

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1887**

The Beaver Valley Branch is completed to Cedar Bluffs.  
 Judge J.D. Hayes will soon move to Cheyenne, Wyo. to make his future home.  
 The fall freight business is increasing; 17 full cars arrived Tuesday evening.

Otis L. Benton and Miss Maud Durkee were married Sept. 22 at Eureka, Kansas, and arrived in Oberlin Friday night. Mr. Benton is connected with the Oberlin Loan, Trust and Banking Company.

Married, Oct. 2, 1887, Mr. H.E. Counter and Leticia A. Montgomery, both of Decatur County.

The newly admitted members of the Oberlin Bar Association — T.D. Babb, H.D. Thompson and F.O. Salisbury — spread a banquet at the Oberlin House on Thursday evening.

Mrs. S.J. Rodehaver last week refused an offer of \$7,500 for The Oberlin House.

**100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1912**

The farmers are hustling to get the feed cut since the frost.  
 Nitsch and Milleson got in another car of Overlands Monday.  
 Art Grindle sports a brand new Reo car.

Frank Lytle is the possessor of a new Maxwell car.  
 Married, Oct. 7, 1912, Mr. Michael O'Leary and Miss Veronica Scott.

The DCHS football team defeated the McCook High School team 19 to 6 last Friday.

Allison Items: Married Sunday afternoon, Oct. 3, 1912, Mr. Clinton Carper and Miss Mae Steele.

**75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1937**

The Sixth District Federation of Women's Clubs which met in Oberlin last week has 116 clubs with 2272 members. Officers elected were Mrs. C.E. Feely, Jennings,

chairman of Arts and Mrs. Dan Hopson, Phillipsburg, president. Hostesses for the Federation meeting were Mrs. Ralph Clark, Monday Evening Club president; Mrs. Wayne Landau, Philosophian Club, Mrs. Howard Eiler, Oberlin JCC, Mrs. Howard Banta, Keep Pace and Mrs. Raymond Cilek, the Tuesday Study Club of Jennings.

Buildings on the site of the new high school building are to be sold at public auction on Friday, Oct. 15 and must be moved within 10 days.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church for Mrs. C.E. Carper, 45, by the Rev. David Cunningham.

A former resident of Oberlin, Fred Hitchcock, 63 died of a heart attack at his home in Boise, Idaho. The deceased, a brother of Homer and Eck, was head clerk at the Lorig Department Store at one time.

County Treasurer Carolyn Wiggins and her deputy, Winifred Wiggins, who for the past four years have so competently handled that job are getting their records ready to turn over to Angie Everist and her daughter Margery as her deputy, who will take over next Tuesday, Oct. 12 according to law.

Oberlin's Red Devils lost a hard-fought battle at Smith Center 13-7 last Friday.

Elmer Shaw of Selden was in Oberlin Friday proudly announcing the births of two grandsons last week; an 8-pound boy to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Shaw of Selden and an 8 and a half pound boy to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Shaw of Phillipsburg.

**50 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1962**  
 The five "Old Timers" were honored with a dinner in the soddie at the Decatur County Museum for the museum open house event. They include: Henry Steffen, Charles Stiner, Wise Wiggins, and Charles Rohan. Henry Anthony of Pamona, Calif., was unable to attend.

"Arrangements for the formal dedication of Oberlin's new post office are progressing satisfactorily and it will be held Saturday, Oct. 13," Mrs. Miesner, postmaster, reported.

Connie Benda and Allan White, seniors, reported to an all-school assembly last Friday information gathered from their trips this summer. Connie was sponsored by Decatur County Farm Bureau on a citizenship seminar and Allan by the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges.

Regina Rae Wennihan and Wallace Lee Henrickson were married in a candlelight ceremony at 4 p.m. at the Oberlin Methodist Church on Sunday, Sept. 2.

In a double-ring ceremony at the Federated Church, Linda Gaines and Airman 2.C. Kendall Titsworth exchanged wedding vows on Sunday, Sept. 2.

The South Bethel School District 24 held a reunion and potluck dinner Sunday, Sept. 30, in the school building.

New officers elected for the Addleman Pioneer 4-H Club are Johnnie Barrett, president; Sherrie Lotker, vice president; Jeannine Brown, secretary, and Floyd Lee Lotker, treasurer.

Navy Ensign James F. Miesner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miesner, made his first solo flight while undergoing basic flight training at the Saufley Field Auxiliary Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

**25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1987**

What started as a hobby is producing results beyond the wildest dreams of Jeanie Loudon-Unger. Her color snapshot of daughter Katelyn has won not only Best of Show at the Kansas State Fair but was also selected to represent Kansas at a two-month exhibition at Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif., in October and November.

Diane Barrett, County Executive Director of Decatur County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service, hosted a retirement dinner Saturday evening at the Decatur Recreation Center honoring Cecil Hess for 30 years of service to that office.

Funeral services were held on Sept. 30 in Lenora for Rudolph W. Petracek, 78, at the Lenora United Parish Church. Burial was in the Lenora South Cemetery. He was the son of Frank and Rosa (Cilek) Petracek and was born at Jennings on March 14, 1908.

A delightful drama, "Ladies in Retirement," was presented by the Decatur Area Theater Association to appreciative crowds in a three-night stand during the Mini-Sapa Days. Cast members were Jan Bainter, Cheryl Metcalf, Charlyne Wilson, Doris Lines, Melanie Anderson, Rob McFee, Carol Mapa and Jay Wilson.

Cookson Hills Superintendent Jim Dunn told Rotarians on Tuesday that he and his wife, Marion, would be moving to Northeast Missouri, where they will be closer to his parents and he will be serving as an executive for a children's home, similar to the position he has held here.

Jack Hague, a 1945 graduate of DCHS, was one of 10 men inducted into the Fort Hays State University Tiger Hall of Fame in a ceremony on Sept. 26 at the FHSU Student Union.

Norcat, with a population pushing 200 and an empty school building, has serendipity coming to town. The town has pitched in to provide a warm welcome for Cornerstone Theater Company, based in McLean, Va. The Norcat City Council invited the theater group to set up a 10-week residency in town and produce a play.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

It is always a treat when an old friend drops in for a visit. Several residents spent time on Monday afternoon with a dear friend, Mary Lou Plotts. Mary Lou was a nurse aide at Cedar Living Center for more than 20 years. She is now spending her retirement writing her three books and she read passages aloud to the group. It was a lovely way to spend the afternoon.

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

Tuesday was a really fun and full day. We started before lunch with a wonderful visit from our Reading Buddies, the students from the Oberlin Elementary School second grade classes. Mrs. Tacha and Mrs. Witt brought their students who will be sharing their reading skills with the Cedar Living Center residents throughout the school year. The children will come on the second and fourth Tuesday each month.

The bingo players were out in full force on Tuesday afternoon. Mary Landau was the big winner of the afternoon, winning both the first bingo and the blackout game. Volunteers Mike Helm and Ila Ray assisted. Rosella Meitl, Fr. Roger Meitl and Bob and Julie Hafner joined in on the fun too. Following the game, everyone helped Vern Heller eat his birthday cake. The cake was sent by Vern's daughter, Kathy Shaffer.

This busy day ended with a lively musical program given by John Juenemann. John had everyone

wide awake and tapping their toes before supper arrived.

The residents and staff enjoyed a little extra help this past week from former employee Tara Votapka. Tara, who is working on her Registered Nurse's degree in Denver, came to Oberlin for a few days during a break from school. She graciously agreed to help out in her former position in activities. She hosted the dice game on Wednesday afternoon, penny cards on Thursday afternoon, as well as leading the exercise group each day and reading *The Oberlin Herald*. Maybe best of all, she assisted the baking group with making an excellent batch of snickerdoodle cookies on Friday afternoon. Her visit was a great success.

Irene Fringer was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration hosted by her family on Sunday afternoon. Robert and Penny Fringer brought cake and ice cream for Irene as well as residents and staff. Irene's birthday may have only been one day, but she managed to celebrate all month long.

Recent visitors: Jim and Yanis Helm, Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Martin and Ceanne Rinehart, Susan McLemore, Colby; Delpha Sis, Anna Sis, Atwood; Cheri Kastens, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Matthew, Timothy, Deb and Mike Helm, Norcat; Eileen Grose, Cheryl Metcalf, Dolores Depperschmidt, Gerry Neff, Juanita Williby, Shelli Fortin, Nancy Proffitt, Deanna Castle, Montine Alstrom and Robert and Penny Fringer, Oberlin.

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## Selden News

By Jacquie Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Oct. 5, Nick Kaus, Greg McKenna, Casey Boultinghouse. Oct. 6, John Geisinger, Bonny Boultinghouse. Oct. 7, Lad Truetken, Darren Juenemann, Jacob Moore. Oct. 9, Mary Ann Juenemann, Cheryl Schlenk, Jesse Juenemann. Oct. 10, Jerrie Robinson.

On Thursday during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Gail Mumm won high with a score of 686, Carl Mumm took second with a score of 659, Shirley Emigh got low with a score of 453 and Ralph Weiss had the most aces. Other members

present included: Lillian Sulzman, Jeanie Spresser, Pat Wessel, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Betty James, Bernita Aumiller, Matt Finnesy, Ann Hazlett, Edna Schiltz and Bob Wessel.

School Calendar: Oct. 5, High school football at Triplains/Brewster at 7 p.m. Oct. 6, 8:30 a.m., high school volleyball in Hill City. Oct. 8 and 9, teachers in service, no school. Oct. 9, 4:30 p.m., high school volleyball in WaKeeney. Oct. 11, hearing checks. Junior high volleyball at 4:30 p.m. and football at 5:30 p.m., in Rexford with Northern Valley.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Pastor Keith Reuther returned home recently from Dublin, Ireland, where he visited relatives for two weeks. He also visited Eric and Susan (Bell) Flavin and family.

Dick and Donna Kelley visited over the weekend with Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica in Frederick, Colo., and enjoyed seeing their granddaughters play volleyball.

Mary Lou Olson and Cecil Hess were Friday supper guests of their

niece and her husband, Nancy Jorn and Stu Beals of Lawrence at the Frontier Cafe in Oberlin. They were en route home after visiting their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Beals, in Durango, Colo.

Elden and Detta Anderson were weekend guests of Wane and Cheryl Stull in Solomon. They also visited their granddaughter, Samantha Anderson, a student at Bethany College in Lindsborg.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Charles and Inez Keller faced the sun and fog to be with us on Sunday. He filled the pulpit at Lyle with an interesting and helpful talk on our inward Global Positioning System which will keep us on track if we let it.

June Jolly was disappointed in her plan to watch the balloons at McCook, as the show was canceled because of rain and threat of lightning. She had pancakes at the park on Sunday morning, then had lunch with her daughter, Linda McFarland and Megan. She has her turkey wall hanging done.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen enjoyed the "Maggie Mae's" concert on Saturday evening. Maggie Mae, of Oxford, Wis., with her six-piece band sang, danced and yodeled. She can be seen on the RFD channel.

Carol Moye and great-granddaughters, Kylie and Skylar visited Veda Wood on Saturday. Aubrey High spent one evening. It's great how they live up a place.

Judy and Charlie Easton are so faithful in visiting Toots Magers and helping her with whatever needs done. I know they all enjoy those Sunday lunches.

It has been decided that Saturday, Oct. 20, will be the date for the Lyle Community Building fund raiser. It will be a potluck supper at 6 p.m., followed by music and fun. Everyone come. If you have something for our entertainment; music, skit, reading, poem, whatever. It is a little like the old-fashioned literaries people had back in the 20s and 30s.

I had a nice telephone call from a lady telling us how her husband appreciated getting the quilt from the Lyle ladies when he was in the hospital. I told Joyce Sumner and she said that made her day. She is feeling much better than she has for a long time.

I put my leg brace back on after not wearing it for several days and it feels better. It's sorta like giving a weaned toddler back his bottle.

## Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

The Thieler family reunion was held at the Red Barn in Rexford on Sept. 9. After a carry-in dinner, the afternoon was spent visiting, looking at pictures and reminiscing. Those in attendance were Don and Lily Thieler, Colby; Carl, Janet and Ruth Miller, Gem; Loretta House, Colorado Springs; Virginia Solko, Ludell; Martin and Jane Waterman Jr., Donna Waterman, and Keith

Barnett, Atwood; Vesta Roth, Rexford; and Rex and Betty Carswell, Selden.

A flu shot clinic will be held from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday, at the Red Barn.

I hope you enjoy these beautiful fall days. You can call 687-2076 or e-mail griffithsgang@gmail.com with news for this column. Have a great week.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Lions Club will be serving lunch in the Community Hall on election day, Nov. 6. They are also collecting old eye glasses and/or frames to send to needy countries. You may give them to any Lions member or bring them with you on election day when you come to lunch. More on this in next week's paper.

Those enjoying playing cards on Wednesday were: Eleanor Morel, Diane Carter, Agnes Wahlmeier, Stan Shaw, Alice Wagoner, Alice Mizer, Scott Taylor, Ramona Shaw, Debbie Shields, Wayne Cressler, Ann Swezeitis and Louise Cressler. It was nice to have three tables to play pinochle.

Wayne and Louise Cressler have been enjoying family members visiting this past week. Last Thursday, we celebrated my birthday. Arriving on Thursday were: Gwen Anderson, Council Grove; Sharon Gaston,

Ames, Iowa; Megan Faris, Jessica Lemmons, Gabe, Josie and Daniel, Manhattan; Hannah Spresser and Malachi, Cleveland, Tenn.; Terri Spresser, Tony and Lucas, Calhoun, Tenn. Granddaughter, Jessica baked and decorated a beautiful birthday cake like a crossword puzzle. On Saturday and Sunday, Russell Cressler, Bison; Mary Kinser, rural Jennings; and Jeff Anderson, Council Grove joined the group. Most of the family went home on Sunday except the family from Tennessee who will be starting home on Tuesday.

There will be a potluck supper at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9 at the Sunflower Senior Center. We would like to see more people join us. Everyone is welcome.

The Jennings City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11, in the Senior Center.

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 Karen Larson, City Administrator

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