

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Joan Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1887**

C.R. Marks has sold the Thomas County Democrat to Howard Carpenter, formerly of Oberlin.

The Oberlin Loan, Trust and Banking Co. has increased their capital from \$50,000 to \$62,500.

E. J. and E. S. May have leased and taken possession of the Commercial House. They now virtually control the Commercial, the St. James and the Oberlin House.

J.E. Bebb was, at the last session of the county commissioners, allowed \$663 in fees, and the board rejected one bill of \$376.50 for attendance upon prisoners. Who wouldn't want to be sheriff?

**100 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1912**

Columbus has moved his printing plant from LaHarpe to Yates Center and started a progressive Republican paper.

The frost Sunday night was a hard one and put a stop to all growing green things for this year except turnips.

The Norton Telegram has put in an Intertype.

Mrs. Eber Reeves is in California this week attending the funeral of her father, George Veeh.

An epidemic of Russian epizootic is prevailing and nearly everyone is sneezing and talking in a different way.

The Kennedys of Cedar Bluffs are dickering for Tucker printing plant at Pittsburg, Kansas and if the deal goes through the whole family will move there.

**75 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1937**

One of the new members of the faculty at the Oberlin Consolidated School is Mr. R' Leigh Bell, succeeding Mr. Edwin Hitchcock.

Marriages performed by Probate Judge McLaughlin the past week include: Homer Fisher, 21, Danbury, and Margaret Murphy, 18, Lebanon, Oct. 11; Wilbur Hix, 21, Norcat, and Lulu Knitigh, Norton, Oct. 12

The Oberlin Steam Bakery has a fine new gas oven with which to carry on their baking.

On Oct. 10, the annual Rally Day and Homecoming was held at the Olive Chapel Church located northeast of Oberlin. Sunday School was followed by some special music, including a piano solo by Helene Wurm.

Kanona: Kanona Ladies Aid met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Bartos Brown with six members and three visitors: Mrs. Glenn Wookey, Mrs. R.G. Clegg and Mrs. Elmer Rushton.

Mount Vernon: Mayre and Ramona Soderlund spent Saturday night with their cousins, Vivian and Dorothy Soderlund.

Loyd McGee will soon open his new Oberlin Super Service at the corner of Commercial Street and Penn Avenue.

**50 YEARS AGO — OCT. 1962**

Senator Bob Dole will give the address for the dedication ceremonies of the new Oberlin Post Office on Oct. 11. Mayor Guy B. Morrish will give the welcome. Fulltime postal employees and carriers are Oliver "Barney" Barnhart, Verle Walker, Harold Olson, Lee Waldo, Price Worcester, Harold Robison, Allen Jeffus, Henry Jording and Roy Shobe. Gladys Miesner is postmaster.

Hospital News: Births, Mr. and Mrs. John Gallentine, Clayton, boy, James Paul, 10-4-62, 6 pounds, 7 1/2 ounces; Mr. and Mrs. John Rubendall, Norcat, girl, Lori Eileen, 10-4-62, 7 pounds, 1 ounce; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nichols, Oberlin, boy, Richard Wesley, 10-7-62, 6 pounds, 9 1/2 ounces; Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Paddock, Oberlin, boy, Terry Lynn, 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

Traer: Mr. and Mrs. John H. Leitner had 203 guests register at their 50th wedding anniversary last Sunday.

Lund: Mr. and Mrs. Wally Marcuson have moved into their new home.

The marriage of Sharon Totten of Abilene, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Owen Totten of Winifred, and Howard David Kessinger of Oberlin, son of Mrs. J.H. Kessinger of Wellington, was solemnized Sept. 29 at 10 o'clock at St. John's Episcopal Church in Abilene. The groom is managing editor of The Oberlin Herald and they will live at 210 South Cass in Oberlin.

Norcat outclassed Morland, with running and pass plays, 33-6. John Shirley, Gary Stapp, Larry Stapp and Frank Brooks shared in scoring for the Cardinals.

Coach Milt Tenopir's Jennings Coyotes galloped to four touch-

downs in the first half of their game with the Logan Trojans at Logan Friday night. Final score was 26 to 19 with the Coyotes maintaining their undefeated position.

**25 YEARS AGO — Oct. 1987**

Elmer Kathka was elected president of the International Highway 83 Association for 1987-88 during its meeting at the American Legion in Oberlin.

Funeral services were held at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden on Oct. 3 for Vyra Hanson, 84, who died Sept. 30, at the Decatur County Long Term Care in Oberlin. She was the daughter of H.L. and Lizzie (Woolley) Armstrong.

Jay and Shelli Fortin are the parents of a son, Joshua Jay, born Oct. 4, 1987, at Decatur County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hix of Norcat will be honored on their 50th anniversary with an open house on Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Norcat United Methodist Church Educational Building.

Good Samaritan Center residents and numerous community friends

celebrated the 65th anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society at a short program on Sept. 29. Administrator Troy Lerseth gave the welcome and invocation and the Rev. Jon Mapa of Faith Lutheran Church read scripture.

Mother Nature smiled on the 7th Annual Mini-Sappa Antique Thresher and Engine Show at the Decatur County Fairgrounds.

The Atwood Buffaloes rolled into town last Friday and showed why they are the number two ranked team in class 2A in the state, beating the Red Devils 49-6.

Thomas Lindberg, an International 4-H Youth Exchange student, was a guest of Bill and Myra Sater from Sept. 20 through Oct. 6.

Homecoming football queen candidates are Tasha Corder, Dea Macfee, Jade Morford, Kim Fringer and Colette Jones. Their escorts will be Billy Harmon, Brett Jennings, Thaniel Castle, Stewart Braden, Dale Poe and Greg Unger. The Red Devils will play the Scott City Beavers, then a dance will follow.

## Norcat News

By the Norcat News Committee

Richard and Venietta Miller, former residents of Norcat, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Oct. 6. Their address is 7324 Ford Street, Mission, Texas 78572.

Keith Anthony took Gary and Cathy Anthony to the Muddy Creek Saloon in Arapahoe, Neb., to celebrate their 12th wedding anniversary. They all enjoyed the drive and the beautiful fall colors.

Happy birthday wishes to: Janet Lechlitter, Sept. 24; Carolyn Brinkley, Sept. 26; Jacob Helm, Sept. 28; Monty Hunt, Sept. 30; Kay Streyev, Oct. 1; Rebecca Wentz, Oct. 8.

Happy anniversary to Jim and Carolyn Plotts, Oct. 8.

Al and Mary Sedlmayer said that the commodity program has been stopped in western Kansas. They thank everyone who picked up commodities from them.

Noreen Crabill, Norton, visited with Joyce Price Sept. 21. Norma McCallister has spent several afternoons helping Joyce with computer work.

Norcat Senior Citizens met Sept. 21 in the Methodist Educational Building to play pitch. There were 17 players present. Winners were: Jackie Porter, Al Sedlmayer and Gust Foth.

Jerry Hill made a recent trip to Denver stopping at Highway 36 garage sales along the way. He, his two daughters, a son-in-law and a grandson participated in the 27th annual "Walk to End Alzheimer's" in Denver's city park. He also attended the final adoption hearing for his grandson, Jordan, 16 months.

Gary and Cathy Anthony drove to North Platte, Neb., to celebrate their anniversary. They had lunch at Ruby Tuesdays and later visited the Veterans' Memorial. After a little shopping and a Dairy Queen treat they returned home.

To keep up with Norcat events go to the city's website: www.cityofnorcat.com. There you will find useful information regarding birthdays and anniversaries, houses for sale or rent, and projects needing support. If you have something to add send to Deb Marshall at: debmclerk@gmail.com. Norcat is also on Facebook: You Know You're From Norcat When.

Norcat Senior Citizens will be playing pinochle at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Methodist Church Educational Building. Everyone is welcome. Norcat became well acquainted

with members of the Cornerstone Theatre group. Most are still involved with the arts. Lynn Jeffries attended the Oregon Shakespeare Festival recently where she met Chris Moore, Alison Carey and Ben Cobb. Bill Rauch was out of town, but it was learned he is still directing and Mrs. Carey has begun writing plays.

Plans are underway to have a cafe open in Norcat on Monday, Oct. 22.

Happy birthday to Robert Dickey, Oct. 11; Larry Sumner, Oct. 13.

The Norcat United Methodist will host its annual bazaar and soup supper at 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 21, in the church's Educational Building. The auction will start at 7 p.m.

On Sept. 30, Genevieve Brunk and Barbara Stites of Hill City were visitors of Bee Nelson. They enjoyed the drive to Norcat and the tour of the Norcat Cemetery.

Kortney and Jerrod Poiré, Kynleigh and Bailey and Gabby Schamberger were Thursday through Sunday visitors of Dave and Patty Stapp. Kaitlyn Stapp joined the group on Friday. Other visitors were Sam Stapp, Dewaine Stapp and Renee Harman. Saturday, they all attended the Heritage Days parade in McCook. They went to the Harvey Heinn farm and rode the train with Dave and Linda Schliep, Spencer and Addison. They also had lunch with Marian Dempewolf.

Dewayne Jackson, Norcat's rural mail carrier was awarded a 30-year pin and a plaque welcoming him into the Million Mile Club. Mr. Jackson has driven the rural routes for 30, accident-free years.

To schedule your flu shot, call the city office at 693-4461. No date has been set but the Decatur County Health Department will be giving the shots for \$25 or with Medicare, Medicaid or Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Plans are already underway for the Christmas drawing. The cost of a roast, turkey or ham is \$15. Gift certificates from Wentz's Service are also available. Send your donations to the Norcat City Office, P.O. Box 89, Norcat, Kan. 67653.

Book Potpourri will be held at the Norcat Library, 1 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 17.

The Norcat Health Clinic will be held from 9:30 to noon, Tuesday, Oct. 23. Call 475-2015 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Janeil Jensen who died last Thursday at Cedar Living Center.

We received a lovely donation of books last week from former Decatur Health Systems employee Sandy Diederich. Sandy has been enjoying her free time since her retirement by reading the Chicken Soup books as well as other inspirational books. These books are a wonderful addition to our library.

Monday afternoon residents gathered for trivia and treats. The questions were fun and thought provoking and the snack cakes were tasty.

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

Caroline Jacobs and Ila Ray assisted with bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Players included Audra Duncan, Juanita Eckhart, Irene Fringer, Vern and Wanda Heller, Helen Helm, Wilma May, Joan Noble, Beth Sebaugh, Alice Shirley and Mary Votapka.

Vern Heller was the big winner at the penny card game played on Wednesday afternoon. Vern won four of the seven games played.

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

Several residents met for a little fun, exercise, and laughs during a game of bowling on Thursday afternoon. Refreshments were served following the game.

Dolly, the dachshund, visited after supper on Thursday. Dolly was accompanied by her roommate, Teresa Shaughnessy. They went from room to room to meet and greet.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to make homemade sugar cookies. They were served warm from the oven along with a cup of coffee.

We are busy decorating and planning for Halloween. We would like to find some pumpkins for a decorating contest. If anyone has any pumpkins that they would be willing to donate, please contact Teresa or Connie at 475-2276.

Recent visitors: Jacob Helm, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs; Brooke Brashears, Valentine, Neb.; Kathy Brashears, Curtis, Neb.; Rick and Sharon Gamblin, Columbus, Neb.; Kathy Shaffer, McCook; Neta and Allen Jeffus, Topeka; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Ellen and Iris Osborne, Wichita; John and Joan Shirley, Scott City; Rollie and Jean Hal-lagin, Goodland; Tara Sue Larson, Colby; Deb, Mike, Matthew and Timothy Helm, Norcat; Tom Votapka and Terri Henke, Jennings; Carol Kompus, Mirium Fisher, Laurene Van Otterloo, Dolores Koerperich, Dorothy Cochran, Robert Fringer, Bill and Carol Duncan, Sherri Shuler, Herb and Carol Shirley, Mary McEvoy, Walt Pennell, Oberlin.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

I heard there was snow in the area Friday, and there is sure a chill in the air! I picked the biggest green tomatoes and pulled the beets and picked some peppers to make another batch of salsa.

It's nice to see the summer winding down. I'm not fond of cold weather, but this sure beats the hot summer we had.

Farmer's Market is slowing down, but everyone is still welcome to come set up out front on Wednesday mornings. If the weather is not good, you can come inside. Any small home business is welcome inside also. Let me know if you want to come inside, since I don't usually get to the building until 9 a.m.

The Oberlin Business Alliance had its fourth-quarter holiday planning session to kick off the season.

The Spook Parade is set for Wednesday, Oct. 31, beginning at the school, then to the Good Samaritan Center, then down Penn Avenue. There will be a few changes this year. Amanda Grafel and helpers will be at the Golden Age Center to help divide the classes into groups for a best-costume contest in each group. After the winners are cho-

sen, all will proceed down Penn to where a fire truck is parked. A sack of goodies will be given to each little spook after they have paraded through downtown.

I will have a list of other alliance events coming up for the season in next week's article.

The Chamber board members are working on welcome packets to greet all new residents. These will include literature and brochures about Oberlin and Kansas and certificates or gift items from businesses. A welcome committee will be formed to put these together and make the visits as needed.

Table Tent information is needed by Friday for the upcoming November-December tents. Call the office at 475-3441 to have your events on the tents.

The Dresser will be having a coffee hour from 9 a.m. to noon Friday. If anyone would like to have a coffee hour later this month, let me know. Two are scheduled for November and two for December. There is one open week yet in December.

There is space available at the Holiday Crafts Show on Saturday, Nov. 24. If you would like to reserve a table, call the Chamber.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

The Mystery of the Torn Down Curtains! Who dunnit?

When Toots Magers went into the Community Building at Lyle to check on things, as she often does; she found that every window curtain had been torn down. At first she wondered who or what would have done such a thing. Her daughter, Judy said probably a cat got in and was trying to escape. Whatever it was, it did escape without anyone seeing it. Of course, there were several guesses: a cat, a bat, a raccoon, a bird? Where is Sherlock Holmes when you need him? The windows were measured, etc. and new curtain rods bought, and after Sundays' dinner, the curtains were put back up by Toots and her daughters.

The fund raiser Sunday for Deb Marshall's trips for cancer treatments seemed to be a big success.

Teilia High, with Aubrey, Grant and Emily's friend, Megan; Carol Moye and great-granddaughters, Kylie and Skylar braved Saturday's snowstorm to drive to Catharine to two-year old Rowan Bader's birthday party.

June Jolly attended her KT Club on Thursday, and worked at Bingo Thursday evening. She played cards Monday evening.

Joyce Sumner took Veda Woods to Lyle on Sunday where we had church, followed by a great dinner. Twelve gathered for the dinner, including her sons, Larry and Ward.

The fundraiser for the Lyle Community Building is set for Saturday, Oct. 20. Come have potluck at 6 p.m. and enjoy music and fun. Some of the music will be by the Prairie Rose Harmony Singers, some by the Prairie Dogs from McCook.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Deb Portschy spent the weekend in Hays to attend the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority reunion. The group of 35 ladies enjoyed breakfast at the student Memorial Union before taking part in the homecoming parade. Of the Sigma sisters, nine attended the reunion from Texas, California, Kansas City, Salina, Wichita and Herndon and enjoyed lunch after the parade at Professor Pittiwurst's and shared many memories and laughter.

Bob and Julie Hafner participated in the Pro-Life prayer chain in Atwood Sunday following Mass and the Knights of Columbus brunch. After the prayer chain they visited their aunt, Esther Pennington.

Theresa Rippe spent the weekend in Hutchinson attending the wed-

ding of her niece, Jennifer Selby to Jason Treaster. Jennifer is the daughter of Pat Louise (Selby) Sloan and Bob Selby of Colby. Other family attending were Gary Sloan, Colby, Tom and Myra Sattler, Herndon; Rodney and Katelyn Rippe, Hays; Brenda and Aaron Schilde and Addison, Minneola, and Norma and Roger Cichorz, Boulder, Colo.

A surprise retirement party was held Monday evening at the Herndon Pool Hall for Nadine Green. Tuesday, Decatur Co-op held an open house. She was given a gift certificate and plaque for her 20 years of service. Family, friends and customers enjoyed cake while wishing her a happy retirement.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Congratulations to Britta Noren and Jimmy Spitzer who were married in an outdoor wedding Saturday afternoon at Sappa Park with their wedding reception following at the Bohemian Hall in Oberlin. Britta is the daughter of Steven and Connie Noren and the granddaughter of Esther Noren. Among those attending were Edith Tate and Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie and Grace.

Sympathies to the family of Janeil Jensen, whose funeral was held Monday afternoon at the Oberlin Methodist Church with burial in the Oberlin cemetery. She is survived by her husband, Michael; mother, Mildred Holmdahl; sisters Jean Ann Hengst and Janet Vermil-

lion; children Michael, Sherri, and Lori Ayers; grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her father, Neil Nicodemus, and step-father, Eugene Holmdahl.

Lyndon and Linda Tomasch, Lisa Sonsthagen and Emily, Lori Smith, and Riley Frasure, Olathe; Kristen Bremer and Rowan, Colby; Jessica Bremer, and John and Dianne Bremer were among those attending Janeil's funeral Monday afternoon.

Lyn and Linda, Lisa and Emily, and Lori and Riley, houseguests of John and Dianne Bremer, arrived Sunday evening. Lisa and Lori and their daughters returned home Monday afternoon and Lyn and Linda returned home Tuesday morning.

Jay Tate, Mollie and Grace left Saturday afternoon following the Noren/Spitzer wedding reception for Fort Collins, Colo., to visit his brother and family, Jaron and Tara Tate and Abigail. The girls stayed with Tara and Abigail while Jay and Jaron enjoyed sightseeing in Saratoga, Wyo. Jay and his daughters returned home Monday evening.

The Decatur Community High School girls' cross country team won the Northwest Kansas League meet Oct. 2, in Hoxie. Caitie Shields, one of Oberlin's six All-League runners placing in the top 10, placed 7th with a time of 17:25.

The Hoxie Invitational cross country meet was also held in conjunction with the Oct. 2 league meet. Caitie Shields, one of three Decatur Community High School girls who medaled, placed 9th.

Ed Chapman and Christian Rountree, Lafayette, La., were Sept. 26 dinner guests of John and Dianne Bremer at an area restaurant. Following dinner, they were evening visitors of Jessica Bremer.

Erin May was awarded the 4-H Foundation award for a photography exhibit she entered in the 2012 Kansas State Fair.

Susan May and Erin enjoyed watching the Lion King production Sept. 29 at Century II in Wichita.