

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1881

Snow fell to the depth of six inches last Thursday and Friday, but owing to the scarcity of sleighs and bobsleds, buffalo robe parties were not indulged in.

W.A. Burnett, county treasurer elect, purchased the Dan Downing claim, one mile southwest of town and will improve and move onto it in the spring.

A change has recently been made in the proprietorship of the old reliable mercantile house of George Colby, Mr. Frank A. Hunt taking a position in the establishment as junior partner.

The successful candidates in last Tuesday's election were: W.A. Burnett, Democrat, county treasurer; E.W. Rathbun, Republican, county clerk; J.W. Short, R, sheriff; Frank A. Hunt, D, register of deeds; George W. Boring, D, surveyor; C.E. Corporan, R, clerk of district court; W.A. Covlin, R, coroner; Van B. Wiggins, A.W. Bariteau, and R.W. Finley, all Republicans, county commissioners.

100 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1906

L.D. Langmaid, one of the older settlers of the city, died quite suddenly Wednesday evening.

A young baseball player arrived at the home of Lem Gillette last Wednesday.

Fred L. Henshaw, at one time owner of *The Oberlin Herald*, died Oct. 28 in Seattle. He was a pleasant and companionable fellow, a trenchant writer and well liked business man. He had the distinction of being the only Democrat to be elected to the Kansas legislature in 1884.

Election returns: representative, J.D. Flanagan, D; county clerk, Fred Campbell, R; county treasurer, Wm Landau, D; sheriff, John W. Railsback, D; register of deeds, John Lizberg, R; county superintendent, M.T. Barnett, D; county attorney, L.M. Parker, R; clerk of district court, Chas. Brewer, R; probate judge, A.L. Patchin, R; surveyor, Ned Coldren, D; coroner, J.J. Dallal, R; commissioner, 1st district, R.G. Haden, D.

Both the high school building and the opera house are being rushed these pleasant days.

75 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1931

Just one month ago, the local price for wheat was 26 cents a bushel; today it is 45 cents. While we feel that we've been hit pretty hard in this western country, conditions are much worse in the East and the industrial centers.

Court House News: Judge Kulp performed a ceremony for Andy Pirkel, 70, of Traer, and Mrs. Stena Tjarks, 65, Oberlin, on Nov. 2.

Methods of assisting the unemployed and needy families this winter are being considered by the American Legion, Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club. For transient workers, a centrally located woodpile will be started from dead trees in the community in order that workers can earn the price of a meal by chopping wood.

Ex-college and high school players from Oberlin played a game for charity in McCook last Sunday afternoon which was won by Oberlin behind the all-around play of Pete Reeves and the ball lugging of L. Jones and the coaching of "Pie" Winget and "Dutch" Anderson. The McCook team will come to Oberlin this Sunday afternoon for a return game and the proceeds will go to local charity.

Oberlin will sustain the loss of a fine family when the V.A. Francis family moves to Lamar, Colo., in a few weeks. V.A. has accepted the position of advertising manager of the Lamar Daily Sparks, edited by Lee Meadows, former Oberlin newspaper man. The Francis family came to Oberlin in 1921 and he operated the Oberlin Cash Store until October 1926 when the store was destroyed by fire. Since then he has been in sales work which has kept him on the road and away from family much of the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hurst are the parents of a baby girl born Oct. 23 and named Maurine Lee.

50 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1956

Nearly everyone likes Ike. He surpassed his popular and electoral vote of the election of 1952 by winning 41 states. In Kansas, George Docking became Kansas' first Democratic governor since 1936. In county races, Democrat Floyd Tice defeated Fay Brock for third district county commissioner and George Nellans defeated Loran Alexander in his bid for seventh term as probate judge and publisher Ernest Woodward defeated Washburn University law student Howard Petracek for state representative by a vote of 1542 to 1377.

Oberlin will have a new swimming pool, with the vote favoring the bond issue 710 for and 310 against.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Koerperich, Selden, daughter, Rebecca Lynn, Nov. 1; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hill, daughter, Betty

Ann, Nov. 3.

School News: Three freshmen at DCHS, Harold Cochran, Nancy Nemeth and Mary Reeves, had all A's at the end of the first quarter.

Jerry Lohofener left Wednesday to take his physical for the U.S. Army Reserves. He is a 1956 DCHS graduate. He spent Sunday in Hays with Roger Cody, who is attending college there.

Guy Votapka has purchased the farm in Sherman Township which is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cochran. The Votapkas' son, Charles, who is now serving with the U.S. Navy, his wife and son, will move to this place after he receives his discharge in February.

25 YEARS AGO — Nov. 1981

Concern over the crisis stage of agriculture was more than enough to draw a packed house in Norton Friday for a visit by Secretary of Agriculture John Block accompanied by Kansas Sen. Bob Dole. More than 500 persons were present and had some tough questions for Sen. Dole, who they feel betrayed them in the recently passed Senate farm bill which sets the 1982 target price for wheat at \$4. He did get applause for the work he has done toward increasing grain exports since removal of the embargo to the Soviet Union.

Herndon: Don and Jean Pelkey of Manderson, Wyo., have purchased the Perk-a-lator Diner from Marvin

Leitner.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fortin, daughter, Kristi Kay, Oct. 30; Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Peters, son, Justin Allen, Oct. 30; Mr. and Mrs. James Stanley, daughter, Mary Elizabeth, Oct. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Benda, Ludell, announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Lynn, to Mark Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Olson, Herndon. The bride-to-be is a senior in landscape horticulture at Kansas State University. Olson is a senior in the College of Veterinary Medicine at KSU. An Aug. 7, 1982, wedding is planned.

Delores Spreser became the bride of Dan Juenemann on Sept. 26 at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville. Father Bill Surmeier officiated. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Spreser, Dresden and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Juenemann, Selden.

The Red Devils did all their scoring in the first half while the Oakley Plainsmen did their thing in the last with the Devils coming out on top 28-14.

DCHS cross-country coach Dick Ahlberg will take the following team members to the State meet at Manhattan: Paul Shields, Doug Horn, Davy Brown, Frank Neff, Cliff Hartzog, Doug Richards and Pat Luedders.

The Red Devil volleyball team coached by Jim Keller finished second at sub-state.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

It is hard for me to be thinking Christmas before Thanksgiving but we are doing that at the Museum. Thanks to the Teens for Christ and their sponsors, we have the trees up and ready for different businesses and organizations to decorate. There are only a couple not spoken for so if you would like to be involved call us at (785) 475-2712.

The grand opening of our 2006 Christmas Tree Tour will be after the Parade of Lights on Friday, Nov. 24. That evening you will be able to view the trees and enjoy entertainment by Ron Temple's Gospel Group. There will be hot cider and cookies in the Second Annex.

The trees will be on display until Dec. 21 during regular office hours at the Museum in case you are not able to make the grand opening.

After having cleaned and reorganized the military area in the Sec-

ond Annex last winter, we are continuing to enhance that area. It is important to honor all those men and women who have served our country, and the museum staff considers it to be a priority. One of our goals is that each uniform displayed have a picture of the veteran attached.

We are currently combining the various military resources available to us into individual veteran's files — items including Marian Cathcart's extensive collections, museum accession records and newspaper clippings/pictures. This will not only preserve military history, but will also be a convenient resource for genealogical research.

We welcome any information or items for these files. We're especially interested in pictures and would like our files to be as complete as possible.

Marshall, Ron Snyder of Colby, **Mildred Black**; Dorothy Pryor, **Elaine Thomas** - Elsie Welters; **Ruth Laidig** - Serena Stacy, Janice Mehl of North Platte; **Elsie Macy** - Marian Fraker; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein; **Thelma Spiers** - Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon; **Ruby Wennihan** - Norma Richards, Jerridee Vernon of Kanopolis; **John and Muriel Ready** - Norma Richards, Judy Fritz of Hinesbury, Vt.; **Marie McChesney** - Julia Ray; **Irel Lohofener** - Flossie Millage and Tami Richards of Belton, Mo.; **Doris Miller** - Pat Cozad; June Saum - Jerridee Vernon of Kanopolis. Also visiting was Lois Lamb.

Hirsch.

If you haven't stopped by in a while, Jeanette Diederich has finished the mural on the east wall and has begun on the north. We love to watch the magic she creates with the stroke of a brush.

Be sure to come see the progression of Decatur County history portrayed through art. There will be lots of changes in preparation of our 50th anniversary celebration in March.

We hope to see many of you on Saturday. It will be worth your time and you will be blessed!

Recent guests: **Ethel Nemeth** - Helen Brooks; **Mac Guy** - Helen Brooks, Norma Richards; **Rothely Hunt** - Helen Brooks, Reva

Good Samaritan Center

About a year ago hurricanes ravaged the U.S. coastlines. During Bible study a comment was made about how helpless the ladies felt.

When I suggested we do something the question was posed, "But what can we do?"

Preparation for a Rock-A-Thon began. I wish you could have seen the love, anticipation, life, and excitement that filled the ladies' eyes and became downright contagious.

The entire Center took on a new vitality; we had purpose and determination!

We played a game with each one guessing how much money could be raised. The guesses were from \$100 to \$1,000. When all was said and done a \$1,000 check was sent to the Salvation Army, but there was something much more valuable in that envelope than money. Love, prayers and pride were also tucked inside; no amount of insurance could cover its worth.

The whole experience was such a joy and a blessing. I proposed another service project this fall. When asked what the ladies wanted to do, almost in unison they answered, "We want to have another Rock-A-Thon."

With one suggestion we knew how the proceeds would be spent — sending Love Packages to soldiers serving overseas — and they determined 100 packages would be our goal. Postage alone is \$8.10 per box so I'm praying we can meet our lofty goal but with the history of the generosity of the Oberlin community, we will probably surpass it!

I am hoping to get most of the items donated. Principal Duane Dorshorst will be bringing cards the grade school children are making. Carolyn Force plans to give paperback books. If there is something you have an abundance of, and would like to be a part of this project, we would love for you to participate. We need entertainment and snacks for the day, sponsors, prayer

partners, names of soldiers, and people to come to cheer the ladies on.

The Rock-A-Thon will take place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. this Saturday. Call Lisa Stacy or Anita Hirsch at (785) 475-2245.

On Monday and Tuesday, Becky Ayers' preschool kids came trick-or-treating and also sang Halloween songs for the residents. They were such polite little goblins; we hope they will be back often.

On Tuesday, the preschoolers and the Kayettes came, bringing Halloween treats. Social Hour was hosted by the STAR committee. Popcorn in a variety of flavors, along with apple cider, was served to residents and staff.

The Activity Department distributed over 4,000 pieces of candy among the residents' rooms for the Spook Parade and the residents anxiously awaited the arrival of some 100 costumed cuties. This is a highlight for our elders, who love kids.

On Wednesday, we welcomed Staff Sgt. David McConnell, who came in the evening to give "A Soldier's Perspective" to an attentive group of residents and about 12 members of the community. This was scheduled to get everyone excited about the upcoming Rock-A-Thon.

He was able to tell us of the anticipation and excitement of the soldiers when they receive a package from home. He also gave some insight on what to send. He will be on hand on Saturday if you have any questions.

On Thursday, the kids from the United Church's after school program came and left pretty baskets filled with an assortment of treasures at each table. Bingo cannot be canceled for any reason, even a visit from a soldier, so it was postponed a day.

We had another surprise at Social Hour on Friday, homemade spice donuts fried up fresh by Anita

Cedar Living News

The invitations for our annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner have been mailed out. The dinner will be held on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 12:30 p.m. For more information or to make a reservation please contact Teresa Shaughnessy at (785) 475-2208.

Residents met on Monday afternoon to prepare Halloween treat bags, and we sampled some of the candy.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack hosted the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Several members of the Kayettes from Decatur Community High School visited Tuesday morning. They delivered Halloween treats to the residents.

A Halloween party was held Tuesday afternoon. Entertainment for the party was provided by the third grade students from Oberlin Elementary. They were all wearing their Halloween costumes and they recited poems and sang for us. Each child received a treat bag on the way out. Doughnuts and hot cider were served following the program and Wava Reames assisted.

We had many trick-or-treaters visit during the afternoon and evening. These visits are a special treat for the residents and staff and are much appreciated.

Bingo was postponed until Wednesday due to the Halloween festivities. Paul Sass won the first bingo and the blackout game ended with multiple winners.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father Henry brought communion for the Catholic residents Thurs-

day morning.

The dietary department hosted a buffet lunch on Thursday featuring meat loaf, lasagna, macaroni and cheese, and a salad bar.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle group on Thursday afternoon.

Teresa Shaughnessy, author of the Cedar Living Center news, attended the correspondents luncheon hosted by the *Oberlin Herald* at noon on Friday.

The baking group made peanut butter cookies Friday afternoon.

The Oberlin Community Fellowship Church gave the Sunday worship service.

Recent visitors: Jan and Mish Latham, Corey Gosney, Colorado Springs; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Lillian Sulzman, Paul and Mildred Welter, Dresden; Rosa P. Boehm, George Wurm, Agnes Roberts, McCook; Susan McKain, McDonald; Mike and Marie McVay, Margaret Stanley, Colby; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings;

Frank Cox, Phyllis Grafel, Herndon; Eleanor Odle; Dave Cox, Hays; John Tacha, Lawrence; Brad Danielson, Lenora; Shakia, Sohn, and Rose Domsch, Meredith Hrnchir, Kyle Lanning, Atwood; Jim, Cindy, and James Cox, Blackstone, Va.; Jerry Temple, Dorothy Ward, Norcat; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden;

Lyle Gamblin, Barb Solko, Carol Shirley, Mildred Holmdahl, Rocky, Teresa, and Jori Diederich, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Sandra Young, Dana Winstead and Rusty, Oberlin.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Cameron Nedland, accompanied by Dan Nedland, attended Seniors Day at K-State in Manhattan on Oct. 31.

John and Edith Tate returned home Tuesday after visiting three of their sons. After visiting Jaron and Tara Tate and Abigail, Hot Springs, Ark., they drove on to Gulf Breeze, Fla., to visit the Jon Austin Tate family and were joined there by Jamie Tate, Pensacola, Fla.

Stay tuned to "The Biggest Loser" this Wednesday evening for a special two-hour show. Our local boy, Jaron Tate, representing the Arkansas, will be back on the scene.

Flossie Millage and daughter, Tammy Richards, of Belton, Mo., were supper guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw, Thursday visitors of Elwood and Elaine Mines, and Thursday supper guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields.

Tyler Shields and Sara Kyte were chosen to sing in the Northwest Kansas Music Educators Association Junior High Honor Choir concert at Hays High on Saturday. Attending were Paul and Kelly Shields and the Millard Kyte family. Tyler Shields was also chosen as an honor band alto saxophone alternate.

Jessica Bremer was one of two pianists chosen to play in the Northwest Kansas Music Educators Association High School Honor Jazz Band concert Saturday at the Hays High School. Decatur Community High School was represented by Jessica on piano and Jenny Hirsch on saxophone. John and Dianne Bremer also attended the concert.

Zach May and his Golden Retriever, Buddy, traveled with the Thomas County Dog Club to Rock Springs where they attended a State 4-H Dog Conference Saturday and Sunday.

While attending seminars and contests, Zach received a Blue on his project talk. Pam May was one of the sponsors, and they returned home Sunday afternoon.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica spent Thursday night in Olathe and were with his sister, Linda Tomasch, while her husband, Lynn, underwent triple bypass heart surgery Friday morning at the Olathe Medical Center.

The Bremers left Friday for Hays to spend the night since Jessica needed to be at Hays High Saturday morning to practice with the Honor Jazz Band for their afternoon concert.

Herndon News

By Carol Ginter

Flu shots will be given by the Rawlins County health nurses from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Herndon Senior Center. The shots are available to everyone.

Bob and Liane Martin and grandchildren were visitors of Ann Martin on Sunday.

Don Pettera of Mesa, Ariz., Les and Myrna Pettera of Loveland,

Colo., and Connie and Mike James of Thornton, Colo., spent last week-end visiting Edie Pettera to help her celebrate her 95th birthday. It was also Don Pettera's birthday.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Loretta Leitner, mother of Randy Leitner of Herndon, who died on Oct. 26.

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