clayton; Judy Jackson, Charlotte Plotts, Norcatgur.
Carol Kompus, Gerry Neff, Juanita Williby, Marilyn Farr, Robert Fringer, Lyle Gamblin, Oberlin.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Congratulations to Casey and Jennifer Harshman of Emporia on the birth of their first child, Isaac Franklin, who was born Friday, Sept. 9. He weighed 8 pounds and was 21 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents and great-grandparents are Richard and Anna Shaw and Ralph and Violet Shaw.
Elizabeth Nedland entered three 4-H geology projects in the State Fair in Hutchinson and received purple ribbons on all three exhibits.
Ed Waterman, Sedgwick; Karen (Waterman) Eskew, Melvin Waterman, Corbin Wessel, and Kaden Waterman, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Clara (Siske) Waterman, attended the Siske family reunion Sunday, Sept. 4, in Pawnee City, Neb.
About 60 relatives, descendants of Fred Humes, Elsie (Humes) Wurm, and Esther (Humes) Thomas, attended the Wurm/Humes

reunion held in Kansas City over the Labor Day weekend, hosted by the Lester Wurm family. Among those attending were Elwood and Jeanie May; Ethan Frankforter, Cairo, Neb.; John and Eunice Andrews and Jennifer, Perry Ga.; and Brandon May and Leslie Myers, Kearney, Neb. Elwood and Eunice are children of Wilma (Wurm) May, and the grandchildren of Walter and Elsie (Humes) Wurm. Lester Wurm is a brother of Wilma May.
Evelyn May, Dorothy Moore, and Marvin May returned home Saturday evening after attending funeral services for their brother and uncle, Fred Reith, on Sept. 9, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Chico, Calif.
Dan Nedland helped judge the 4-H lapidary and geology displays at the State Fair in Hutchinson on Friday. Elizabeth Nedland assisted the judges.

Good Samaritan Center News

By Lisa Paulson

We are old with hearts of gold, wanting to do our share, our hearing's weak, our eyes are dim, but we can rock a chair!
If you have been in Oberlin for very long, you probably recognize that little ditty. It was penned seven years ago in Bible Study shortly after Hurricane Katrina hit, the ladies were lamenting the fact that they were helpless now to offer help in any tangible way. Edla Olson said with tears in her eyes, "I wish there was something we could do."
In Bible Study this week we discussed the article I wrote last week that also mentioned Edla Olson. She and I discussed the article before I sent it to the paper and she said almost the exact words, "I just wish there is something we can do, I hope this article will help."
We discussed the upcoming Rock-a-Thon and there was the familiar stir of excitement. We have agreed that this year's money will be sent to the Alzheimer Association. It never ceases to amaze me the willingness and enthusiasm of these "old folks" who society has often forgotten. In fact, they make me tired! Our six-year total of funds raised is \$11,549.50!
This year, we will expand our efforts to include community involvement. So we will have an Alzheimer Walk and Rock-a-Thon on Thursday, Oct. 15. Andrea Burmaster will be heading up our Good Sam Wellness Committee to organize the community walk while the residents and I will be rocking at Good Sam at the same time. We are so excited, we can hardly wait!
On Wednesday, Sept. 21, we are hoping to turn the whole town purple for this is Alzheimer Awareness Day. Will you please initiate a "Wear purple to work day" at your

place of employment? It will help us prepare for big event on Oct. 15.
This week was another good one. Our theme for the month is "All Dressed Up for September." Galen Olson and Arian Arnold gathered some fashion treasures from the Last Indian Raid Museum (thank you Galen, Arian and Sharleen) and artfully made a display on the pond for us to enjoy all month.
On Tuesday, a rack of formals arrived from the Bargain Box (thank you Marilou) for the ladies to shop for a dress to wear at the Golden Oldie Homecoming Dance on Saturday, Sept. 17. The Artsy Craftsy Club then made beaded necklaces to adorn their dress. Amy Rehm, Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson and Betty May all will have one to admire.
On Wednesday, the men's Happy Hobbler's Club invited the ladies to join them in some Hillbilly Horse-shoes. Evelyn Olson, Alice Bobbitt, Leone Porsch, Betty May and Olive Arnold joined the gentlemen, Galen Tacha, Elden Haas and Dennis Brown. Olive was the winner!
Poker Club met on Friday and Alan Addleman took the trophy from Myrtle Waldo who has held it for four times in a row. Elden Haas, Lucy Schissler and Barb Beisner were also trying for the upset.
Wear your dancing shoes and bring your friends as we celebrate some birthdays and crown a Homecoming King and Queen at the Golden Oldies Homecoming dance on Sept. 17. Wear purple on Sept. 21 and family members, don't forget the potluck on Sept. 30. Always something to look forward to!!!
Recent guests: Janice Kruse (Selden) for Leone Porsch. Brecklyn Jensen for Viole Schissler. Edie Tate for Lois Carlson. Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin.

Carolyn Strevey (Norcatgur) and Von Johnson (Norton) for Crystal Moore. Marilyn Horn for Myrtle Ross. Kay Marcuson for Mary Waldo. Connie Simonsson for Amy Rehm and Ollie. Max and Veanna Carman for Myrtle Waldo and Elden Haas. Arian Arnold (Herndon) and Galen Olson for Edla Olson. Pam and Brian Simonsson and Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Frank and Mert McEvoy and Eunice Richards for Lucy Schissler. Reva Marshall and Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for Dorothy Hunt. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman. Stan,

Muriel and Becky Faimon (Stratton, Neb.) for Doris Marintzer. Jerry Hill (Norcatgur) for Cheryl Hill. Gerald and Connie Olson and Kelly Olson (Manhattan) for Evelyn Olson. Sharon Black and Helen Brooks for Ethel Nemeth. Nadine and Allen Tacha (Jennings) for Galen Tacha. Cecil Hess, Eunice Richards, and Elaine Bryan for Laurene VanOtterloo. Mert McEvoy for Edith Persinger. Chris and Julie Gardner and Lori Brewer for Leona Helmkamp. Ralph and Norma Unger for Lucy Schissler, Betty May and Earl Brown. Eunice Richards for Earl Brown.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Emma Grace Jones, daughter of Josiah and Mandi Jones, was dedicated during morning worship services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. Officiating was Pastor Keith Reuther.
Covenant Women will meet at 7 p.m. tonight at the Herndon Covenant Church. Boxes will be packed for 12 college students.
Brenda and Kendra Kelley of Frederick, Colo., were weekend guests of Dick and Donna Kelley.

Kendra performed with the jump rope team from Denver on Sunday afternoon at The Gateway.
Sandy Reuther and Gwen Jones took Becca Reuther to Waverly, W.V., where she will be attending school at Meredith Manor International Equestrian Center.
Scott Olson of Celina, Texas, and Tyler Witt were weekend callers at the home of Keith and Mary Lou Olson.

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