

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1886**

The ballot on the bond proposition stood 114 against and 14 for. Major Peerman took a look over the Nebraska part of his domain Sunday.

W.H. Peck last week bought a flour and feed store at McCook.

The Oberlin Opinion, a weekly newspaper, Republican in politics, edited by the veteran, George H. Hand, will appear this week.

J.B. McKenzie, while running a job press in this office, got his hand caught and badly bruised. He now has the utmost respect for the power of the press.

John Peterson has bought the furniture and fixtures of the Palmer House and will take possession immediately.

Bird City News: Rev. D.O. Banta of Oberlin Sundayed in our town and preached in the evening to a large congregation. Mr. Banta is working for the Baptist Bible Society.

**100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1911**

Renne Barnes ruptured a muscle in his leg in a recent ball game.

A jolly gathering of young people assembled at the R.E. Diehl home south of town Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Counter of Oregon have been visiting in the city and adjoining community.

Henry Heitmann had the misfortune to get his shoulder blade broken while playing football Monday evening.

P.F. Johnson of the Prairie Dog recently made a trip back to the state of Delaware and received an introduction to the Governor and a U.S. Senator. He says these officials are just ordinary folks back there and talk just like ordinary people.

Geo. McMullen recently returned from a visit to his former home at Stella, Nebr.

Center Items: T.M. Anderson will have a public sale soon and then will try city life for a time.

**75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1936**

A familiar figure on Oberlin's Main Street in past years, Upton Fringer, 82, died Monday evening. He will be missed by many.

There was a big crowd out for the opening home football game at Smick Athletic Field with the home team showing across two touchdowns while holding Phillipsburg scoreless. Between halves the crowd was entertained by some nice drill work by the Phillipsburg and DCHS bands.

School News: About 34 high school students are working under the National Youth Administration program in order to obtain financial assistance which will help them to attend high school. Projects include caring for the high school lawn

and athletic field, laundering and repairing athletic equipment, repairing and refinishing high school furniture, mending and repairing books in both the high school and grade school libraries and giving secretarial assistance to faculty members.

Clayton: When wheat drilling time came and Mrs. Melvin Stephens was hospitalized in Kansas City and her husband was there with her, the neighbors helped out by drilling their wheat. The American Legion took charge and those who helped were Al Hickert, Ollie Wahlmeier, Paul Henry, Henry Wahlmeier, J.I. Green, Ora Gillispie, Henry Heilman and Lou Krizek.

Lund: Mr. and Mrs. John Simonson, June Belle and Carl Simonson moved to Marion, Nebraska, about a week ago to spend the winter as the boys have their cattle up there to care for.

Among the 1500 students at Emporia State College this fall from Decatur County are Hubert Rapp, Wm. Jackson Bell and Elva Bell, Norcatour and Carrol Fredrickson Anderson, Dresden.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene O'Grady and two daughters who now live in South America were in Oberlin for a short visit last weekend.

Mrs. Otis L. Benton of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Stevenson were dinner guests Saturday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. L.C. Tilden.

Big Timber: Wheat sowing is on — in dry dirt here.

**50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1961**

On Sunday, Oct. 1, St. John's Lutheran Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary and also observe the annual mission festival. The 10:30 a.m. service will be conducted by Pastor Hubert May of St. Louis as one of the congregation delivering the sermon. In the afternoon Pastor Fred Wegener who served the congregation from 1924 to 1940 will preach. He recently retired and now resides in Jefferson City, Mo. At the close of the afternoon service, current Pastor Stoepelwerth will have charge of a brief confirmation reunion service.

Several of the new 1962 car models will be on display next week in Oberlin. At the open house at Oberlin Motor Company, the new Chevrolet and Cadillac cars will be shown while at Kump Motor Co., the new Ford Galaxie, Ford Falcon, Mercury Monterey and the new Comet will make their appearance. At Brown Motor Co., the new model Dodge Dart will be on display and other new models later.

Invitations have been mailed to the survivors of the last Indian

raid in Kansas and their wives to a dinner given in their honor at noon on Saturday, Sept. 30 in the kitchen of the sod house on the grounds of the Last Indian Raid Museum in Oberlin, courtesy of the Temple Cafe. Those invited are Wise Wiggins, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steffen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rohan, Dott Adleman, all of Oberlin, and Mrs. Henry Law, Dresden.

Jennings: Funeral services were held in Kansas City for Dr. J.F. McNaughton, an early-day doctor in Decatur County who located in Jennings about 62 years ago. Survivors include a sister-in-law, Mrs. Clarence Feely.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lemman announce the engagement of their daughter, Audrey, to Murry Pavlicek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pavlicek, Oberlin. An Oct. 26 wedding is planned.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dempewolf, Oberlin, son, Douglas Ray, 9-20-61; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wurm, Herndon, daughter, Shanna Marie, 9-22-61; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schuetz, Oberlin, daughter, Iva Marie, 9-22-61; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Calhoun, Oberlin, daughter, Jane Marie, 9-22-61; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schweitzer, Oberlin, are the parents of an adopted son, Ray Neal, who was born Sept. 17.

The DCHS grid team invaded Hoxie Friday night and captured their opening league contest 19-0.

**25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1886**

Decatur County commissioners appointed Bill Cathcart to fill the post of rural fire chief, a position he has held on a temporary basis since Jerry Cathcart resigned the chief's job in June.

In keeping with the theme for this year's observance of Mini-Sapa Days, store owners and employees are being urged to dress in a West-

ern theme. Events offered include a Lions Club-sponsored pancake feed on Saturday morning at the American Legion; a two-mile Fun Run sponsored by Oberlin Rotary beginning at the City park at 8 a.m.; a Punt, Pass and Kick contest at Smick Field at 9:30 a.m.; a Farmers Market on Penn Avenue and ethnic food booths at noon at the Legion.

At the Museum there will be Traveling Trunk displays from the State Historical Society and surrey rides by Kenneth Price of Clayton and covered wagon rides by Marion Mockry will be offered. During the afternoon there will be games for children and in the evening one-act melodramas will be performed by the D.A.T.A. community theatre.

Donna Lou Leitner and Steven Kent Wilson were united in marriage July 26, 1986, at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Wichita. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Leitner, Herndon, and Robert Wilson, Wichita, and Mary Sweetland, Manhattan Beach, Calif. The bride is a nurse at Wesley Medical Center and her husband is employed by the Union Pacific Railroad as an engineer.

New Arrivals: Gina and Charles Votapka, Oberlin, daughter, Dorina Marie, 9-19-86; Terese Bishop, Oberlin, son, Canaan Grant, 9-12-86.

After early season losses to Tribune and St. Francis, the Oberlin Red Devils football team downed the Colby Eagles 18-10 in the DCHS Homecoming game. Homecoming queen was Laurie O'Toole, daughter of Jack and Sybil O'Toole, and Mitch Bartels, son of Gary and Leslie Bartels, was chosen king.

Medalists in the two-mile Fun Run on Saturday were David Bainter, Selden, in an 11:06 time and Sherri Elwood, Oberlin, who took first for women in a time of 13:49.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Elmer Solko, 79, a native of this community, who died Sept. 13, 2011 at Westwood Health and Rehabilitation Center in Springdale, Ark. Funeral services were held Friday at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Springdale. He was an uncle of Tom J. Solko. Memorial services were held Monday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; three children, Elmer Solko, Fayetteville, Ark.; Alicia and Kelly Russell, Lowell, Ark.; and Barry and Dawn Solko, Springfield, Mo.; a brother, Melvin and Sheryl Solko, Davenport, Fla., and three grand-

children. Melvin and Sheryl Solko of Davenport, Fla., and their daughter, Toni and John Jenia, of Overland Park, were among those who attended the funeral services in Springdale.

Congratulations to Samantha Anderson, daughter of Richard and Maureen Anderson, who was crowned football queen on Friday at the homecoming assembly in Oberlin. She is a senior at Decatur Community High School.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson attended a dinner and party on Saturday, which honored their great-grandson, Noah Wilson, on his first birthday at the home of his parents, Chris and Keely Wilson, Julie, Harmony and Derek in Minden, Neb.

Dolores Benda has moved to an assistant living center in Texas to be near her son and family, Dave and Marsha Benda. Mail will reach her at 5314 Bransford Ct., Colleyville, Texas 76034.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Our summer days are almost over and the furnace has been turned on. We are gearing up for a great autumn at Cedar Living Center. In fact, we are starting to look ahead to dates for some of our holiday events.

Several residents tried their luck at the dice game on Monday afternoon. Most everyone ended up with at least one win. Refreshments were served following the game.

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

Wilma LaSalle won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Wilma May won the blackout game. The bingo players were treated to a piece of birthday cake in honor of Tara Votapka's birthday, which was Sept. 10.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service before supper on Tuesday afternoon.

Residents Violet Brown, Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Wilma May, Joan Noble, and Mary Votapka met for social hour on Wednesday afternoon. Several trivia games were

played and we all worked our brains trying to finish nursery rhymes. Several residents also attended the Bible study group on Wednesday afternoon.

Fr. Mark Berland had Mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Clarence Hoppas had two strikes during the bowling hour on Thursday afternoon. Several residents participated in the game and everyone did a good job of cheering their friends and neighbors on.

The baking group made chocolate mint cookies on Friday afternoon. The cookies were a big hit with residents, staff, and guests.

Several residents met on Saturday for an afternoon of games.

Recent visitors: Susie Youngblood, Atwood; Linda Bosler, Doug Bobinmyer, Jr., Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Carol and Duane Witt, Great Bend; Deborah Shuler and Thatcher Jones, Selden; Rick and Jill Peters Belle Fouché, S.D.; Laurie Fox, Valley Center.

Carol Kompus, Lyle Gambelin, Marian Dempewolf, Oberlin.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Toots Magers' nephew, Don Nitzel, husband of Shanna Powell Nitzel, received two heart stents. He is recuperating well and expected to be home by Monday.

On Wednesday, Carolyn Plotts hosted the Liberty Star Club, including acting as chauffeur. Other members present were Toots Magers, Kathy Van Meter, Joyce Price, Babe Hawkins, Carol Moye and Veda Wood. We elected officers and plan a trip to Quinter in October.

Toots Magers attended the funeral of Frank Ward on Saturday. On Sunday she was visited by Judy and Charlie Easton, Jeff Magers,

and Bob Pomeroy.

Joyce Sumner hasn't been driving this week because of eye surgery last Monday.

June and Rhonda Jolly spent last Monday shopping in Kearney, Neb. June went to her KT Club Thursday, and on Sunday went to Trenton, Neb., with Dean and Rhonda Jolly to the home of their daughter, Jennifer and Mike Bakers. Mike's father, Tom, was there also.

Some of us took in the Highway 36 sale. They had a lot of nice things, and I usually take home more than I donate.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Sheri (Mines) Coon and Todd, Georgetown, Texas, and Pat and Lynette (Mines) Salvo, Tucson, Ariz., were Sept. 11 weekend guests of their parents, Don and Ann Mines. They were here to take part in festivities celebrating the 50th anniversary of the merger of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oberlin and Enne/Bethel Lutheran Church in Rawlins County.

Greg and Janice Cundiff returned home last week after enjoying an extended visit with their son and family, Pastor and Mrs. (Lindsay)

Quintin Cundiff and Carter, Reed-sport, Ore.

John and Edith Tate returned home Thursday evening after spending a couple days visiting their son and family, Jaron and Tara Tate and Abigail, at their home in Fort Collins, Colo. Jaron and Tara are franchised with Boot Camp Challenge, where Jaron is a certified personal trainer. Boot Camp Challenge is a group personal training program to help people reach their short-term health and wellness goals.

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## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

The Herndon community extends sympathy to the family of Elmer Lee Solko, who died Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011 in Springdale, Ark. He was born Oct. 19, 1931, in Herndon and graduated from Herndon High School with the class of 1950. Burial was Friday, Sept. 16, in Fayetteville National Cemetery.

A Memorial Mass was held Monday evening at his former parish, Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Jan Alexander, Arvada, Colo., visited her mother, Laverne Niemeth, of Herndon. Jerry and Kim Niemeth from the north suburbs of Herndon hosted a brunch on Sunday after Mass.

Jan brought pickles that they had canned a couple of weeks before. There was no singing and carrying on so the pickles all turned out delicious. It was serious business.

Julie Hafner checked out Highway 36 treasure bargains at the Senior Center in Atwood Saturday afternoon, then stopped over for a short visit with her nephews, Jayme, Jake and Dan Sattler and sister, Janice Sattler. The family is busy as beavers sprucing up Jayme's home.

Help bring forth ideas to save the Herndon Post Office by attending the special meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Herndon Senior Center.

Lauri Fox, Valley Center; Carol Kompus, Oberlin, and Doug Bobinmyer, Herndon, enjoyed Sunday dinner with Wilma Bobinmyer at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

When the Green children said they wanted this year's family get-together to be a camp-out in the east pasture, Joe and Nadine thought they were joking, but they were serious. It turned out to be a great and

fun experience.

Connie and Kylie Reitchek; Dave, Baron and Emma Green; Jeanne, Brittany, Mitchell Tuma and Ashley Standage; Marty Ruda and Jeff; Bob and Patti Chartier; Mike Hraha and Dave and Debbie Unger, along with four dogs and two horses spent from Friday to Monday in the east canyon pasture camping out in tents and pickups with toppers. Breakfast was sausage, bacon, eggs and biscuits while suppers were made up of hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, chips and beans.

Visitors were Beth Chartier and step-daughter, Mary; Stacy Chartier; Cork, Jacque and Jessica Riener; Kayla Hughes and Muriel Faimon; Jim and Amy Riener; Keith and Candi Ketterl; Paula Jacob; John Riener; Damian and John Marintzer; Ron and Peach Beims and Bitsy and Vicky Mumm. The cattle came snooping to check out who took over their domain.

Activities included horseshoes, 4-wheeler riding, horseback riding, dove hunting, target shooting, polish horseshoes and singing by the campfire till the sun was rising. No necessities of life were missed either with a portable shower being

available with warm water, a nicely designed privy and a primitive kitchen with living room quarters for family and visitors.

A great time indeed but do regret those who came to visit and could not find the Joe Green family campers!

**Julie's Memory Joggers**

Dec. 28, 1918

The Citizen Patriot

Everyone was glad to hear that Joe Pummer's death in France was not true and that he is still in good health and expects to be home between now and next spring.

His folks had received the news of his death and last week Anthony Weishapl Jr. received a letter from him.

We had a White Christmas, Victory Christmas, and Peace Christmas, as the end of its burden of cares, epidemics of war since last Yuletide because peace reigns in the world again.

William Wenzel, who is taking special work at Notre Dame, Ind., under direction of Great Lakes Naval Station is home on furlough.

Soldier boys who have returned home are Perry Slocum, Sydney Dull and Max Kaiser.

### Urgent news for DIABETICS with BLADDER CANCER

The diabetes drug, ACTOS, has been linked to an increased risk of bladder cancer. If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with bladder cancer after taking ACTOS, ACTOplus met., ACTOplus MET-XR or duetacts, call us now at 1-800-THE-EAGLE about monetary compensation. No fees or costs until your case settles. We practice law only in Arizona, but associate with lawyers throughout the U.S.

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