

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1887

Indian summer. The roads were never so dusty as at present. Hay has sold in Oberlin this year as high as \$10 per ton. Chickens are selling in Oberlin for \$1.50 per dozen and prime ones at that.

The building on Hall Street recently occupied by Sears & Whitnah has been removed.

J.E. Kulp has rented the Opera House and assumed full management of such.

F.F. Bliss has again engaged in the tonsorial business, being now employed in Henry Herman's shop.

Fitch Colby purchased The Oberlin House of Mrs. S.J. Rodehaver last week. There is a movement on foot to organize a stock company for the purpose of erecting a \$20,000 brick hotel on the site of the present building.

It is surprising at this time of year to see the number of prairie schooners wending their way westward.

S.J. Morrish, agent for the Vaneless Monitor, sold six windmills in one day last week.

A large quantity of broom corn has been shipped from this point the past month.

100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1912

The Brown Brothers of Altoy Township finished their threshing jobs for the season and have pulled in with their machine.

Arthur Leist is completing a business course at Louisville, Ky., and on the completion of this course he has been promised a position in the Business College at Denver.

Carl Schultz, who has been in Nebraska the past two years came home Saturday and will now farm in this country.

We have been having beautiful weather. This has been one of the best falls for farm work this country has had for years.

Plainville defeated Oberlin 7-2,

thanks mostly to the decisions of a certain Mr. Green, who refereed the game.

George D. McMullen returned Monday from Illinois.

Norcatutur Items: While in Kansas City, A.L. Hare purchased a new auto and came home in the same.

75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1937

Last Saturday evening the local National Park service office here received word that the local project, which includes all the work at the Sappa State Park Lake except that at the dam, was to be abandoned by Dec. 15.

That would mean that all support by the government would be withdrawn leaving the project only half complete. Seven of the 102 park projects in the 8-state area were being abandoned, and this one, the only one in Kansas, was one of the 7 chosen.

The entire lake park at its present stage would mean that the county and town would have spent \$30,000 and would have on their hands nearly 500 acres of land which would be little more than an eyesore if not completed.

Mr. Otis Hughes of the National Park Service here contacted the local Chamber of Commerce and Elwood Brooks in Topeka and a committee of John Nitsch, E.R. Woodward, G.H. Lippelmann, Glen Gierhart and C. E. Carper were advised by Kansas Governor Huxman to join Mr. Brooks and go to Omaha and meet with Mr. Brown, the assistant regional director of the National Park Service.

Miss Dorothy Dunn, DCHS Class of 1921, has written her cousin, Mrs. Henry Beardsley, of her marriage to Max Kramer of New York. They will make their home in Taos, N.M., where she is an authority on Indian art and he is in charge of an Indian pueblo of 800 people at Taos.

The regular Armistice Day game with Atwood was won by the Buf-

faloos 13-6 who avoided costly fumbles.

Nearly 300 persons attended the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored 4-H dinner held at the Odd Fellows Hall with the Rebekah Lodge women serving the dinner. 4-H charters were granted to three new clubs: 4-H Beavers, Stick-To-It and the Rural Booster

Lyle: A baby boy arrived at the Geo. Anthony home on Monday, Nov. 8 and though the two boys, Gerald and Dale, would have preferred a little sister, the baby is pretty nice and they think they will keep him.

A seven o'clock dinner was served on Armistice Day at the Ray Bobbitt home in Atwood for the following guests, Mr. and Mrs. Rell Landau and family, Mrs. Francis Barclay and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kump and sons.

50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1962

Minutes before sunrise Saturday morning, cars packed with expectant hunters poured out of Oberlin and headed for country roads.

Hunters generally agreed that there are plenty of birds, but getting off a shot at one is a different matter. The heavy cover affords the birds plenty of protection. Local pheasant dressers reported they handled approximately 1,255 birds over the weekend.

Jim Crabb, manager of KOMC-TV, has resigned his position to accept a position as field representative with Hennings, Inc., of Wichita.

Mrs. Wesley Gaumer has been selected by the Farm Bureau as one of the 10 Women Leaders of the Year and was honored at the annual Kansas Farm Bureau meeting in Topeka.

New Arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hess, Oberlin, are the parents of a boy, Daniel Ray, born Nov. 8. He has one sister, Jean Ann, and one brother, Steven.

Allison: A new Decatur County

bridge is to be constructed soon on a county highway over the North Solomon Creek, approximately one-quarter mile west of Allison.

Twenty-nine years of post office work ended Oct. 31 for Charles Wiggins when his old V-8 Ford coupe pulled in at the Lebanon, Neb., post office. Charlie and his old jalopy with the Model A 21" tires will be missed from the route, but can still be found on Main Street in Lebanon.

25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1987

The community Thanksgiving Day dinner will be held at noon at the fellowship hall at St. John's Lutheran Church. Stuart Euhus will again roast the turkey and anyone who would like to donate salads or dessert is asked to call Henrietta VanVleet.

Members of the Decatur County Hospital board of trustees have elected Gaylord Shields as chairman, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of R.J. Metcalf.

Charlie Myers, Decatur County Hospital administrator, reported that nine contractors have made inquiries into bid specifications for the \$2.7 million hospital addition and remodeling project.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miller, Dodge City, a son, Scott Ryan, Nov. 10, 1987; Mr. and Mrs. Reed Raulston, Fork Shoals, S.C., a daughter, Tara Laree, Nov. 17, 1987.

Dresden: Funeral services were held Nov. 20 at the Dresden United Methodist Church for Murrel R. Sewell, 86. He is survived by his wife, Hazel and two daughters, Dalene Gawith and Phyllis May and one son, Leonard Sewell, all of Dresden.

Members of Oberlin Lions Club have begun their annual collection of staple foods to make up Christmas food baskets for needy families.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

A tour of a unique holiday store, slurping old-fashioned soda fountain treats and eating homemade pie, were activities scheduled by the Jennings Tuesday Study Club for their Nov. 13 meeting.

In Quinter, club members enjoyed the delicious homemade food choices on the menu at Dena's Deli. After lunch, members answering roll call with their "favorite soda fountain drink" were: Louise Cressler, Pat Foster, Patty Foster, Lila Jennings, Paula Krizek, Sue Long, Wilma Mader, Joan McKenna, Alice Mizer, Kathy Nauer, Lynn Tacha and Neoma Tacha.

The November program contained a dose of holiday cheer. Vernon and Carol Kinderknecht, owners of Christmas Castles, provided a tour of their enchanting holiday store. Twinkling lights, Santas, snowmen, bears, carolers, multi-colored Christmas trees and wreaths filled every nook, shelf and wall. After the tour, club members carefully tucked shopping bags full of holiday decor into their cars and drove to Ray's Pharmacy. Visions of carbonated fountain drinks and ice cream treats topped with whipped cream and cherries enticed members to indulge in an old-fashioned soda fountain confection at Ray's. Full of holiday spirit and delicious treats, members left Quinter looking forward to their Dec. 11 salad

and dessert luncheon. The club will again participate in the Angel Tree Project and wrap gifts purchased at the December meeting.

On Nov. 7, United Methodist Women met at the church with the following ladies present: Kay Brown, Darlene LaRue, Lila Jennings, Kathy Nauer, Helen Rhodes, Rachel Carter and Louise Cressler. Kathy gave an interesting program assisted by some of the members reading parts. Helen gave devotions. Darlene served snacks.

In the absence of Pastor Barbara, Gail Harbers, Gideon speaker, gave Sunday message at the United Methodist Church. He spoke on the work of the Gideons spreading the Word and giving out Bibles. On Sunday Nov. 26, after worship services there will be a light lunch, followed by the decorating of the church. Everyone is welcome to come eat and enjoy social time.

Among out-of-town relatives and friends who attended funeral services for John Keenan were Ruth Schillig and Dave Shearer, Kortney, Drake and Katana, Almena; Jeana Cozad and Pat Pomeroy and Shane, Norton; Janeil Dilling, Goodland; Jim and Letitia Keenan, Oakley; Jana and Frank Slansky, Stockton; Michelle and Tony Dorenkamp and family, Hoxie; Carlin and Pat Smith and family, Topeka; Nicole Keenan, Denver; Phil Vigo, Sylvia; Tom Fer-

riter, Longmont, Colo.; and Darci Roberts, Lincoln, Neb.

On Nov. 7, card players at the Sunflower Senior Center were: Carol Carter, Agnes Wahlmeier, Eleanor Morel, Diane Carter, Scott Taylor, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Wayne and Louise Cressler. On Nov. 14, those enjoying cards were: Agnes Wahlmeier, Linda Spesser, Scott Taylor, Diane Carter, Eleanor Morel, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Wayne and Louise Cressler.

The senior dinner was held on Thursday with the following enjoying the meal and playing bingo: Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier, Linda Spesser, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Wayne and Louise Cressler.

Jennings City has a lot of activity going on. Daryl Hartzog's shop on Kansas Avenue has a new coat of John Deere green paint. Martin and Darlene LaRue are getting their home re-sided. After many years of being pink, it looks very nice white. Work continues on the addition to the north side of the museum.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Congratulations to Pastor Paul and Meaghan May, Sioux Falls, S.D., on the birth of their son, Evan Martin May, who was born Saturday evening, Nov. 17, 2012 weighing 8 pounds, 15 ounces! Paternal grandparents are Ernest and Donna May, Tonganoxie, and Cecilia Jecha May, Lawrence; and paternal great-grandparents are Martin and Evelyn May of Oberlin. Evan has two sisters, Claire and Austen, to welcome him home.

Ralph and Norma Unger and Stan McEvoy traveled to Topeka where they attended meetings of the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) and the Kansas County Commissioners Association Tuesday through Thursday, where Ralph was recognized for 40 years of service. Stan was elected to the Kansas Association of Counties board of directors for the coming year to represent Northwest Kansas counties.

Susan May attended Social Media Training in conjunction with a meeting of the Kansas Farm Bureau Women's Committee at the Farm Bureau office in Manhattan Monday, Nov. 12.

Becky (Gallentine) Rohr, Colorado Springs; Tracy Gallentine, Titusville, Fla.; Emily (Gallentine)

Coming events: Saturday, Dec. 15, Santa will arrive at the Community Hall to visit with the children and hand out treats. There will also be a community drawing. More on this next week.

Jennings American Legion Auxiliary met Nov. 8 at the Royal Neighbor Hall of the Czech Museum. President Neoma Tacha led the flag salute. Chaplain Rachel Carter gave a prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Others present were Lila Jennings and Mary Wahlmeier. It was voted to send a monetary gift to the Dodge City Vets Gift Shop. Poppies are being ordered for next year.

We received a thank you from the Jennings American Legion for our help at their recent fund raiser. We will check the Christmas wreaths soon and they will be taken to the cemeteries on Friday, Dec. 14, with the Legion's Wreath Day Ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 15, weather permitting.

Waldo, Salina; Julie Gallentine, and Tami (Gallentine) Shaw celebrated Becky's birthday Saturday afternoon by touring Three Brothers Vineyard and Winery, Farnum, Neb., while their husbands went hunting. The day ended with the families enjoying dinner together that evening at the home of their parents, Norman and Julie Gallentine.

Walter and Betty May, Cameron Nedland, Hunter and Rhiannon Nedland and Liam, and Roger May were Saturday evening dinner guests of Rhonda May and Dan Nedland and Elizabeth to celebrate Walter's 89th birthday. They continued celebrating Walter's birthday at the Nedland home Sunday afternoon with homemade pies and coffee. Joining Walter and Betty at the Nedlands were Robert May and Cole.

Mildred Holmdahl, Herschel and Jody Betts, Kristen Bremer and Rowan, and Justin Zodrow were Saturday evening guests at the home of John and Dianne Bremer to celebrate Jessica's 23rd birthday with dinner, homemade birthday cake and ice cream. Jessica's birthday was Friday and Herschel's birthday was on Thursday.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Every week at Cedar Living Center has a full slate of activities, both of the routine variety and maybe a few special things tossed in, but some weeks are just extra full of fun, and this past week was certainly one of those.

Several residents gathered on Monday afternoon for a tribute to the veterans. We had stories and trivia pertaining to military service.

Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

The dining room is always humming with excitement when the Reading Buddies from the second grade visit. The children brought hand-crafted turkey decorations to hang on the doors of all the residents when they visited this last Tuesday.

Juanita Eckhart won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Lois Lamb won the blackout game. Other residents playing included Irene Fringer, Alvina Gamblin, Helen Helm, Donna Kent, Beth Sebaugh, Alice Shirley and Mary Votapka.

Wednesday was a quiet day, but it still included coffee hour, exercise group, a reading program and Bible study.

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

Several residents met to play a game of dice on Thursday afternoon and Thursday was our regularly scheduled game night.

We received a lovely donation of homemade cookies from the Aquarius Club on Thursday. Residents enjoyed eating them along with their supper on Thursday evening.

Dewaine Stapp hosted a birthday party on Friday afternoon in honor of Donna Kent. Dewaine and Donna have celebrated their birthdays together for several years. Dewaine was assisted by Charlotte Meints. Several card players from the senior center also came to help Dewaine and Donna celebrate their special day.

The highlight of our week was the annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner held in the Cedar Living Center dining room at noon on Sunday. The room was packed to the rafters with family members and friends, as well as residents and staff. The dietary department served up the turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, while the guests and staff members pitched in with every kind of salad, vegetable dish and dessert.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

The Herndon community extends sympathy to the family of Joan Hartner Noble of Oberlin. Joan was born March 1, 1918, to Mathias and Elizabeth (Huss) Hartner in Herndon and died Monday, Nov. 19, 2012, at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin where she had been a

resident. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon. The funeral Mass will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery. Pauls Funeral Home of Oberlin is in charge of arrangements.

Chamber News

By David Swank

It's been a busy couple of weeks for the Chamber.

Welcome Packets for new residents are coming. Several board members have been canvassing local businesses for promotional items to include with the maps, phone numbers, city and county services and places of worship that these packets will contain. If you would like to see something special included in these packets, call the Chamber office at 475-3441. Let's make sure that new residents think of Oberlin first.

December will soon be here – think Christmas. And think Chamber membership. We have been working hard to revise our fee structure to make membership in the Chamber and the Oberlin Business Alliance more affordable for businesses and individuals. Increased member support – and increased partnering among the Alliance, the Conventions and Visitor Bureau and Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. – are key in revitalizing the Chamber so that it can better serve your needs. If you have a business, look for your membership letter in early December. If you are an individual and want to get involved, call the Chamber office/

While we sort out the fees, more activities are planned. This week, Chamber board members are going door-to-door to businesses to spread holiday cheer with door wreaths and other decorations. Look for the welcoming decorations as you walk

or drive the downtown.

Oberlin shopping kicks into high gear on Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. Here's an interesting fact from a recent Northwest Kansas Chamber Directors' meeting: "Locally-owned, independent merchants return about 68 percent of their income to the local economy." In other words, 68 cents of every dollar you spend in town stays in town. That's a pretty good return on your money.

At the end of your shopping day, stick around for the annual Parade of Lights downtown. This year's theme is "Christmas Salute," with a special appearance by Santa Claus – straight from the North Pole.

The other big event is the Holiday Arts and Craft Show, scheduled for Saturday at The Gateway. Doors will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 50 vendors will be showing a wide range of crafts items, supplies, decorations and merchandise. Stop by to find that special gift for Christmas. Admission is free.

Finally, if you have an event for the January/February table tents, please call the Chamber Office with your information by Monday, Dec. 10. Because of the holidays, the deadline to have the table tents published is earlier than normal.

The next Chamber board meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. next Wednesday at the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Building downtown. Everyone is welcome.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Again, it's the anniversary of the deepest snow in my memory. On the evening of Nov. 17, 1948, my young brother-in-law, Elvin Wood started to go a few blocks to visit a friend, Dallas Harmon, who was a fellow freshman at Norcatutur High School. By the time he got to the vicinity, the snow was flying so thick he couldn't tell where he was.

At just the right time, Dallas opened his door, and Elvin saw the light. Dallas' mother must not have made it home that evening, as I remember him calling me and asking me how to make gravy. (I was not the best person to ask, as my little sister, Ona, once called mine 'lump gravy.' Just a little visit into the past). Carolyn Plotts said that was the storm in which her father lost his eye, and our first son, David, was born the next month.

On Wednesday, Nov. 14, the Liberty Star Club had its usual Thanksgiving supper at the Lyle Community building with 21 people enjoying

good weather, good friends, good food and good times. We have so much to be thankful for.

Keith Anthony had surgery at Kearney, Ne. and is doing well. We pray he will be back with us soon.

Donna Huff fell on Saturday, breaking her hip. She is in the McCook Hospital and is doing well after surgery.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen got home from their trip to the East coast in time to eat Thanksgiving supper with us on Wednesday.

June Jolly finished her 'turkey' quilt and delivered it. She attended the KT club on Thursday and played cards at Indianola on Wednesday.

Toots' daughters, Judy and Charlie Easton and Jane Engelhardt, visited her on Sunday and did some chores for her.

I thank Tom Baker, Cheryl Par-