

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1887**

It is settled that Norton is to get the Rock Island. The R.I. surveyors have laid off the depot grounds and established the grade.

The unofficial returns of the hottest political campaign in the history of the county: Treasurer: H.F. Leib, 1052 & Dan Caster, 801; County Clerk: B.W. Finney, 1048 & P.J. Goss, 789; Register of Deeds: P.L. Ashcraft, 1049 & A.B. Ernst, 70; Sheriff, Perry Branson, 1149 & J.M. Griffith, 713; Surveyor, D.C. Diamond, 1124 & H.B. Doherty, 720; Coroner, J.E. Babb, 1111, J.R. Kelson, 718; Commissioner, D.J. Barnett, 304 and I.L. Jordon, 304.

A.J. Beers, the Shibboleth postmaster, was an Oberlin visitor Saturday.

The mill at the forks of the Sappa has installed a 40 hp steam engine. Greenwood & Hatcher's livery barn at Norton burned to the ground last week. Twenty-one horses including several fine stallions were lost in the fire.

Maj. Pearman is completing on this farm west of town the finest sod mansion in the county.

Bogue, Adleman & Co., secured 120 ducks on their western hunting expedition.

**100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1912**

A rain and snow of an inch and a half gladdened the hearts of the farmers Monday evening.

Norton High School defeated Decatur High 16-8 at Norton last week. Payton of Norton drop-kicking three field goals for Norton.

The Suffrage Amendment carried in Decatur County last week by 122 votes: 889 to 767. On the final election results Woodrow Wilson had 576 majority and John Connely for Congress had 493 majority.

Dean Rogers covered himself with glory in the football game between Washburn College and Kansas University which defeated the University in a surprising upset. Some of the young bloods played a scurvy trick on Dick Stevenson by getting him to bet on the game after they had heard that Washburn had

won. Dick lost an oyster stew and a half dollar's worth of candy but he was game and paid in full just the same.

Wayne Gilliland of Salina, private secretary of Senator Bristow, was in the city over Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Griffith.

**75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1937**

More than 175 contractors and materials men representing 18 different general contracting firms in the five-state area were present in the high school assembly room when the contracts were issued for the construction of a new high school in Oberlin. Lowest bidder was Peterson Construction Company of Salina with a bid of \$240,785. Supt. Charles Hawkes expressed deep satisfaction in the letting being gratified with the low bid. Besides the many contractors here for the bid letting, Mr. Joseph Radotinsky, architect, and his assistant, Mr. Deardorf, who have spent many hours on the project, were present.

Jennings: A new city hall, with ample space to meet every need of the community, is to be erected in the near future at an approximate cost of \$18,000. This building, which is being built with WPA aid, will be of native stone and about 42x100 in size with a full basement and will be situated south of the Boulls garage, the site being purchased about a year ago.

Clayton: Rudolph Self, principal of the grade school at Clayton, who with three other grade school teachers suffered injuries in an auto accident Saturday afternoon about four miles south of Stockton, is reported to be slightly improved in a Hays hospital with severe head injuries. Mrs. Perry Norris, Miss Nina Noyes and Mrs. Self were able to leave the hospital Monday but are still under the care of a physician. The accident happened when an Oldsmobile car driven by a woman passed a previous car on the dusty highway and failed to return to the right side of the highway, lost control and crashed

into the Self car. Ambulances came from Hays 40 miles away. The owners of the car which caused the accident were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bird of Phillipsburg.

Vallonia: The Darl Schweitzbergers moved last week to the George Anthony place. They will be greatly missed in the community and that takes out two more pupils from school. About two years ago this fall Vallonia had the largest rural school in the county and now there is an attendance of only 12.

Donnie McKenzie was honored on his seventh birthday with a party at his home on Saturday afternoon. Guests were Charles Barclay, George Beardsley, Wendell Jacobs, Donnie Kump, Lee MacAnderson, Carol Wenger, Jackie Love, John Hanson, Gaylord Shields, Myrth Maddox, Mary Lou Emrich and Donnie and Dennie Campbell.

School News: A busload of girls chaperoned by their sponsor, Miss Edith Herzog, will go to St. Francis Friday night to attend a weekend G.R. Conference. They will have a part in the Saturday evening banquet by singing songs in Spanish.

**50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1962**

In a somewhat lighter vote than expected, Republican candidates made a clean sweep of contested offices with Congressman Bob Dole defeating J. Floyd Breeding. Locally probate judge Vic Morton won by a vote of 1197 to 1075 over Elmer Tacha and Howard Benton, a write-in candidate at the primary, unseated Commissioner John Galentine, 316 to 158.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett West will be guests of honor at a district employees dinner party arranged by Southwestern Bell Telephone. West has been in the service of the company in this area since October 1927.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Lintecum of Prairie Village are the parents of a boy, Neal Dean, born Nov. 3. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Henningson of Oberlin and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lintecum of Olathe.

The Jennings powerhouse Coyote football team ended the season with an impressive 40-12 win over the Norcatat Cardinals. The Northwest Kansas Eight-Man League champions rolled up an 8-0 record for Coach Milton Tenopir.

DCHS seniors playing their last game in a 23-0 loss to Norton were Russell Stanley, Jon Peters, Pete

Cassen, Gerald Olson, Bill Brown and Lee Martin. Injured seniors who did not make the trip were Bob Brown, Bob DeMay, Ron Vessey, Mike Laird and Billy Lohoefer.

Dresden: Funeral services were held at the Dresden Methodist Church for Dwight Clifford Bainter, 82, retired business and stockman.

**25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1987**

Homeowners in Oberlin will be visited in coming weeks by data collectors Kathy Gilmer and Eldon Carter who have been hired by the firm of Conley, Kight & Eckford to perform the required reappraisal of residential property which must be completed by Jan. 1, 1989.

At the regular Monday evening meeting of Oberlin city council, detailed plans were shown for the proposed downtown park, Centennial Plaza.

Norcatat: The Cornerstone Theatre Company has announced the dates for its production in December of "Tartooft" which includes 21 cast members from the area plus three of the Virginia's company's permanent actors. When the curtain goes up on opening night, area residents won't have much trouble recognizing some of the local actors. There's Ron Temple, 6 foot, 9 inch, 276 pound Norcatat farmer and long-time school board member, Dorothy Kelley, Oberlin Herald columnist for over 45 years and Bob Jones, Jennings auctioneer as well as Sharon Tally and Carol Mapa of Oberlin.

Diane Corpstein and Robert Muirhead were united in marriage on Oct. 24 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Tipton. They will make their home in Hastings, Neb., where he is employed by Kansas-Nebraska Energy.

A Nov. 28, 1987, wedding is planned at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville for Leta Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Black, and Mark Meitl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Meitl, all of Oberlin.

Lund Covenant Church will observe its 95th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 23, according to the Rev. Scott Stinson, pastor. A potluck dinner will follow at noon.

New members of the National Honor Society at DCHS are Collette Jones, Sandi Elwood, Theresa Brown, Rachelle Unger, Dawn McEvoy, Lori Gates, Galen Wentz and Jeni Shirley.

## Cedar Living Center

By Teresa Shaughnessy

There is still plenty of time to turn in reservations for the Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner to be held at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 18, in the Cedar Living Center dining room. Please call the Center, 475-2276, for additional information.

We are not even half way through the month of November, but we are in full swing on planning events for the December holiday season. If you would like to schedule an event during the holidays or would like to volunteer to assist with any of our parties, please contact Teresa Shaughnessy or Connie Miller.

Please excuse our mess at Cedar Living Center while the sun room area is receiving a make-over. This is the first phase of several redecorating projects planned over the next few months. Staff members from Decatur Health Systems are hosting a benefit soup supper from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 23, at the Golden Age Center to raise money toward this project.

We sang Happy Birthday to Myrna Jones, who celebrated her birthday on Nov. 10, during the sing-along time on Monday afternoon. Mary Ann Amack also assisted with the music.

Helen Helm won both the first bingo and the blackout game on Tuesday afternoon. Other players included Audra Duncan, Juanita Eckhart, Floyd Edgett, Irene Fringer, Vern and Wanda Heller, Lois Lamb, Wilma May, Joan Noble, Beth Sebaugh, Alice Shirley and Mary Votapka.

Several residents met on Wednesday afternoon to observe International Tongue Twister Day. There were a few laughs when several attempts were made to repeat some of the phrases.

There were more laughs and a few cheers during the bowling game played on Thursday afternoon in the dining room.

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

Nearly all of the residents attended the birthday party hosted by the Monday Evening Club on Thursday evening. Musical entertainment was provided by Michael Milbauer of McCook. Several club members, guests, staff and residents danced to the music and a few even joined in on the singing. Club members Shirley Shields, Nanette Zander and Carol Morford served brownies and ice cream. Donna Kent was recognized for having the only birthday in November and she received a gift.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to make sugar cookies, which were a big hit with everyone.

Recent visitors: Jim Helm, Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Rebecca Fringer and family, Colby; Deb, Matthew, Timothy and Mike Helm, Norcatat; Carolyn Hackney, Dolores Koeperich, Wayne Larson, Robert Fringer, Carol and Bill Duncan, Mary McEvoy, Sherri Shuler and Connie Olson, Oberlin.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Covenant Women will meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood for their meeting.

Blaine, Cameron and Josie Ginther of Atwood were Saturday supper guests of J.R. and Carol Ginther.

Chris and Sherri Schmidt visited recently with their son and wife, Clint and Morgan Schmidt, of

Denver, while they were there for a medical appointment.

Betty Hafer and Melinda Carlson were hosts for a housewarming on Sunday honoring Bill Reuther at his home in Atwood, where he recently moved. He is the son of Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther and is employed at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

## Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

The road construction outside on Columbia Street has cleared up, but room construction continues inside Decatur Health Systems as some projects the maintenance crew have been working on forge ahead.

The new sonogram room is up and running, providing an updated space for patients needing to have echocardiograms or sonograms done.

Work now has shifted to the meat of the project, creating our chemotherapy treatment room. That room isn't much to see right now - the maintenance crew is working on the electrical system so there's a lot of wiring - but in a couple short months it will be ready to receive patients.

It doesn't seem like that long ago that this project was conceived, so to see it go from the drawing board to fruition so quickly is a testament to the amount of hard work that's gone into the project.

Another area at Decatur Health Systems where the staff is planning to make some upgrades is Cedar Living Center. If you attended the soup supper at the Golden Age

Center after the Parade of Lights downtown last year, you might remember that donations that night were to go for updating the decor of the center's dining room. After we took a good look around, though, it was decided that new curtains and wall decorations are not the only things that Cedar Living Center's dining area needs. The floor, for instance, was last done in 1988.

And so work will be starting there soon so that residents will have a dining room that's a bit newer, a bit shinier, a bit more home-like.

The Thanksgiving dinner for residents and their families and friends is Nov. 18, and plans are to have the patio area repainted by then to give everyone an idea of the new color scheme and see what the plans are.

It's a lot of work, all of these projects, but it's necessary work. It's important that we provide a comfortable environment for our patients, for our residents and for our visitors. Making people feel welcome is really the key to success.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The community extends sympathy to the family of John Keenan, Oberlin, who died Sunday at his home. John, son of Imogene Keenan and the late Neil Keenan, graduated from Jennings School with the class of 1966.

Reminder: Change of date. The date for the senior dinner has been changed to noon, Thursday, Nov. 15, at the center. Bingo will be played afterwards.

The United Methodist Church Hunter's Supper was enjoyed by over 155 people. We appreciate all the people who helped in any way to make this a huge success.

Hunter's breakfast at the former Masonic Hall was enjoyed by over 70 people. The weather did not cooperate for the hunters Saturday. Strong winds blew dust and debris throughout the afternoon.

Elliott Gillespie and Emma, Belton, Mo., visited at the home of his grandparents, Stan and Ramona Shaw, on Monday. Saturday visitors included Aaron Gillespie and Jackson, Hays; Elliott Gillespie, Belton; Chris Gillespie and Tom Neff, Marion; Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs; and Mary and Jeff Wahlmeier, rural Clayton.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Rivers Graham May, infant son of Brandon May and Leslie Myers, Odessa, Neb., was baptized Sunday morning, Nov. 11, during worship services at St. John's Lutheran Church, Oberlin, with Pastor Brad Rick officiating. Also witnessing the baptism were sponsors Shannon and Jennifer Poggendorf, Kearney, Neb.; his great-grandmother, Wilma May; grandparents, Elwood and Jeanie May; Andrew and Stephanie (May) Frankforter, Ethan and Isaac, Cairo, Neb.; Valerie Shultz, Chase; Tenelle Nueast and Tretten, Elwood; Allen and Marla Shelton; Miranda Shelton and Callen; Justin Armstrong, Colby; Connie Olson; David May, Colby Larson and friend, Anna, and Dana Winstead, McCook. Following the baptism, a brunch was held in Rivers' honor for family and friends at the Elwood May home.

Kristi Waterman is recuperating at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney after undergoing successful heart surgery.

The Northwest Kansas League

has announced their 2012 All-League Football Team which includes defensive back, Ryan May, and running back and punter, Zach May. Both players are seniors at Decatur Community High School.

Ed Waterman, Ponca City, Okla., arrived Thursday and Elmer Waterman, Bonaire, Ga., arrived Friday for the opening weekend of pheasant season and to visit their brother and sister, Melvin Waterman and Karen Eskew and families.

Erin May played two piano solos at the Northwest Kansas Piano Clinic held Saturday in Norton and was selected by the judges to perform in the student recital ending the clinic.

Ryan May was chosen by the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum as a candidate for the Kansas Youth Leadership Council. He will be interviewed and run for election at the Rock Springs 4-H Ranch on Saturday.

Richard May, Lawrence, was a guest of the Dan Nedland family over the Veterans Day weekend.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boullinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Nov. 16, Karla Wessel, Tom Bruggeman; Nov. 17, Jaren Adelman; Nov. 18, Fonda Emigh Mangino, Ellis Walker; Nov. 19, Janice Kruse, Whitnee Ashley; Nov. 21, Jim Zodrow, Brandon Offutt, Alan Turnbull; Nov. 22, Jackie Neff, Wilma Ritter, Roy Rogers, Annette Spresser, Quinn Aumiller, Leone Porsch.

On Thursday during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Bernita Aumiller won high, Lillian Sulzman took second, Helen Karls got low and Paulie Neff had the most aces. Other members present included: Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Pat Wessel, Jeanie Spresser, Edna Schiltz, Betty James, Ralph Weis and Carl Mumm.

WinterFest will be held on Fri-

day, Nov. 23, in downtown Selden. Businesses will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. for shoppers to see what they have as well as visit and share snacks. Patrons may register for the drawing once at each location. The drawing will be shortly after 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Chili dogs, hot dogs and hot chocolate will be served at the Center and Santa will arrive after the drawing. The drawing will be \$600 worth of Selden Greenbucks. We hope to see lots of people turn out and enjoy the evening.

School Calendar: Nov. 19, high school Scholars Bowl at Wheatland; Nov. 20, junior high basketball in Rexford with Triplains/Brewster; Nov. 21 through 25, there will be no school due to Thanksgiving break.



LENNY MULLEN of Shawnee auctioned off a platter of cinnamon rolls with the help of Robert Malone, Kansas City, and Kevin Foster, Mobile, Ala., at the Lions Club Pheasant dinner in Rexford on Saturday.

- Photo by Gwen Griffiths

## Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

The Rexford community enjoyed opening weekend of the 2012 pheasant hunting season. I saw hunters out and about almost everywhere I went during the weekend.

The Shepherd's Staff was glad to welcome 25 hunters from all over. It is always a joy to meet new friends and welcome old ones.

Many area people turned out for the Lions pheasant hunters dinner on Saturday. We all enjoyed the homemade chicken and noodles, chilli, hot dogs, desserts and more. The Sheridan County 4-H Club helped with serving and had a bake sale. An impromptu auction was held during the meal. Lenny Mullin, of Shawnee, with the help of Robert Malone,

Kansas City, and Kevin Foster, Mobile, Ala., auctioned off lots of home baked goodies for the benefit of the Sheridan County 4-H. Lenny is a professional auctioneer and was the 2012 reserve champion for Kansas and is a member of the Kansas Auctioneers Association.

Saturday night was Bingo night. It was a smaller crowd, but everyone had fun.

Thursday will be Spuds and Splits at the Red Barn. Anyone in the 40-and-over crowd is welcome to come and take part at 6:30 p.m. There will be a baked potato bar and banana splits, with fun and fellowship afterwards.