

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1887**  
 Clark & Son's new building is almost ready for occupancy.  
 Frank Broderick has purchased Geo. Reynold's stock of brick.  
 Leo Hudson and Ed Beardsley of Ludell Sundayed in Oberlin.  
 The Oberlin public schools were closed Monday on account of scarlet fever.  
 Sunday and Monday were delightful days, as balmy as spring.  
 Jack Butters has sold his bakery to E.S. Keerman of the Prairie Dog.  
 Oberlin has some No. 1 chess players and they are gradually awakening an interest in the scientific amusement.  
 Robt. Brindle has purchased Geo. Penson's milk route.  
 Plenty of snow in the mountains this year which insures a good crop year.

**100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1913**  
 Nice moonlight nights for skating.  
 The weather has been wintry but not very cold.  
 Clarence Van Cleave sold his interest in the barber shop last week and left for Topeka.  
 Miss Cora Noonan has been appointed stenographer for the House Committee, of which R.S. Hendricks is chairman.  
 J.V. Riley returned Tuesday from a visit with his father, Robt. Riley, at Superior, Nebr.  
 Miss Gusta Geisenhener of Thomas County, and a graduate of the Decatur County High School, will sail this week from San Francisco for India. We hear she will have charge of an English school in that country. Her mother went along as far as San Francisco to bid her goodbye when she goes aboard the ship.

**75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1938**  
 C.C. Hendricks, county commissioner from the first district, is the new chairman of the commissioner board succeeding Henry Wahlmeier

of the third district. Commissioner's proceedings will be published each month in The Oberlin Herald the Norcatr Dispatch and the Jennings Gazette with the expense to be divided equally among the three papers.  
 The DCHS debate team coached by Mrs. S.O. Stowell, placed fourth among 10 Class A schools in the tournament at Dodge City. They were excelled by teams from Wellington, Hutchinson and Dodge City. Members of the team were Maxine Walker, Jack Hendrix, Phyllis Armstrong, Leo Bendon and Millie Stowell, substitute.  
 Oberlin Hatchery is announcing this week the first setting of eggs in their modern Buckeye all-electric incubators and the employment of an experienced hatcheryman, Mr. W.H. Howerton. The hatchery will be operated under the management of Mrs. F.B. Patton, part owner of the plant who moved into the residence on the hatchery property in west Oberlin several months ago. Max Vernon, who had been employed at the plant the past year, will continue as assistant to the new hatcheryman.  
 St. Francis downed the Red Devils in basketball 29-17 while the DCHS wrestlers of Coach Cronk won by a score of 25 and 1/2 to 16 and 1/2. (In case of a draw, each wrestler is awarded a point and a half.)  
 Custer: Wedding bells have already rung for Miss Capitolia Pierce and Mr. Ernest Petracek as they were married on Tuesday, Jan. 11.  
 Prairie Dog: McKay Brothers shipped a carload of cattle to Kansas City Saturday and Howard accompanied them.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gaines are the parents of a son, Robert Duane, born Jan. 17.

A farewell dinner Sunday at the Methodist Church honored the Rev. Mark Smith, Mrs. Smith and son who leave this week for WaKeeney where he will be the Methodist pastor. The Rev. Leon Rothweiler of Ransom is coming to Oberlin to take the pastorate of the church here.  
 Miss Agnes Heitmann and Miss Hazel Votapka were guests of the Tuesday Study Club last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Votapka near Jennings. The meeting was a social one with husbands as guests for an oyster supper and bridge and pinochle were played.  
**50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1963**  
 A cold front moved through the Midwest Jan. 9 plunging the temperature from a high of 63 on Tuesday to a low of 1 degree by Wednesday night with four inches of snow. The mercury continued its skid plunging to minus 16 by Friday and several residents reported frozen pipes.  
 Discussion at Oberlin Chamber of Commerce meetings has centered on whether or not to begin the process of applying to become a second-class city. According to E.R. Woodward, only Oberlin and Smith Center of the cities along the northern tier of Kansas which are eligible to become second-class cities, have failed to do so. Any city with a population of more than 2000 may become a second-class city. According to Woodward the differences would be: second-class cities have a city election each year; the city is divided into wards; a city school board is increased to six members (from three) and the tax limitations vary from an aggregate of 14 mills in second class to 11 mills in third class.  
 At the annual meeting of Farmers National Bank, Mrs. Edwin Robertson was promoted to assistant cashier replacing Mrs. Homer Murlin who retired Dec. 31 and Jack Metcalf of Harlan Township was added to the board of directors.  
 Eugene (Shep) Shepherd, park superintendent at Sappa State Park, has been transferred to Ottawa County State Park and Lake near Minneapolis.  
 A new medical doctor, Dr. Wayne G. Parker, 35, will move from Hoxie to Oberlin to join Drs. Nelson,

Coffman and Bickford at Oberlin Clinic. Parker and his wife, Elaine, who is a registered nurse, have four boys, Barnett, 7; Lynn, 6; Glen, 3 and Dan, 2. They will move March 1 and make their home at 403 West Ash, a new residence now under construction.  
**25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1988**  
 Rick and Lynn Doeden are the proud parents of the first baby born in Decatur County in 1988. Kellen Terel was born Jan. 8 and has a sister, Erin, age 7 to welcome his home.  
 New fourth grade teacher at Oberlin Elementary School is Dale Marie Bryan who replaces Debra Ward who resigned effective Dec. 31 and left the district.  
 The hospital building project approved by voters last April has experienced another delay as all bids were above the estimated cost of the project.  
 A local 12-member jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs, Herschel Betts and Phyllis Lohoe-fener, against First National Bank, Salina, which had failed to make remaining payments on the sale of the stock of the former Decatur County National Bank which had been initiated by the plaintiffs' father, J.R. Betts. Attorney for the plaintiffs was Ron Shalz of Shalz, Taylor, Schiffner and Kriss of Colby.  
 The Oberlin girls basketball team won the Oberlin Invitational basketball tournament with wins over Brewster, Atwood and Grinnell while the boys placed third losing 66-62 to Sharon Springs in the semifinals. For Oberlin, all-tourney honors went to Barb Juenemann and Jeni Shirley and to John Koerperich. Winners in the tournament free-throw contests were Juenemann and Kurt Bennett.  
 Sheila Frahm, Colby, has announced plans to run for the Kansas Senate as a Republican candidate.  
 Jennings: Michael Shimek, son of Roger and Dorothy Shimek, and a senior at Prairie Heights High School, has won a \$1,500 award from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation in Logan.

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## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Kent and Robin Brown and Jordan, Estes Park, Colo., and Ryan May attended the Wichita State Bowl game Jan. 3 at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz., where the Kansas State Wildcats played the Oregon Ducks.  
 Dec. 28 evening dinner guests of Martin and Evelyn May to celebrate their May family Christmas were Ernest and Donna May, Tonganoxie; Pastor Paul and Meaghan May, Austen, Claire, and Evan; Sioux Falls, S.D.: Rebecca May, Austin, Texas; Marvin May; Chris May, Kaylee and Hunter; Andy and Kellie May and Lauren; Kalen Townsend; and Greg and Janice Cundiff. The Ernest and Paul May families were overnight guests at the Martin May home, returning home the next day.  
 David May, McCook; Wilma May; Jerry and Connie Olson; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; and Stean Olson, Hays, celebrated their family Christmas at the home of Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett, Gage, and Wyatt, on Dec. 29.  
 Richard May and Brianna Steckline, Lawrence; Walter and Betty May; Rhonda May; Elizabeth Nedland; Hunter and Rhiannon Nedland and Liam; Robert May; Cole May; Roger and Susan May and Erin; Carie Nichols, Dustin, Tyler, and Kamri; and Regan Bartels were Jan. 5 guests of Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, to celebrate their May family Christmas.  
 Christian Rittmann was a house-guest of Ralph and Norma Unger after he returned home from attending the Jan. 3 Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Ariz.  
 Ralph and Norma Unger, ac-

companied by Christian Rittmann, joined Butch and Colleen Rittman Friday evening at the Wichita State University Heskett Center to watch Rielly Rittmann compete in the 2013 Folger's New Year Invitational gymnastics meet. In her age group, Rielly placed first in both floor exercises and beam, second in uneven bars, and second overall. Ralph and Norma returned home Saturday after watching their granddaughter compete.  
 Seventeenth Judicial District Magistrate Judge John Bremer was honored with a retirement reception Thursday morning at the Decatur County Courthouse, third floor, hosted by his clerks of the court, Janet Meitl and Rhonda Wildeman. Out-of-town guests attending were Judge William Elliott, Senior Judge representing the Supreme Court and formerly Chief Judge of the 17th Judicial District; District Judge Preston Pratt, Chief Judge for the 17th Judicial District; 17th Judicial District Magistrate Judges Deb Anderson, Norton County; Barbara Stites, Graham County; Jacqueline Thornton, Osborne County, and Michael Kirchoff, Smith County; Norton attorney and former district judge, Charles Worden; and Janelle Morel, 17th District Judicial Administrative Assistant. John's retirement date is Jan. 15.  
 Following the reception, Judge Bremer, Dianne Bremer, Janet Meitl and Rhonda Wildeman were lunch guests of retired Decatur County Court Clerk Charlotte Meints.  
 Ralph and Violet Shaw were Sunday noon dinner guests of Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante.

## Chamber News

By Galen Olson

The excitement at the Chamber these days is about the annual meeting and the first Great Meatloaf Cook-Off. There have been a lot of questions about it and about last week's *Oberlin Herald* having the word "Meatloaf" throughout the paper. So here is what is happening.  
 The 2012 Chamber of Commerce/Oberlin Business Alliance annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 2, along with the first Meatloaf Cook-Off. Any person, club, team, organization, business can be a contestant but there can be only one representative.  
 Each meatloaf should be decorated to represent a structure, object, picture, etc. All "meatloaf art" must be edible, i.e. no props like plastic figures. There will be a winner for originality (use of various foods to create the "art"), taste and the overall "Meatloaf Royalty" for 2013. A "traveling trophy" will be presented to our overall winner.  
 Anyone who wants to enter should register by calling the Chamber office at 475-3441, or Galen Olson at (785) 470-0043 no later than Monday, Jan. 28. There are no fees for meatloaf contestants.  
 Meatloaf art will be delivered to the Bohemian Hall between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb 2, to be

logged in. Contestants will display their work in the judging area. Judging begins at 6 p.m. Meeting and dinner participants are encouraged to come view these pieces of art.  
 The meatloaf art dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Our winners for originality and taste will be announced around 7 p.m., and the overall winner will receive the traveling trophy for 2013, which will be given to the 2014 winner next year.  
 Liane Martin will give a presentation about her apron collection, which will be on display. The dinner is free to anyone with a paid membership to the Chamber of Commerce. Others will be \$17.50 per person. (Individual memberships are \$50, business memberships \$125.)  
 Reservations are required due to the limited seating.  
 If you wish to join the Chamber and did not receive the form, call the Chamber office at 475-3441 and we will get one to you.  
 Please come join us for this fun activity. Leave a message at the Chamber office, 475-3441, if you wish to be a contestant or to make reservations for dinner. For more information, call Galen Olson at 470-0043 or email gwo716@att.net.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

How lucky can I get? For several reasons, I get to stay in where it's warm when it's so cold outside. This morning the television said it was 2 degrees in McCook. They always include McCook in the Kansas weather for some reason. Another way I am so lucky is that people are so good to bring me what I need, from mail to food to company. Wednesday last week was our regular Liberty Star Club day but I wasn't going out on the ice, etc. yet, so Carolyn called and asked, "How would you like us to come to your house for our meeting?" My first reaction was, "Yikes" as I haven't been doing much in the way of housecleaning, and have had some adorable little girls here helping me. But, I recovered and said that would be a good deal, and it was.  
 We always have a good time, and nobody in that group comes to criticize each other's house. Thank

goodness. Margaret "Toots" Magers, Joyce Price, Kathy Van Meter, Carolyn Plotts, Carol Moyer and myself drew names for Mystery Sisters, and did the usual giggling, and each one brought little snack foods. They commented on my good solid ramp. Thanks to Tom Baker and his cousin.  
 Sorry this is all about me, next time I'll try to do better (if I'm not fired by then). I'm grateful for my great-granddaughter, Adrienne for staying with me. She and her two daughters keep things interesting.  
 Three-year-old Skylar was trying to cut paper with the little scissors. She asked her older sister, Kylie, age 6, "How do you do that?"  
 Kylie continued what she was doing and said, "Takes practice."  
 Kylie rides the school bus and Skylar goes to pre-school two mornings a week.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We are happy to report that, except for the normal aches and pains, the residents of Cedar Living Center are once again enjoying good health. A few days of being under the weather certainly have made residents and staff appreciate how blessed we are when we have good health.  
 Residents met on Monday afternoon for a round of trivia games. There was much laughter in the room when we tried to remember old nursery rhymes. Before supper on Monday we put in a CD and sang along to some old time favorites.  
 Our Reading Buddies from the second grade classes at Oberlin Elementary visited on Tuesday morning. They brought some much needed sunshine and laughter on a cold January morning.  
 The bingo players were out in full force on Tuesday afternoon. Helen Helm and Ann Szweistis tied for the first bingo and Ann also had the first blackout. Volunteer Dolores Koerperich and staff member Linda Fox assisted Connie Gamblin with the game on Tuesday.  
 Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service on Tuesday afternoon.  
 Residents met on Wednesday afternoon to remember Elvis Presley who would have celebrated his birthday Jan. 8. We learned a variety of interesting facts about the entertainer. Peanut butter and banana sandwiches, minus the bacon, were served in his honor.  
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## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Prayer week services are being held this week in various homes for the congregation of the Herndon Covenant Church. They met Sunday at the Keith and Sandy Reuther home; Monday at the Verol and Rosemary Bergling home; Tuesday with Chris and Sherri Schmidt; tonight (Wednesday) at the AWANA youth meeting at the First Christian Church in Atwood; Thursday at 7 p.m. with Vince and Gayle Carlson; Friday at 1 p.m. at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center; and Saturday at 7 p.m. at the home of Gerald and Patti Benda.  
 The annual meeting of the Herndon Covenant Church will follow morning worship services on Sun-

day with a sack lunch. Those attending are asked to bring something for snacks.  
 Keith and Mary Lou Olson and Cecil Hess attended the open house at the Norton Senior Center on Saturday, which honored Vendla Tacha on her 90th birthday. Hosts were her son and his wife, Warren and Lynn Tacha, Jennings; and daughter, Cheryl Roberts, Norton, and her family. Ivis Hanson and Doris Gilbert, Oberlin, and John and Mickey Jones, Hutchinson, were also among relatives present.  
 Norma Anderson has been hospitalized in Oberlin with pneumonia.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Lawrence Wendelin, Gothenburg, Neb., was a Wednesday afternoon visitor of Bob and Julie Hafner.  
 Deb Portschy was a weekend houseguest in Manhattan of Jerry and Barb Holste. She went especially to watch the Buffaloes wrestle at St. Mary's. She also enjoyed visiting with Kurt and Pam Dillon on Friday and at the home of Jacob, Tara, Kade and Phoebe Marintzer of Westmorland on Saturday.  
 Pete Portschy will celebrate his 80th birthday on Monday, Jan. 21. Birthday greetings will reach him at 650 Lake Rd. Atwood, Kan., 67730. Happy Birthday, Pete, from the Herndon community!  
 Bob and Julie Hafner visited Jackie Votapka, Cade, Jill, Barry, Janeil and Brock Wednesday in Oberlin.  
 Herndon PRIDE 2013 calendars can be purchased at The Bank in Herndon or by contacting Deb Portschy or any PRIDE member. Area monthly birthdays and anniversaries are listed for a quick reference. For any additions or changes,


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 St. Mary's Christian Mother's Altar Society held their annual appreciation pizza gathering at Roger's Bar and Grill, Jan. 7. Theresa Rippe decorated the tables with festive covering, garlands and floral sprigs. Members and guests attending were: Beth Chartier, Theresa Rippe, Sharon Frick, Pam Stuczynski, Stacey and Bethany Chartier, Jacque Riener, Eileen Unger, Nadine Green, Vicky Mumm, Lina Mumm, Lila Leitner, Sharon Ecker, Sandi Green, Rachel Solko, Julie Hafner, Ann Solko, Deanna Williams and Voni Sattler. Items were donated to help stock the Rawlins County Food Pantry and were delivered by Rachel Solko.  
 Pre-Christmas guests of Janice Sattler, Atwood, were Ron and Eric Sattler, Rob, Cody and Isaiah Sattler, Brian, Mary and Collin Clark, Jayme Sattler, Chase, Dana, Payton, Paycie and Parker Juenemann, and Rodney and Katelyn Rippe.

## Good Samaritan Center

By Whitney True

What another eventful week here at the Good Sam. Residents had their pictures taken and enjoyed a Bible study with our new volunteer, Violet Shaw.  
 This week we will take a "road trip" to Brazil where we will experience song, dance, food and festivities.  
 Residents will also enjoy a class on photography and making music with household objects. We will host a "Hula in the Coola" this month and residents have been creating table decor and games for the event. As always, we thank our volunteers for

their continued support!  
 Visitors included: April Stull for **Will Stull**; Donovan and Lora Randolph for **Amy Rehm**; Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**; Pat Foley and Sarah Harris for **Lee Foley**; Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt**; Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**; Jeanne Britton, Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**; Norma and Ralph Unger for **Earl Brown** and **Margaret Vacura**; Joe and Lori Brewer, Chris and Julie and Megan Gardiner and Ann Mines for **Leona Helmkamp**.



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