

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1887
 Twenty-four below zero Monday morning — news all snowed under.

Saturday's blizzard was the first of the season and quite severe while it lasted. Trains on the B.&M. were delayed 10 to 14 hours. A new timetable goes into effect next Monday on the Oberlin branch: The passenger will arrive at 1 p.m. and depart at 6 p.m.

Jack rabbit shooting by moonlight these bright nights.

The music of the sleigh bells has been heard upon the streets the last few days.

Goodland was declared by a majority of votes, at the recent election in Sherman County, to be the permanent county seat. Voltaire received but 11 votes.

A movement is on foot to open up a street east and west by purchasing and throwing open the two lots south of the building now occupied by N. Leopold & Co., and the two lots south of Beal and Co.'s drug store. This is a move in the right direction.

100 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1912

H.G. Craven, while shucking corn Friday morning, got a sand burr lodged in his throat and was taken to Topeka for an emergency operation, but coughed up the burr before the operation started.

Misses Katherine Langmaid, Jessie Green, Florence Cathcart and Merle Gierhart spent Thanksgiving with Ruth Scott at Oakley.

J.A. Quinn, J.A. Martin, C.H., Baumgarten and J.P. O'Grady went to Norton Saturday to be initiated into the Knights of Columbus.

Adam Smick of Custer Township and Susie Willard of Roosevelt were married last week.

At the teacher's association meeting held at Colby last week, the Decatur County delegation won the attendance contest and Miss Alma Tacha who represents Cheyenne County was second.

Miss Angie McMullen, who teaches at Lyle, was home for Thanksgiving.

A letter from John Millen, who has been working for Hagenbach in Berlin, Germany, says he has been transferred to Stockholm, Sweden,

to establish an ostrich farm in that city.

The "Clayton Vidette" has discontinued publication, and the editor, John Sheeley, has moved to Norton and gone to work for the "Norton Telegram."

75 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1937

Happy indeed, were local citizens when word was received here that the Oberlin CCC Camp would be left on the site here for further development of the Sappa State Park two miles east of town at least until March 31, 1938.

After twice being turned back on the 1-yard line, the Oberlin Red Devils scored on a blocked punt in the fourth quarter to defeat the Norton Bluejays 7-0 in the last game of the season for both teams which was played on Smick Field on Thanksgiving Day.

Big Timber: Thanksgiving Day found much for which to be thankful — healthy, rosy-cheeked youngsters — hard times, yes, but little actual want. Not much corn, wheat, milo or cane for sale, but more feed than for several years. The hoppers are gone for this year and our general health is good.

Dresden: The Hutchins family has been transferred to Burlington, Colo., and expect to be in their new location by Dec. 15. Mr. Hutchins has been depot agent here for many years.

Last Wednesday when Mrs. Nielsen and daughter, Ruth, were driving to Atwood to bring home another daughter, Miss Julia Gay, home for Thanksgiving, a front tire blew out as the car was coming down a hill at a moderate speed and the car made a complete turn-over. Mrs. Nielsen's injury was a gash on her leg and a bump on the head and Ruth was bruised and otherwise uninjured. The car was damaged to the extent of about \$180.

Four years of constant 4-H project work helped Miss Helen Leonard of Sappa Valley 4-H Club to win a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

During the last week the Jennings Lake has received 24,000 fish of five species — channel cats, bass, crappie, ring perch and sunfish.

A baby girl was born Nov. 24 to

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Beneda who live five miles north of Oberlin. The little girl weighed eight pounds and has been named Glenva Jean. Mrs. Susie Eiler is caring for the mother and little daughter.

50 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1962

More than 5,000 doses of Sabin oral polio vaccine arrived in Oberlin in preparation for the oral polio immunization campaign scheduled to begin on Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Oberlin American Legion Hall according to Dr. C.M. Dillon, county health officer.

The vaccine is stored at the Oberlin Locker. Permit and registration cards will be given to all school students and must be signed by the parent or guardian according to Dr. Ken Bickford.

After 38 years of service to the people of Oberlin, Fred Miesner has resigned as fire chief and building inspector. The City Council accepted his resignation at the Monday night meeting. Mayor Guy Morrish said, "He's been a wonderful man for that job and has been very conscientious."

The Herndon Covenant Church will have its organ dedication Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Alvin Olson as the organist. The public is invited to this concert of inspiring music on the Hammond church organ.

Lt. Cmdr. Tad Riley, son of the late Wilbur C. Riley, who was once the DCHS football coach, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for low-level photographic missions over Cuba during the recent crisis there.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Black, Oberlin, son, Kenneth Eugene, 11-28-62; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cressler, Selden, daughter, Marsha Ann, 11-29-62; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Massey, Oberlin, daughter, Teresa Diane, 12-2-62.

Jimmy Macy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon (Slim) Macy, Oberlin, is among 17 new Highway Patrolmen who completed a nine-week training course. He has been assigned to Wichita as a drivers license examiner.

Dresden: Funeral services were held for Tandy Nelson, 79. He was preceded in death by his wife,

Freida K. (Bremer) Nelson in 1944 and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Harold Derby of Dresden and Mrs. V.J. Welter of Colby; four grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

25 YEARS AGO — Dec. 1987

Oberlin Mayor Idella Frickey aired numerous concerns about the lack of handicapped parking facilities on Oberlin's Main Street at the recent council meeting.

Some 1700 acres of Decatur County land was offered in a partition sale last week by the heirs of John and Anna Petracek in Jennings Township. Sylvester Ritter Enterprises, Inc. purchased five of the 10 tracts for a total of \$214,000. Steve Ritter purchased a quarter of cropland for \$60,000.

Highest bidder on a 160-acre tract was Wesley Rahjes, Kensington, who bid \$385 per acre for total of \$61,600.

Leo Zdrow was the bidder on tract 4 which sold for \$212.50 per acre; John Reiff, Salt Lake City, Utah, gave \$295 per acre for a 160-acre tract consisting of some 150 acres of cropland and the final tract of land was sold to Stephen and Gregory Ritter for \$245 per acre. Mineral production was purchased by Ralph Pavlicek for a sum of \$15,000.

Kansas State Treasurer Joan Finney will speak to the Kansas Association of Legal Secretaries Dec. 15 at the American Legion at 7 p.m. All attorneys, legal secretaries and court personnel in the area are invited to attend. In addition a community-wide reception for Mrs. Finney will be held at the home of Mrs. Patty Brown, 804 North Griffith prior to the meeting.

Hospital News: Jan and Joseph Fortin, daughter, Katie Lynn, 11-30-87.

Bill Harmon, 165-pound senior end at DCHS was named to the Salina Journal 3A All-Area football team on offense and nominated for the Kansas Shrine team.

Jennings: Basketball fans savored a clean sweep last Friday as Coach Doyle Brown's young Coyote team pulled out a 54-51 victory against the Healy Eagles following the girls one-point win over their rivals.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

The annual cookie decorating party will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday in the Cedar Living Center dining room. All children are welcome to attend the party. There will be plenty of gingerbread men and sugar cookies to go around. We will also be well stocked with sprinkles and icing. Young and old will have a finger-licking good time.

The cookie decorating tradition started more than 10 years ago with Dr. Elizabeth Sliter hosting the party. Last year the party had to be canceled due to a flu bug going around, so this year we are especially anxious to host the event.

We are looking for a Scrabble partner for one of our Cedar Living Center residents. She would enjoy a good game once in awhile. Please call the center for more information.

Many of our holiday decorations are in place and the dining room, patio area and hallways are looking very festive. Many staff members joined in on the decorating. Special thanks go out to the many nurse aides who helped decorate several doors and to Char Agan for putting up the garland in the halls. We are always grateful to the maintenance department for carting all the boxes of decorations over from the storage building. This is no easy task.

The dice players met on Monday afternoon for a lively game. Myrna led us in singing all of the old holiday favorites before supper on Monday.

The Reading Buddies from the second grade classes visited on Tuesday morning. The residents and staff enjoy these visits and the children have a great time too.

Helen Helm won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Mary Votapka won the blackout game.

Staff members Sally May and Denae Brown played Scrabble with Audra Duncan on Tuesday

afternoon. They played just for fun and did not keep score, but they sure did come up with some interesting words.

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to make some reindeer ornaments for the Christmas tree.

Fr. Mark Berland brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning. Thursday afternoon the residents worked on unpacking some of the Christmas decorations as well as working on stuffing envelopes to mail out the invitations to our family Christmas party on Dec. 16.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to stir up a batch of peanut butter cookies. There were more residents helping with the eating than with the baking.

Residents and staff joined in singing with the group Faith, Hope, and Charity on Sunday afternoon. The group sang a selection of favorite Christmas songs.

There are always a few surprises that turn up during the holidays. Sherri Shuler brought in a couple of packages of cookies to share with the residents during social hour. Carol Shirley brought in several beautiful angels to add to our holiday displays. We are always humbled by the support and encouragement we receive from the community.

Recent visitors: Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Ogallala, Neb.; Clayton Erickson, Tecumseh; Tammi Engel, Delpha Sis, Atwood; Ron and Jerry Temple, Matthew, Timothy, Deb and Mike Helm, Bob Strevey, Norcatour.

Marilyn Gamblin, Myrna Jones, Robert and Penny Fringer, Janice Cundiff, Evelyn May, Gail and Kay Marcuson, Frank and Mert McEvoy, Mary Ann Amack, Oberlin.

Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

I am beginning to see Christmas decorations appear in yards and in windows. This time of year is so neat — a time to anticipate and remember why we celebrate.

The Red Barn Gang has been practicing hard for their holiday events. This year they will visit 12 nursing homes and assisted living centers in Atwood, Colby, Norton, Hill City, Oberlin, Oakley and Goodland. They perform a variety of music and use unique instruments such as the washboard, spoons and other rhythm instruments.

Shepherd's Staff welcomed a group of hunters from Bloodline Outdoors, a Christian hunting show that airs on the Pursuit Channel. While in the Rexford area, the hunters not only harvested their deer, but Bloodline founder Alex Rutledge spoke at the Heartland Christian School Banquet on Friday night.

Another group of hunters had an exciting hunt this week. Shawn Dible (son of John Dible) and his wife Andrea traveled in from Rogers, Ark., to search for deer. While

here, he shot a very large deer.

Quite a few kids from the Rexford, Selden and Menlo areas participated in a gymnastics program held by Tumbleweed Gymnastics on Saturday. Over 30 different groups performed Christmas numbers and did a great job.

Coming up this weekend at Shepherd's Staff is a Cookie Making Day and a Christmas Open House, both on Saturday. You can still register for the Cookie Making Day by calling 687-2565. The Christmas Open House will be held at the Main Center from 5:30 to 8 p.m.; the Historic Philip Houston House will also be open for tours. Come and celebrate the Christmas season with us!

Next week will be my last week to report news, and then Rexford news will need a new correspondent. If you are interested, please contact *The Oberlin Herald*, 785-475-2206, for details.

If you have celebrations or events you'd like me to include in next week's column, please call 687-2076 or email griffithsgang@gmail.com.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Our weather has been exceptionally nice. Windy, of course, and cold enough to let us know we're still in Kansas, but above normal temperatures for November and December.

Senior Citizens meet on the first and third Friday of the month to play pitch. Then when there are five Fridays in the month, what do we do? Get together and eat, of course. So we have a potluck dinner and then play cards. Sixteen enjoyed the great meal there, then, two days later comes the regular first Sunday of the month potluck at Lyle. There were 12 eating at Lyle on Sunday. Lots of good food.

Judy Easton plays in the Jubilee Handbell Ringers group at Quinter, so when Jane Engelhardt and Toots Magers said I could go with them Sunday evening — you know I was glad to go. During the ride down to Quinter, we enjoyed

one of the most gorgeous sunsets I can remember. Jane saw two deer while I was enjoying the sunset, and I was supposed to be watching. Several homes and the church were decorated so pretty, the program was beautiful, and to top off the day, we went to Judy and Charlie's place and ate again. We had taken leftovers from the potluck for that purpose. Charlie said I shouldn't tell everything that happened, so I won't tell that Judy didn't get any applesauce red hot salad or who finished it off.

Gary Anthony and Wayne McAllister saw Keith Anthony on Saturday and report that he is better.

June Jolly invited Judy Powell to lunch on Sunday and they had a good visit Sunday afternoon. June's daughter, Linda, and some ladies went to a ballet in Omaha on Saturday.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

John and Edith Tate returned home Nov. 25, after spending Thanksgiving with their son and family, Jaron and Tara Tate and Abigail, Fort Collins, Colo.

Jaron and Tara Tate, owners/managers of the Fort Collins, area Boot Camp Challenge Franchise, were involved in the Fort Collins Thanksgiving Day morning 5K run since 100 of their clients were among the almost 2,000 runners in the race.

Ralph and Norma Unger, Ryan and Darci Unger; Drew, Ty and Brock Zwegardt; Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly; and Rachelle Gorrell and Conner met in Manhattan on Saturday and attended the Kansas State University Wildcats/Texas Longhorns football game. Joining them at the game were Robert May and Cole.

After winning this game, Kansas State University will go on to play in the Fiesta Bowl.

Sunday, Ralph and Norma Unger traveled to Wichita to watch their granddaughter, Rielly Rittmann, Shawnee, compete in the Kansas Gymnastic Judges Cup Competition at the Folgers Gymnastic Club. In her age division, Rielly, 12, tied for first place in the uneven bar competition, placed fourth in the vault competition, placed fifth in the beam competition, and overall placed fourth in her age division.

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

The next time Norcatour's Senior Citizens will be playing cards will be at 1 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 13, in the Norcatour Methodist Educational Building.

Bee Nelson accompanied her cousin, Joy Chapman, Topeka, and her friend, Dot, Liberty, Mo., along with cousins Chuck Griffith, his daughter, Kelsey Griffith, Clayton, and Carol Griffith, Norton, to the Las Canteras Mexican Restaurant in Norton on Nov. 19.

Dave and Patty Stapp attended the baptism of Gabby Schamberger at the Hoxie United Methodist Church on Nov. 11. Other family members who attended were her parents, Kaitlyn Stapp and Michael Schamberger, Sam Stapp, Dewaine Stapp, Marian Dempewolf, Dave and Linda Schliep, Spencer and Addison.

Thanksgiving lunch guests of Dave and Patty Stapp were: Sam Stapp; Doug Dempewolf; Jerrod and Kortney Poire, Kynleigh and Bailey, Erie; Marian Dempewolf, Dave and Linda Schliep, Spencer and Addison, McCook; Dewaine

Stapp, Oberlin; Cody and Amber Smith, Topeka; Andrew Dempewolf and Jenna Braun, Hays; Greg Dempewolf, Culbertson, Neb.; and Sharee Dempewolf, Colby.

Gary and Cathy Anthony went to Kearney to visit his brother, Keith, at the Good Samaritan Hospital on Nov. 25. Keith is out of intensive care and back in his own room. He is doing better and they enjoyed a nice visit. Keith would enjoy hearing from all his Norcatour friends. Mail will reach him at Good Samaritan Hospital, 10 East 31st. St., Room 6310, West Tower, Kearney, Neb. 68848.

Thanksgiving guests at the Jodi Lyon home were Sharlynn, Gene, Riann, Brier and Morgann Mermis of Wichita. Carl and Gene did some odd jobs while the women went to Norton to visit Evelyn Lyon.

Happy birthday wishes to: Timothy Helm, Nov. 29; Troy Wentz, Dec. 1; Ruth Dickey, Dec. 2; Leota Goss, Dec. 3.

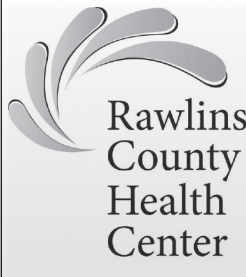

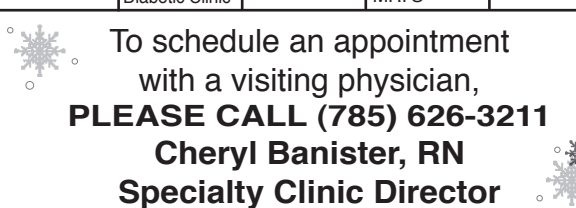
Celebrating anniversaries are: Gust and Kay Foth, Nov. 30; Dale and Leota Goss, Dec. 3.

LaVerne Milner, Norton, and Bee Nelson had Thanksgiving dinner at the buffet served at Jerry's Bar and Grill. Mrs. Milner enjoyed driving around Norcatour, but was ready to return to her home at the Andbe Home.

Wava Reames was a Thanksgiving Day guest of Ruby Pfieger, Norton. Other guests were: Steve McMurry, Eva Cribb, Leslie and Lynn Ward, Robert and Kaley Daniels, all of Norton; Patrick McMurry and his daughter, Sara, Colorado Springs; and Keith Ward, Norcatour.

As a memorial to Forest Jackson, a movie projector screen was purchased for the Norcatour Library. A blu-ray video play was purchased by the David Hare family. The first movie was shown Sunday. Disney's "A Christmas Carol" will be shown at 6 p.m., Sunday. It's all free, but donations will be accepted to help purchase bottled water and popcorn.

Don't forget the Christmas drawing will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 15, in the multi-purpose room at the former school building.

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