

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1886**

J.A. Brothers is putting in a hardware stock at Lyle.

A Methodist Sunday school was organized Monday. Prof. C. Borin was elected superintendent.

**Marriages:**

Dec. 16, Mr. Nathan E. Wyatt of Cedar Bluffs, Kans., and Miss Carrie Hardendorf of Rome City, Ind.; Mr. Joseph H. Kider and Miss Anna E. Anthony, all of Decatur County.

Dec. 12 at Norton: Mr. J.M. Butters of Oberlin and Miss Rose Butler of Sheridan County.

Clark & Son are building a larger warehouse for the storage of grain and hay north of the Beanery.

New officers of the G.A.R. Post No. 198: Wm. Jackson, Commander; E.D. Babcock, S.V.C.; J.A. Barnard, J.V.C.; J.A. Hughes, Q.M.; W.C. McGonigal, O.D.; S.H. McClary, O.G.; Rev. John Wilson, Chaplain; A.W. Barteau, Surgeon; G.E. Shaw, Adj.

Pat Welch has opened up a complete new stock of groceries at Crowe's old stand.

Coard & Reynolds have moved their drug store from Oronoque to Norton.

**100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1911**

Did you say snow? Well, I guess, a big 12 inches and it lays level over the ground; not piled up in drifts.

Driskell & Lipskey is the name of the new firm of barbers on the east side.

Mr. J. H. Hoedley gave one of the best papers at the Farmers' Institute on the subject of irrigation; a question that all of the farmers living near the streams in Decatur County should be interested in.

At the meeting of the Decatur County Fair Association held Dec. 18, Mr. F.F. Bliss was elected president to fill out the term of S.A. Fish who resigned, and S.J. O'Toole, D.W. Morton and T.M. Anderson were elected directors for the next two years.

**Jennings Items:**

It is rumored that Jennings will soon have another newspaper.

The sleet Monday did a great deal of damage to the telephone wires.

J.B. Jennings and Theo Tacha are making preparations to put in irrigation plants.

**75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1936**

Clubs and churches are planning

to distribute baskets of food and toys for 40 families in Oberlin on Christmas Eve.

There was no electrically lighted Christmas tree nor did Santa come with a pack of toys 63 years ago, in 1873, but there was a group of happy children who spent the day with their parents at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Love which was located one mile east of what is now the City of Oberlin. The guests of the Loves that day were Mr. and Mrs. Rodehaver and their three children, Carl, Blanche and Bertha and the Love children who were J.E. Love, W. R. Love and Almira and Mattie Love. A beautiful dinner was served at noon which included wild turkey and buffalo meat. Four of the persons who attended are still living: Mrs. Almira Ufford, Mrs. Mattie Andrews, Mrs. Bertha Morgan and J.E. Love.

The high school wrestling team won their match with McCook 31-19. Coach Huey feels that there is room for improvement but that there is some good material.

Jennings: Mr. and Mrs. Theo Tacha and Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Wylie left last week for California to spend a winter vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Tacha are now living on the Theo Tacha farm.

Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Petracek and family near Jennings will be her mother, Mrs. Fred Bremer, her brother, John Bremer, and a sister, Mrs. Christine Lord of Garland, Wyoming.

Dresden: The Girl Reserves held their food sale in the White Kitchen Cafe Saturday afternoon.

The employees of the Duckwall Store in Oberlin were guests at a Christmas party Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Wilson after attending the first show at the Chief Theater. Those present were Mrs. Florence Basesy, Mrs. Georgia Kump, Mrs. Margaret Chapin, Miss Velma Logan, Miss Edith Miller, Mr. Leonard Miller and Miss Inez Motz.

**50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1961**

The new dark green and white Kansas license tags will go on sale Jan. 2 at the county treasurer's office.

Luther Morton is recovering from brain surgery in Denver Presbyterian Hospital. Morton, 28, suffered serious head injuries while working on a combine at his Bassettville Township farm.

Oberlin's Community Fund is close to its \$8,500 goal for 1961 according to Joe Pollara, co-chairman. Ray Lohofener, treasurer, said \$8,300 had been distributed among nine worthy organizations.

Rotary members heard Harold Raburn, DCHS basketball coach at their Tuesday noon meeting. He was introduced by Francis Stanley. Guests included Phil Law, Hoxie; Jack Hague, Great Bend; Darrel Landau, Garden Grove, Calif., and Bob Ward, Greensburg. Howard Kessinger was introduced as a new Rotarian.

Bob Fraker, manager of the local airport, piloted the Nitsch & Nitsch plane to Topeka and Kansas City on Thursday taking John Nitsch to drive back a new Buick.

Dresden: Mike Karls was honored with a covered dish luncheon Dec. 18 at the Legion Hall in honor of his 41 years as mail carrier on Route 2.

**25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1986**

Sen. and Mrs. Dole are treating residents of Northwest Kansas to a free dinner celebration honoring Kansas' new first family, Mike, Patti, Chelsi and Anne Hayden on Sunday, Jan. 4 at Atwood High School.

Wendy Purdon, the Rotary International exchange student from Johannesburg, South Africa, shared with grades seven through 12 some of the exciting aspects of her life in South Africa in a DCHS school assembly.

Andrea Lauber and Amie Plotts were selected to the Kansas Music Educators state choir and Colette Jones was chosen as an alternate. They will participate in the state KMEA vocal concert in Wichita on March 1.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

With all the festivities over on Monday, it seems like a very quiet day. We wish everyone a blessed New Year.

The United Methodist Church Christmas Eve service was well attended. With songs, scripture, communion and the candlelight service, it was very humbling.

Wednesday card players at the Senior Center were: Stan and Ramona Shaw, Eleanor Morel, Diane

The Oberlin matmen downed Goodland 31-24 in dual action.

Both Oberlin teams won championships in the Liberty League basketball tournament which finished Saturday night with the girls downing Brewster in a 40-39 thriller and the boys winning 51-45 over Tribune. In an earlier game the Oberlin boys won over Grinnell 61-57 in double overtime.

Hospital News: Carol and Stanley Miller, Norcat, daughter, Justine Sue, 12/17/86; Rymie and David Zodrow, Leoville, son, Nathan, 12-20-86.

Clarence and Jennie Black, residents of the Good Samaritan Center, observed their 74th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27.

DCHS students and their guests will have an opportunity to enjoy their first dance in the new year on Jan. 2 as the musical group, The Heat, makes its debut in Oberlin. Appearing throughout the area, the popular rock band was the support band for the Miami Sound Machine which provided entertainment at the Colby Fair last summer. It is being sponsored by the Oberlin PRIDE and The Oberlin Herald with proceeds going to the PRIDE Youth Program under the direction of Jackie Frickey.

The figures which were stolen last week from the nativity scene display in front of Enfield Memorial Chapter were found at the county shop and only one needed minor repairs.

A merger between Great Plains Electric Cooperative of Colby and Midwest Energy of Hays and Great Bend has received the preliminary blessing of the board of directors of each utility.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The residents have had a great month of December at Cedar Living Center. We got off to a rough start at the beginning of the month when we were visited by a nasty flu bug, but once that made its way out of the building the fun and games began. We would like to take a moment to thank everyone who came to carol, sent cards or gifts, brought in cookies, or did any other good deed for us. It sure helps to make our holiday merry and bright.

The past week went by with a flurry of festive activities. A group of residents met on Monday afternoon to share a few cookies as well as some Christmas stories. Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led everyone in singing all of the old favorite Christmas songs before supper.

Tuesday morning we enjoyed a visit from our Reading Buddies. Mrs. Tacha's second grade students not only read to us, but they also sang carols and delivered handmade Christmas cards and candy canes.

Irene Fringer won both the first bingo and the blackout game on Tuesday afternoon.

The Bible study group met on Tuesday before supper to read the Christmas story from the gospel of Luke.

Mrs. Nelson brought the choir from Decatur Community High School to sing for the residents at noon on Wednesday. This was a big hit with residents and staff.

A group of residents and guests met for a social hour and holiday treats on Wednesday afternoon. An assortment of crackers, cheese, summer sausage, cookies, and candy was served.

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

morning at Cedar Living Center.

The crafters met on Thursday afternoon to work on snowman decorations for the January bulletin board.

Residents enjoyed a lively piano recital of holiday tunes before supper on Thursday afternoon. The performers were students of Cheryl Metcalf. The children did a great job on their pieces.

Birthday wishes went out to Clarence Hoppas on Friday, Dec. 23.

The baking group made chocolate mint cookies on Friday afternoon. Staff members were very happy to help polish off the extras.

Dianne Bremer performed a medley of holiday classics on the piano before supper on Friday afternoon.

The residents and staff of Cedar Living Center would like to wish all of our friends and family members a very happy and healthy New Year. We know that we will continue to be blessed by a supportive community in 2012.

Recent visitors: Susie Youngblood, Atwood; Stephani and Adrian Hawkins, Euless, Texas; Jan Hawkins, Mesquite, Texas; Greg, Stacie, Emily, Rodney, Kaidyn, and Ryleigh Coyle, Rossville; Lauri Fox, Valley Center; Rick and Sharon Gamblin, Columbus, Neb.; Adrian and Shawn Walker, Lincoln, Neb.; Adam, Angie, Chayden and Kenzie Kleinsorge, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Stean Olson, Hays; Norma Ward, David Ward, Clayton.

Carol Kompus, Evelyn Meitl, Pauletta Bieker, Cynthia Matson, Herb and Carol Shirley, Marilyn Gamblin, Robert and Penny Fringer, Royal Fisher, Jon Fisher, Donovan and Madalynn Baumann, Mirium Fisher, Dolores Depperschmidt, Oberlin.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Christmas has come and gone, and the New Year is just around the corner. It just doesn't seem like another year is already gone. I guess it is time to get myself organized for 2012.

Our Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at the Golden Age Center with dinner and an auction. I sent invitation letters to the present members, but everyone is welcome to come join us for the evening. I hope our auction will be entertaining to all.

The cost is \$15, and reservations need to be in by Friday, Jan. 6, here at the office. Our phone number is (785) 475-3441, and the address is

104 S. Penn Ave.

The Farmer-Rancher Appreciation Banquet is set for 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18., at the Gateway civic center.

The Tripple Creek Riders Horse Club is having a family night with refreshments, games, and music from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Old Bohemian Hall on the ground of the Last Indian Raid Museum. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family.

Door prizes will be given away. Come and enjoy an evening of family fun, with no alcohol or tobacco allowed.

Have a great week and a Happy New Year!

## Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Lynn Jeffries, one of our Cornerstone group, is back in Los Angeles, Calif. She was saying that her translation of Paul Zaloom's puppet show into French was surprisingly successful and they had a great time touring in France and Belgium and even got to shake hands with the French Minister of Culture.

Congratulations to Rodney and Margaret New, formerly of Norcatour, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Dec. 20.

Guests of Wava Reames on Saturday, Dec. 17, included her daughter, Shawna Crum, who brought her grandchildren up for a week's visit, and a relative, Stan Wallace, who came with them. Stan was meeting his former daughter-in-law, Lisa Baines and her children, Megan Wallace, Emily Wallace, and Kevin Baines. Lisa and children drove here from north of Salt Lake City. Emily is going to stay with her grandparents in Dover for a while.

The benefit soup supper for Lore-

ta Lawn Fowler was a huge success! With the donations from the supper and the raffle tickets, we were able to send them home with \$625. They were very appreciative of all this community has done for her.

The collectible dolls were sold by auction at the drawing to Paul and Babe Hawkins for \$40 each.

The library received a \$200 donation from the Senior Citizens. The financial needs are great as the library is being updated. The library also received books from Keith Anthony and an anonymous donor. This really helps expand the literary base of the library.

Happy Birthday to: Carissa Wentz, Jim Bob Beachel, Sandy Gade and Lynn Ward, Dec. 22; Fred Molzahn and Norma Ward, Dec. 26; Mary Irwin, Dec. 30; Beth Sebaugh and Casey Tuttle, Dec. 31; Darrel Barnett and Megan Wentz, Jan. 2; and Chris Dempewolf, Jan. 3.

Happy Anniversary to Galen and Jamie Wentz, Dec. 31; and Jeff and

Lori Roe Jan. 3.

The Bible study will meet Monday evening, Jan. 2 at the Educational Building at 7 p.m.

Senior Citizens met Dec. 16 in the Educational Building with 12 players present. Winners were Jackie Porter, Joyce Sumner and Al Sedlmayer. The next meeting will be at noon on Dec. 30 with cards following at 1 p.m.

Word has been received that Norman Roger Beacher, a 1961 graduate of Norcatour Rural High School, suffered a stroke. Mail will reach him at 2644 Elm Ave., San Diego, Calif., 92154.

Senior Citizens pinochle will start again on Thursday, Jan. 12, and again on Thursday, Jan. 26.

Bee Nelson accompanied Dorothy Ward to Norton after church to eat at the Hidden Dragon and they were joined by Jerry Hill and Ed and Phyllis Yeater.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Barbara Lindell and Brooke of Overland Park, and Roger and Bonnie Leitner, Molly and Megan of St. Augustine, Fla., spent the holidays with Verol and Rosemary Bergling and Mark and Gail Bergling, Jill and Blake. They all helped Verol and Rosemary celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with dinner at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin on Thursday.

Norma Anderson spent Christmas with Robert and Carol Fink and family at Wamego.

Christmas Day dinner guests in the home of John and Ardythe Cederberg included Jim, Renae, Christa and Jamie Wolf of Pierre S.D.; Larry, Denise and Dalton Pettera, Erin Pettera, and Tanner, Jolene, Boston and Presley Pettera, all of North Platte, Neb.; Donny, Diane and Megan Ruppert of McCook; Adam Ruppert of Lincoln, Neb.; Derek Ruppert, and Chase, Dana, Payton and Paycie Juemann, all of Hays; Eric and Jayda Sattler of

Atwood; and Ron and Cindy Sattler of Herndon.

The Jim Wolf family spent the weekend with the Cederbergs and returned to Pierre on Monday afternoon after attending the funeral of their uncle, Leon Wolf, at Grinnell on Monday morning.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky were Brian and Krista Gutchewsky, Gavin, Jena and Jillian, Kearney, Neb.; Joel and Sarah Uerling, Addy and Hayden, McCook, and Kendal and Tammy Neal, Katrina and Jimmy, Oberlin.

Eulaine Benda was a Christmas Day guest of Gerald and Patti Benda.

Mike and Nione Rhodin of Loveland, Colo., spent Christmas week-end with Edla Olson, Steve and Arian Arnold and Galen and Lynn Olson.

Christmas Eve supper guests of Elden and Detta Anderson were Wane and Cheryl Stull of Solomon, Richard and Gary Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, and Gary Anderson. The same group had Christmas Day dinner at the Richard Anderson home.

Guests of Joe and Vicki Schmidt for the holidays were Tanner Schmidt of Denham Springs, La., and Tobina and Chuck Norris, Josey and Trent of Brookville. Additional Christmas Day dinner guests for shrimp and alligator tail, which Tanner brought, were Irene Vap and Daisy Schmidt.

Kirk Kelley of Davenport, Iowa, and Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica of Frederick, Colo., were holiday guests of Dick and Donna Kelley.

## Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

Jessica Townsend, a licensed physical therapy assistant at Decatur Health Systems, recently completed training in a newer form of taping to help prevent injuries and support weak joints, which is used often in the athletic world.

Johnson & Johnson estimated in 2005 that the firm supplies each National Football League club with 80 miles of the tape per season.

But regular sports taping is done tightly, Ms. Townsend says, and is meant to be used during activities only. Kinesio taping was developed in Japan in the 1970s, she said, but didn't really take off in the United States until the 2008 Olympics, when beach volleyball champion Kerri Walsh was photographed with a spiderweb of black elastic tape radiating around her right shoulder.

Walsh has been joined by cyclist Lance Armstrong, soccer player David Beckham and tennis player Serena Williams in popularizing Kinesio tape here.

The interesting thing about the Kinesio tape is that it is not solely for athlete's use. It can help anyone to relax tight muscles, help support weak muscles, reduce swelling and bruising or guide injured joints in the correct motion. The tape is flexible and waterproof - you can wear it for three to five days without change - and it's thin enough that it's unobtrusive under clothing.

Ms. Townsend is enthusiastic about the results she's been seeing and eager to assist those of us with aching joints and muscles. She can train patients in simple taping procedures, so that they do not have to

return all the time. (If the tape would be awkward for someone to apply themselves - such as taping a shoulder, or a back muscle - a household member can also be trained to help.) Give her a call at 475-2208, extension 227, to discuss whether Kinesio taping could help you.

In other news, as of Jan. 1, Decatur Health Systems will no longer accept out-of-state Medicaid for payment at either the hospital or the Family Practice Clinic. This includes, but is not limited to, Nebraska and Colorado Medicaid programs. We will continue accepting all State of Kansas Medicaid. If there are any questions about coverage, please speak with any of the staff in the Business Office at 475-2208.

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