

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1887
Major Pearman runs a well-regulated shooting gallery in the rear of his land office.
Geo. Wilkes has returned from his Iowa visit. While there, he was seriously injured in a runaway accident with a self-binder.
Town 5, range 30, has been cut off from Bassettville township and will hereafter be known as Cook township.
Town 2, range 29, at the last session of the county commissioners was cut off from Oberlin township and formed into a municipal township to be known as Liberty.
Ice a quarter of an inch thick Monday morning.

100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1912
John Forsdick has been appointed collector for the city and will collect the light and water bills.
Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Wear left for Topeka Wednesday evening and will have positions in the J. C. Emahizer furniture store during the winter.
The Junior Editor claims having raised 25 squashes on three vines, but now comes his neighbor, Jim Jones, who reports 87 squashes on four vines and Frank Pachner of Center is said to have had two squash vines that produced 30 squashes, the smallest of which weighed 30 pounds and the largest 90 pounds.
Among the Democrats who drove to Norton to hear Woodrow Wilson were John Forsdick, I.K. Huber, J.C. Lathrop, Elam Huber, and Myron Raymond. Doctor Morrison and George Jackson also went down to get a glimpse of the new president.

75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1937
The Oberlin City School football team defeated Atwood 13-0.
The first and second grade under the direction of Miss Gladys Smith and Miss Dorothy Diehl are planning a Halloween program to be given about Halloween time. Their mothers will be invited to attend.
Leoville: John Meitl was most

unfortunate last week, losing 16 head of cattle he was feeding in the corn stalks.
New subscribers on the Honor Roll for The Oberlin Herald include: Willard Shuler, W.S. Ewer, Joe N. Hickert, John Lundquist, Cleo Corcoran, Mrs. Minnie Roshong, Douglas Jorn, John F. Millen, Robert Redman, Mrs. Jennie Johnston, Doreen Nitsch, Cadet Floyd L. Lotker, Marjorie McGee, Mrs. Nell Baker, E. G. Sandy, Mrs. John Bunney, Esther Stelson and Warren Vernon.
County Superintendent Alice Aronson is continuing her school visits in spite of the mishap of her car skidding in the ditch in the mud Monday, leaving her stranded in a heavy rain.
Miss Naomi Griffith of Oberlin has been elected Homecoming Queen at Fort Hays State College and will be honored at the Homecoming celebration. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Griffith.

50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1962
With the real hunting season still a few weeks away, a report comes that one cow already had been killed by careless hunters. A Jersey cow belonging to Dwight Roberts was shot and killed about three miles northeast of Oberlin last week.
The Rev. and Mrs. Lyal McCormick are the new pastors of the Oberlin Assembly of God Church.
With the harvesting of the fall crops well under way, it is becoming apparent that the people of Decatur County never experienced a better year — crops and weatherwise.
The Evangelical Covenant Church of Oberlin will celebrate its 10th anniversary with special services. Rev. Clarence Swanson, former pastor of the church, will be the guest speaker.
Mrs. Edward Anderson was honored on her birthday Oct. 11 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Raulston following an evening of bowling. Present were Mr. and Mrs.

Edward Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Cornie Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Anderson and the Raulstons.
The Rev. Gordon Christensen, who has spent nearly 12 years in the Congo, was the guest speaker at the Oberlin Rotary Club's Tuesday luncheon at the Green Lantern Cafe dining room.
Big Steve Adams scored three touchdowns two coming on 48 and 53-yard gallops as the Oberlin Consolidated School Bulldogs struck down a tough Norton 19-7, last Friday at Norton.
The 1962 football homecoming ended favorably for the Norcat Cardinal and Coach Ron Temple as the team won its fourth straight game, downing Winona's Black and Gold 41-7.

25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1987
Oberlin PRIDE has been awarded second place in state competition winning a \$400 cash award from the Kansas Department of Economic Development in the 1,500 to 5,000 population category. Jennings PRIDE won \$25 and the Meritorious Achievement Award which recognizes the completion of all their projects during the club year.
The first freeze of the season on Sunday, Oct. 11, was officially recorded as 19 degrees.
Oberlin's community movie theater opened in July 1977 with

a debt of \$46,000. This week the theater committee made the final payment on the note. Lairy Goldt is chairman of the Decatur County Theater Committee.
Dea Macfee was crowned 1987 football queen and Stewart Braden, 1987 king. Crown bearer was Tyler Woolsey, and flower girl was Mindy Rome. Other king and queen candidates were Dale Poe, Tasha Corder, Brett Jennings, Kim Fringer, Greg Unger, Jade Morford, Billy Harmon, Colette Jones and Thaniel Monaco.
The Oberlin Business and Professional Women's Club has selected Diane Barrett as its candidate for Young Career Woman. She will enter district competition at the fall conference of BPW Oct. 25 in Colby.
The Oberlin Cross Country team competed in the 1-4A Division of the Hays Invitational Cross Country meet last Tuesday. Senior Tracie Rome was the top Oberlin contender with a second place of 10:34. Darren Horn finished fourth with a 10:45.
Herndon News: Greg and Rita Marintzer announce the birth of a son, Joseph Pete, who was born at McCook Community Hospital on Sept. 24, 1987. He weighed 6 pounds, 5.8 ounces and has four brothers, Justin, Jacob, Isaac and Abraham.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Family eating lunch with Mary Votapka on Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin were: Elaine and Myron McKinley, Tulsa, Okla.; Ethel Taylor, Hays; Ann Rowh, Cimarron; Jean and Rollie Halligan, a Goodland; and Tom Votapka and Sue Long, Jennings.
Kansas Territorial history, corrupt politicians and pre-civil war conflict were some of the topics of Thomas H. Gladstone's book, "The Englishman in Kansas." The Jennings Book Club met at the United Methodist Church on Thursday, Oct. 4, to discuss the 1856 publication. Each member brought a food item for refreshments. To brighten up the meeting, everyone wore a paper mustache.
Members enjoying the evening were: Mary Arnold, Terri Hanke, Joan McKenna, Shelley McKenna, Lynn Tacha, Joan Metz, Helen Rhodes and Sue Long. "Bless Me, Ultima" by Rudolfo Anaya is the next book to be read by club members. The beautiful fall landscape flashed by as members of the Jennings Tuesday Study Club carpooled to Norton for their first meeting of the 2012-2013 year. Their first stop on Sept. 25 was Attitudes Restaurant where members enjoyed a delicious lunch and held their club meeting. "My first job" was the roll call with response given by Rachel Carter, Ruth Chance, Patty Foster, Paula Krizek, Sue Long, Wilma Mader, Roberta McAllister, Joan McKenna, Shelley

McKenna, Joan Metz, Alice Mizer, Lynn Tacha, Vendla Tacha and guest Doris Mizell.
The club program was held at the home of Casey Meyers. Using her potters wheel, Casey demonstrated how to form clay into decorative and useable items. Members learned that turning a clump of clay into a piece of pottery required many steps, a lot of skill and plenty of patience. Everyone enjoyed the informative program.
Playing cards at the Sunflower Senior Center on Wednesday were: Alice Wagoner, Diane Carter, Eleanor Morel, Scott Taylor, Stan Shaw, Wayne Cressler, Ann Szwesitist, Carla Latimer, Ramona Shaw and Louise Cressler.
On Tuesday evening Oct. 9, the Senior Potluck Supper was held at 6 p.m. at the center. Enjoying the meal were: Stan and Ramona Shaw, Rachel Carter, Eleanor Morel, Ann Szwesitist, John Kettling, Bob and Neoma Tacha, and Wayne and Louise Cressler. A brief business meeting was held.
Water meters will read on Sunday Oct. 21. Please post your reading on front door if your meter is inside.
Reminder: The American Legion will sponsor a ham and beans with corn bread dinner on Sunday, Oct. 28 at the Sunflower Senior Center from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; also a food sale. Donated food items would be appreciated. All proceeds will be used for Legion Hall improvements.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinhouse

Birthdays and anniversaries - Oct. 12 - Everett and Dorene Shuler. Oct. 13 - Karen Vaughn. Oct. 14 - Maryse Schlenk, Deen Case. Oct. 17 - Jeremy Shaw. Oct. 18 - Katelyn Spresser Todd and Jerrie Jacobs. Oct. 19 - Chris Murphy, Mike Shaw, Casey Shaw, Joe and Cathy Broeckelman, Brice Meitl. Oct. 20 - Renee Spresser, Orba Smith, Loran Sulzman. Oct. 21 - Rhonda Miller, Fred Mumm. Oct. 23 - Kory Koerperich, Cameron Ingram. Oct. 24 - Vicki Sulzman, Tristan Porsch, Scott Anderson. Oct. 25 - George Wessel, Araya Astalosh.
School Calendar - Oct. 19 - 7 p.m., High School Football at Wheatland/Grinnell. Oct. 20 - Volleyball Substate. Oct. 23 - Western Kansas Little League Junior High Volleyball tournament at Wheatland/Grinnell. Oct. 25 - 7 p.m., High School Football in Northern Valley.
Saturday, Oct. 20, will be Pinochle night at the Community Center in Selden. \$10 per person so bring a partner and some snacks. We start playing at 7 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 20, there will be a fire school in Selden for all the new fire guys. Several guys have joined the Hoxie team as well as guys here in Selden. As new members to the Sheridan County Rural Fire Department Selden Station, please give a pat on the back to Micah Go-

scha, Tyler Stevenson, TJ Preston, Dusty Spresser, Devin Spresser, Ryan Stevenson, Jeff Brown, Derrick Junenemann, Jeremy Hunter and Devinn Ritter. There will be activities at the Parish Hall, the Fire Station, the school and the Community Center.
The City Council will be setting a date to put Christmas decorations in the downtown area. We will post dates and times around town. We hope to see lots of people turn out to help. We want to have everything up and working for Winterfest.
On Thursday during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Ralph Weis and Jeanie Spresser tied for high with a score of 808, Bernita Aumiller got low with 470 and Shirley Emigh had the most tens. Other members present included: Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Betty James, Lillian Sulzman, Ann Hazlitt, Edna Schiltz, Carl Mumm, Janice Kruse, Gail Mumm and Helen Karls.
At Senior Citizens at the Community Center on Oct. 4, Ralph Weis won high with a score of 681, Bob Wessel took second with 638, Lola Cook got low with 406 and Lillian Sulzman had the most nines. Others present were Royce Cook, Jeanie Spresser, Betty James, Pat Wessel, Edna Schiltz, Carl Mumm, Marilyn Meyer, Bernita Aumiller, Gail Mumm, Janice Kruse and Ann Hazlitt.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Connie Miller began working this past week as the new activities assistant. Connie has many years of experience in working with senior citizens. Residents and staff are excited to have her on the job.
We have many of our Halloween decorations in place, but we continue to look for pumpkins. Anyone who would be willing to make a donation may contact us at 475-2276.
Several residents met in the dining room on Monday afternoon to work on a craft project. We are making ghosts to hang in the dining room.
Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon before supper. As always, there was a lot of toe tapping as well as singing and a few jokes.
The Reading Buddies from the Oberlin Elementary second grade visited on Tuesday morning. They arrived in full force with books in hand. The students scatter around the room to find a resident to sit with. It does get a little noisy, but the smiles on the faces of the young and old make up for any temporary chaos.
Irene Fringer won the blackout game at bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Ila Ray and Caroline Jacobos assisted.
Music filled the room before supper on Tuesday afternoon when Mirla Coleman provided a concert on the piano. She played an assortment of show tunes, hymns, and old-time favorites.
Residents and staff celebrated National Bring Your Teddy Bear to Work Day on Wednesday. Resi-

dents had several opportunities to show off their favorite teddy bear or other stuffed animal. Those who did not bring a toy to the coffee hour in the morning or the party in the afternoon had a chance to borrow one for the day. Teddy bear crackers were the featured menu item for the party and each attendee received a candy party favor to take home. The candy was donated by Mary Votapka's family.
Fr. Mark Berland had Mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.
Beth Sebaugh was the biggest winner at the dice game played on Thursday afternoon. Nearly everyone managed to win at least one game before snacks were served.
The baking group met on Friday afternoon to make pineapple cookies. The cookies earned rave reviews and a few people even asked for the recipe.
Recent visitors: Jacob Helm, U.S. Air Force Academy; Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Timothy, Deb, Matthew, & Mike Helm, Norcat; Rebecca Cox, Ohio; Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Colby; Linda Bosler, Herndon; Joellyn Davidson, Florence Uerling, Indianola, Neb.; Helena, Hunter and Colton Perks, Cambridge, Neb; Pam and Gary McClelland, Oklahoma City; Tom Votapka and Terri Henke, Jennings; Dolores Depperschmidt, Gerry Neff, Juanita Williby, Carol Kompus, Adrian Hawkins, Varlan and Catherine Neal, Mirium Fisher, Dorothy Alstrom, Sherri Shuler, Herb and Carol Shirley, Bill and Carol Duncan, Mary McEvoy, Oberlin.

Norcat News

By the Norcat News Committee

Plans are underway to re-open the cafe in Norcat by Tuesday, Oct. 23.
The Norcat United Methodist Church will hold its annual bazaar and soup supper on Sunday, Oct. 21. If you would like to donate items contact Patty Stapp, Carol Miller, Dennis Leichliter, Luke Bailey or Casey or Justine Tuttle. Soup and pie will be served starting at 5 p.m., the auction will follow at 7 p.m.
New newsheet volunteers have acquired a new copy machine to replace the old, unreliable one. They all agree it works great.
Happy birthday to: Brandi Kohart, Oct. 7; Robert Dickey, Oct. 11; Larry Sumner, Oct. 13.
Norcat Senior Citizens met Oct. 5 to play pitch with 13 players. Winners were Toots Magers, Gust Foth and Rea Magers. They will play again at 1 p.m., Friday in the Methodist Church Educational Building.
Kortney and Jerrod Poire, Kynleigh and Bailey, Kaitlyn Stapp and

Gabby Schamberger were recent visitors at the Dave and Patty Stapp home. Other visitors were Sam Stapp, Dewaine Stapp and Renee Harman. They all went to the Harvey Heinn farm and rode the train with Dave and Linda Schliep, Spencer and Addison. They had lunch with Marian Dempewolf.
Brandi Kohart, former Norcat resident, has moved. She would enjoy getting mail from her Norcat friends in care of Chuck Wallace, 1030 "J" St. No. 8, Eureka, Calif. 95501.
Flu shots will be given sometime in October. Call the city office, 693-4461, to get signed up.
The new city water well is operational and doing a fine job.
The Norcat Christmas drawing is set for Saturday, Dec. 15. Hams, roasts and turkeys cost \$15 to donate. Deadline to sign up is Nov. 30.
The Norcat health outreach clinic will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon, next Tuesday.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Bonnie Franke spent the weekend in McCook visiting Donna and Wayne Pick. On the way from Jefferson City, Mo., she visited Brenda Van Horn in Ottawa, Tom and Kay Franke, Andrea Powell, and Keith and Roma Grafel in Council Grove.
The Rawlins County Health Department will be giving flu shots today at the Herndon Senior Center from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Those not able to attend Wednesday may call the Health Department at (785) 626-3968 to schedule an appointment.
Rawlins County District 1 held their first chili feed at the VFW in Herndon Saturday evening. This event was well attended and great support was shown the firefighters. Hopefully, this feed will be an annual event. Anyone wishing to donate may contact Jayme Niermeier at Ludell or Tim Solko at Herndon.
Rosary is being led by the Christian Mothers at 8:15 before Mass at St. Mary's on the Sundays through October for our nation and for much needed rain.
St. Mary's CYO members decorated and delivered fall pumpkins to several parish members in Herndon on Sunday morning. The CYO members, John Solko, Donovan Schroeder, Kassidi Williams, Kayla Hughes, and Neil Portschy met at the home of sponsor Deb Portschy for breakfast and pumpkin decorating following Mass. This was a CYO community service project to brighten up the lives of members of our parish who are having medical issues or who can't get out for Sunday Mass.
Julie's Memory Joggers

The Citizen Patriot October 14, 1976
Niswonger Hay and Grain Co. serving Atwood and Rawlins County since 1935.
We started our business retailing and wholesaling alfalfa and prairie hay. In 1939 we built a hay barn which was later used for a lumber shed.
In 1947 we built our seed processing plant and storage building, where we clean and treat the farmer's seed wheat and process and distribute seed to dealers within a radius of 200 miles of Atwood.
Presently we retail a full line of lumber and other building material. In 1945 we purchased a grain business in Herndon, Kan., from Carl Friedeman, Joe Riepl and Clem Hutfles known as the Beaver Valley Roller Mill, where they milled the famous flour, Herndon Fancy, and sent it out by the carload.
Charles Adams was our manager there until 1953. Virgil Lippold took over and was our manager until he was injured in 1973.
In 1949 we moved into our new office and display building here in Atwood where we are now located. In 1957 we added a 125,000 bushel capacity storage facility to handle grain at Herndon. In 1967 the old elevator burned. Presently the new facility is being operated and now is filled to capacity with good Rawlins County wheat.
The good people of Rawlins County have been good to us. Mrs. Niswonger (Hazel) and I appreciate the consideration they have shown us over the past 41 years. We thank you all very much. Wesley C. and Hazel D. Niswonger.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Don't forget the fundraiser for the Lyle Community Building: potluck supper at 6 p.m. Saturday evening followed by music and fun. Some music will be furnished by the Prairie Rose Harmony singers, some by the Sumner children, (Mandy's), some by Prairie Dogs. The Norcat United Methodist Church Bazaar will be on the Sunday, Oct. 21.
Once a year, the Liberty Star Club plans an outing to an interesting location, and this year it was to The Shepherd's Mill, Inc. in Phillipsburg. Carolyn Plotts took Toots Magers, Joyce Price, Kathy Van Meter, Babe Hawkins, and Veda Wood to Phillipsburg, where we had lunch at Willers restaurant, visited the Mill, then found some ice cream to finish off a good day. The ladies received a tour, where they were shown the kinds of wool material, and watched the process of washing, drying, to spinning of the fibers into beautiful material. We learned that it is not the heat which shrinks wool, but

the agitation. They are the only fiber processing facility in Kansas. Come to think of it, if the hot sun shrank the wool, some old ewes would have been pretty uncomfortable last summer, although some were probably agitated, too.
June Jolly did her usual card playing on Friday, went to Indianola for four point pitch and fries on Wednesday and Bingo on Thursday. She is making quilts for the Christmas donation at McCook. She had dinner on Sunday with Louis and Laveda McFarland and Megan.
Judy and Charlie Easton visited Toots Magers and did some more winterizing.
I can't count all the people who have done nice things for me while I have been semi-laid up, but I do thank every one.
We appreciated having Charles and Inez Keller as the minister on Sunday in the absence of Jim and Carolyn Plotts.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

The 125th anniversary celebration for the Herndon Covenant Church will begin on Saturday with a smorgasbord at 6 p.m. for the congregation and invited guests. There will be no Sunday School on Sunday. Morning worship services will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a catered dinner.
Elden and Detta Anderson were honored by their family with a celebration in Lindsborg and Salina over the weekend to honor them on their 60th wedding anniversary, which was Oct. 4.
Those who joined them in Lindsborg to attend the Bethany-Tabor Homecoming football game and watch Samantha Anderson perform with the Bethany College cheerleaders on Saturday were Richard and Maureen Anderson, Chris and Dick and Donna Kelley, Oberlin; Helen Jaderborg, Longmont, Colo.; Wane and Cheryl Stull, Solomon; and Monte and Jody Stull, Dayton and Emily, Lee's Summit, Mo. Joining them that evening for an anniversary dinner in Salina were Nick and Stephanie Anderson, Bryan and Cole, Lawrence. The Bethany cheerleaders have been chosen for

national competition in April.
On Sunday, Elden and Detta Anderson, Richard and Maureen Anderson, Chris and Gabe, and Gary Anderson attended a concert by the Bethany College Orchestra in Prosser Hall in which Samantha Anderson played her French horn.
Gavin Gutchewsky was honored with a party on Saturday, Oct. 6, at the home of his grandparents, Jack and Mary Gutchewsky, on his sixth birthday. Others present were his parents, Brian and Krista Gutchewsky, Jena and Jillian, Kearney, Neb.; Kendal and Tammy Neal, Katrina and Jimmy, Oberlin; Sarah Uerling, Addy and Hayden, McCook, and Dale Allacher, Herndon.
Dave and Ida Marie Erikson were Saturday overnight guests of her sister, Esther Noren. They were en route from Montana, where they spent the summer with their family, to their home in Green Valley, Ariz., where they will spend the winter.
Keith and Mary Lou Olson were Wednesday supper guests of Mark and Barbara Olson of Hoxie at City Limits in Colby to honor Keith on his birthday. Tyler Witt and Trevor were Sunday callers at the Olson home.