

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1886

The Presbytery of Osborne met with the Oberlin Presbyterian Church Saturday night, Sept. 11, and the Rev. Joseph Patterson of Long Island was elected moderator. Sunday morning after a good sermon by Rev. Patterson, the twin infant sons of the Rev. and Mrs. John Wilson were baptized and Rev. Wilson was installed as pastor of the Oberlin church with very solemn ceremonies. The organization of a Presbyterial Church at Hoxie was reported and enrolled.

The Democratic mass meeting and barbecue held at Oberlin Sept. 9 was the grandest political meeting ever held in northwest Kansas.

Postmaster Holmes of Atwood attended the barbecue.

Something over 5000 water-melons were brought to town Saturday.

We have received Vol 1, No. 1 of the Danbury, Nebr., Times edited by A.A. Prehm.

F.A. Wonne has opened a bakery and eating room.

Newt Cole has returned to Oberlin after spending a year in Washington territory.

## 100 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1911

The Beaver Valley Booster of Cedar Bluffs is now under new management and Ed Kennedy will be the editor.

An aviator, Frisbee by name, was killed last week while making an exhibition flight at Norton.

During the rain storm Saturday night lightning struck the Burlington ice house and it burned to the ground before fire fighters could throw a stream of water on it. There was about 10 tons of ice in the building.

Paul Nitsch sold a carload of horses and mules in Illinois last week that he had purchased in Nebraska.

John Battin returned from Ottawa, Kans., last week and will return to his work at Decatur County High School.

## 75 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1936

Pleasant weather last Saturday allowed all who wished to attend the Old Settler's picnic at Brookwood Park northwest of Selden owned by Elmer Shaw. Music was provided by the Selden school band. The feature of the program were talks and music by Harry S. Kennedy of Cedar Bluffs and the presence of Clarence Dimmick, also of Cedar Bluffs who said he came to Decatur County in 1870 and was the first person in the county to apply for a marriage license and had to go to Norton to get it. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Van Wormer who built the first frame store building in Oberlin located at the present site of the Batty Bakery.

Community singing was led by the Rev. J.D. Bowles during which

Mrs. Angie Everist sang "Carry me Back to Old Virginny" as a solo with the audience joining in on the chorus. As the final numerous on the program Mr. Kennedy was recalled to the platform to sing the last two verses of "The Little Old Sod Shanty on the Plains." Officers elected for the coming year are J.B. Sawyer, Dresden, president; Ned Coldren, vice president and L.F. Gillette, secretary.

Dresden: Another pioneer passes. Funeral services were held for Mrs. Mary McIntye of Dresden, 82. She and her husband came to this section of the county many years ago and for some time ran a hotel in Dresden. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church.

Howard "Barney" McClure is said to be improving in the local hospital where he was taken after an accident while returning from Lebanon, Neb., where he had gone on business. He went to the farm home of Mr. Chambers who brought him to the hospital where his condition was critical for a time due to a heavy loss of blood.

School News: Class officers have been elected: Seniors: president, Raymond Lippelmann; vice president, Bernice Larson; secretary, Glada Purdy and treasurer, Loyd Reid; Juniors: Marian Pfrimmer, Fred Helmkamp, Don Jörn and Elma Cramer; Sophomores: Warren Claussen, Sybil Foley, Margie Bogart; Freshmen: Harold VanPelt, Iselle Hunt, Ardeve Relp.

Cedar Bluffs: Our school opened Monday with R. Leigh Bell in the grammar room with an enrollment of 20 and Mrs. Ollie Clark of Dresden in the primary room with 16.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Uehlin, Leona and Alvin have returned after a five-week vacation in Denver, Yellowstone Park and Mountain Home, Idaho. They also visited relatives in Oregon, Washington and California before returning through Salt Lake City.

Other college-bound students omitted from last week's include: Leonard and Bert Huff, Lebanon, Jiggs VanVleet and Harry Brown, Kansas State; Aldaverd Metcalf and Lucille Torluemke, Washburn; Doug Jörn, Hastings College, Hastings, Nebr. to study medicine; Leona Bell Hinzle, Traer, Fort Hays and Vonda Kathka, Kansas Wesleyan, Salina.

## 50 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1961

Oberlin's celebration of the 100th anniversary of Kansas statehood included a parade which featured the queen, Mrs. Zena Gierhart, 74, and the king, John Kump, 91.

Farmers were jubilant on Wednesday morning to receive a half-inch of moisture as wheat fields had been seeded. Monday and Tuesday were the windiest days in a long time and nothing could have been more welcome than rain and a cessation

of the wind.

Construction of the new 17-unit apartment house is expected to start within a week according to Darrell Shields, president of Noble Homes, Inc., Denver.

The Oberlin Red Devils under Coach Gailord Bellamy opened the season with a 13-7 win over Almena. Outstanding features of the game were the fast running of Wesch and the quick kicking of Dwayne Jording.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rhodes, Dresden, daughter, Lori Jean, 9-16-61; Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce Harold, Oberlin, son, Ray C., 9-18-61; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Moore, Oberlin, son, Brendan Scott, 9-15-61; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dixon, Atwood, daughter, Alice Marie, 9-15-61.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Campbell left Sunday for a vacation in the Black Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beardsley returned Tuesday from a vacation in Colorado which included a visit with their son, Hank, in Grand Junction and a fishing trip at Trapper's lake.

Dresden: Members of the bowling team are Helen Muirhead, Dorothy Moore, Bonnie Anderson, Karolyn Muirhead and Estella Harold. Mildred Welter is an alternate.

Liberty Star: A telephone call from Keith Anthony who lives in Houston informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Anthony, that he and his family had been evacuated along with 35,000 people fleeing from Hurricane Carla.

## 25 YEARS AGO — Sept. 1986

This year's Mini-Sapa observance beginning Friday, Sept. 26 will include Homecoming Week-end with the football game against Colby to be played that evening.

The Mini-Sappa Antique Thresher and Engine show will be held the weekend of Oct. 4-5.

## Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm, director

For those who remember the Ed Sullivan Show "We have a REALLY big show." That is what we at the museum have planned for Saturday.

There are flyers all over town and a wonderful story in last week's *Oberlin Herald* about the books that are going to be featured along with the authors' signing event from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. It is not often in Oberlin that four authors are here at the same time and that we are the first for an authors' signing of a new book.

The response for our re-enactment tour of the Indian Raid along the Great Western Cattle Trail has been more than imagined and all 76 seats on the busses are filled, but we

Oberlin City Administrator Bob Finkbinder has received notice that the city has been awarded a \$400,000 Community Development Block grant to fund the development of Kansas Coach Manufacturing Inc. The grant monies are contingent on selling \$500,000 in industrial revenue bonds locally.

R.L. and Kay Gaskill and daughter, Jody, have moved to Oberlin from Winona and are residing in the Jim Stanley home at 207 South East Ave. Jody is a freshman at DCHS.

At an outdoor wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Brown near Jennings on Aug. 2, 1986, vows were solemnized by their daughter, Kara Beth, and Gordon David Kuntz. The Rev. Loren Chapman officiated. After a wedding trip to Colorado, the couple will make their home in Topeka.

John and Nora Bearley returned Sept. 7 from a six-week vacation trip during which they visited their daughter, Sandra, and her husband, Major Jim Allen, and their children, James, Jennifer and Amanda at Harrowgate, England. They also visited France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy and Switzerland and some locations where he had been while serving in World War II.

Kirsten Otto, who made her home with the Roger Wilson family and Idella Frickey while attending DCHS in 1984 as an American Field Service student, visited in Oberlin recently on a tour of the U.S. after finishing high school. She will return to her home in Moers, Germany, and plans to attend college in Munich.

Theme for this year's DCHS Homecoming parade will be "cartoons." Queen candidates are Rachael Morgan, Jennifer Chason, Laurie O'Toole, Heather Anderson and Jody Whitaker. Escorts will be Brent Jennings, Shane Wurm, Dallas Johnson, Mitch Bartels, Andy Matson and Kent Winder.

encourage those of you that didn't get reservations to fill up cars and join us. Every effort will be made to keep you informed of what we will be seeing and there will be maps and handouts. JUST a warning... WATCH out for the Indians!

The day begins at 7:30 a.m. in the Bohemian Hall for breakfast and our other honored guests the DCHS Singers will be performing shortly after 8 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Hall. Both meals are by donation, which will be used for expenses of the day and for maintenance of our 15 buildings.

Put on your western wear and come join us for a fun and exciting day of Cowboys and Indians.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The last week of summer flew by at Cedar Living Center. The week got off to a good start with a game of penny cards on Monday afternoon. Those joining in on the fun included Irene Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Ira Kolsky, Joan Noble, Lee Ploussard, and Mary Votapka.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led a lively sing-along time on Monday afternoon. We may not win any awards for our musical abilities, but we sing with gusto and we share a lot of laughs. We can always make room for a few more voices if anyone wants to join us. We start at 4:00 each Monday.

The men of Cedar Living Center have formed a Monday night football club. They had their first gathering this past Monday. Snacks were served. There was much good natured banter about the teams. The men plan to meet again this coming Monday night. Rumor has it that some of the nurses might bring in a pizza for the group.

Wilma May won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Donna Kent won the blackout game.

Dottie Lotker was the guest of honor at a birthday party attended by family members and friends on Tuesday afternoon. The group met on the Cedar Living Center patio.

Tara Votapka and Teresa Shaughnessy hosted the September birthday party on Wednesday afternoon. They served hot fudge brownie sundaes to the group. Irene Fringer, Wilma LaSalle, and Dottie Lotker

were recognized for having Sept. birthdays.

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

The dietary department hosted the monthly dinner selected by the Resident's Council at noon on Thursday. The group chose Rayes' chicken and a salad bar. Everyone reported eating with enthusiasm.

Several residents met on Thursday afternoon to work on a craft project. The group made pumpkins to start decorating for fall.

The baking group made up an extra large batch of some really delicious chocolate chip peanut butter cookies on Friday afternoon. They had plenty to share with hungry staff members. A few cookies were hidden away to serve at coffee hour next week.

The residents of Cedar Living Center always enjoy keeping up with the news of the community in the *Oberlin Herald*. Wilma May was especially pleased to see a picture of her great grandson, Gage Scott, on the front page last week. Gage is a frequent visitor at CLC.

**Recent visitors:** Susie Youngblood and Linda File, Atwood; Joyce Rich, Asheville, N.C.; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Stean Olson, Hays. **Oberlin visitors:** Robert Fringer Mirium Fisher, Marian Dempewolf, Dolores Depperschmidt, Gerry Neff, Juanita Williby, Lyle Gamblin, Carol Kompus, Dolores Koerperich.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Hasn't the weather been absolutely beautiful? The mornings are cool enough you need a jacket, but afternoons are almost like summer, and the evening sunsets are spectacular. It is all just a wonderful time of year.

The Oberlin Business Alliance had its annual fourth-quarter planning session last Monday at the BEE Building to set dates and times for holiday events. All members were invited to be part of the planning.

Events coming up:  
• The Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce will have a tailgate party behind the football stadium from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. Fri-

day, with burgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks.

• The museum will have its annual Mini-Sapa Day on Saturday, beginning in the morning with a breakfast. That'll be followed by many events throughout the day. See today's paper for a list of events, or call the museum at 475-2712.

A new year is fast approaching for the Chamber. Membership letters will be going out soon, and we will need a few new board members again. If you could donate a bit of your time, it would be greatly appreciated.

Have a great week.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Richard Shaw and Violet Shaw left Sept. 15 for Emporia where they visited Casey and Jennifer Harshman and made the acquaintance of their new grandson and great-grandson, Issac Franklin, returning home Sept. 16.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields returned home Tuesday evening after enjoying a two week trip to British Columbia. Highlights of the trip were touring Vancouver, Victoria, Butchart Gardens, and visiting her cousin Marianne and Ned Faith in Oak Harbor, Wash. The 55-acre Butchart Gardens, a National Historic Site of Canada, are tucked into a 130 acre country estate in Victoria on Vancouver Island. On the way home, they drove through Wyoming and enjoyed seeing Yellowstone National Park.

Ralph and Violet Shaw were Tuesday breakfast guests of Duane

and Marilyn Waldo at the LandMark Inn. Duane and Marilyn, Tucson, Ariz., were also here visiting Loyd and Mary Waldo and Myrtle Waldo and other family and friends.

Elizabeth Nedland, Cassidy and Caitlin Shields, Hannah and Zach May, and Ryan May are among those in the cast of the Decatur Community High School musical, "The Music Man", Nov. 18 and 19.

Caitlin Shields, snare drum player, is one of seven members of the newly established Red Devils Drumline. They attended the first annual Kansas State University Drumline Day on Sept. 3, where they joined other students from across Kansas rehearsing with the K-State Marching Band. They also attended the opening K-State football game and joined the band at halftime on the field to perform.

## Good Samaritan Center News

By Lisa Paulson

Dad Hoeger, founded the Good Samaritan Society in 1922. He was a man of conviction and compassion, totally yielded to God. Although he has long passed away, his memory and enthusiasm still encourages and inspires us who work here.

This Wednesday was Alzheimer's Awareness Day, and everyone was encouraged to wear purple in recognition of this disease and the unwavering devotion to research being done to fight it. It was Buffet Day so everyone ate together, staff and residents were dressed in varying shades of purple making Town Square a lovely sea of purple.

Many of our residents cannot form new or short-term memories.

The disease process has robbed them of that ability. One woman might repeatedly ask, "What time is it?" or "What is your name?" She cannot remember the answer you gave her just minutes before. Yet while sitting at a table filled with hats she may begin to talk about wearing a hat to church every Sunday. Telling detailed stories about a special hat bought for a particular occasion. Her long-term memory is still intact but after leaving she won't remember being there at all.

Other residents with dementia don't recognize their own children; their long-term memory has failed. Yesterday holds no comfort for them because they can't remember, and tomorrow is not promised... for no one knows when the Lord will call us home. The words of Dad Hoeger begin to take on new meaning for us who are caretakers.... we only have today! For loved ones with

advanced dementia we only have moments within the day. What a joy and a privilege then for us who spend every day with them to take advantage of every moment. It has been proven that even if they can't remember who we are, they remember how we make them feel.

"Don't Forget to Remember Me" is the theme for our Seventh Annual Walk & Rock-A-Thon to be held Oct. 15. The Bible Study Group is excited to give back, in a tangible way, to the community. Proceeds this year will go to the Alzheimer's Association.

This week's Club News: Artsy Craftsy Club reviewed past art projects reflecting the beauty of Autumn and then created another. You will be able to see them at the Potluck on Friday night. Betty May, Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson, Amy Rehm, Alice Avery (guest), Dorothy Pryor and Leone Porsch participated.

In House Club baked Muffins for Social Hour. Alice Bobbitt, Edith Persinger, Dorothy Pryor, Evelyn Olson and Leone Porsch helped.

The 180 Boys joined us for games and fellowship. Galen Tacha, Amy Rehm, Mary Waldo, Edla Olson, Olive Arnold and Walt and Betty May played.

Bible Study packed the house. Fourteen residents filled the Quiet Room to hear a study on the Beatitudes... Blessed are the Peacemakers.

Families, we are anticipating a great time of fellowship at our Family Potluck this Friday. See you there!

Guests this week were: Edie Tate

for **Lois Carlson**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Carolyn Strevey (Nortcatur) and Von Johnson (Norton) for **Crystal Moore**. Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Moore**. Duane and Marilyn Waldo (Tucson, Ariz.) for **Mary and Myrtle Waldo**. Connie Simonsson for **Amy Rehm and "Ollie"**.

Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Arian Arnold (Herndon) and Galen Olson for **Edla Olson**. Delta Anderson for **Opal Bryan**. **Mildred Holmdahl, Laurene VanOtterloo, Mary Waldo and Eva Bryan**. Frank and Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler, Edith Persinger**, and

**Mildred Holmdahl**. Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) and Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**.

Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Doris Marintzer**. Jerry Hill (Nortcatur) for **Cheryl Hill**. Gerald and Connie Olson and the Scott Family for **Evelyn Olson**. Nadine Tacha and Lois Heilman (Jennings) for **Galen Tacha**. Pat Abbey and Elaine Bryan for **Laurene VanOtterloo**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Lucy Schissler and Earl Brown**. Donna Kelley for **Eva Bryan**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan and Laurene Van Otterloo**.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Gary and Cathy Anthony celebrated their 11th anniversary with a nice dinner at Selden on Saturday evening.

Terry Rippe brought Earnest and Donna Huff to Toots Magers' for a visit on Saturday. Charlie and Judy Easton called on Toots Sunday afternoon.

Wayne Filley said his sister in Denver is recovering from pneumonia. His good news is that he has a new great-grandson, Wyatt James Sawyer of Kiowa, Colo., and of course Wayne will be seeing him soon.

Teresa Wood took Dwight to the North Platte hospital on Friday as his dialysis "site" wasn't working, and a temporary one was started. He is

to go to Grand Island, Neb. on Tuesday. They celebrated their wedding anniversary on Sunday.

Carol Moye brought my great-granddaughters, Kylie and Skylar, to my place Saturday forenoon for a wonderful visit. Kylie is in kindergarten now, and loves it.

The "Party in the Park" turned out to be a choc-o-holics delight. There were hot-dogs roasted over the home-made fire pit, lots of good food and singing led by Jim and Carolyn Plotts. The weather was beautiful, which made it a very nice evening.

June Jolly attended a card and bingo party on Saturday, and took in the Balloon Fest over the weekend.

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