

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

100 YEARS AGO — April 1904
Ice froze Thursday night but it is thought the fruit is not injured.

We are sorry to hear that Rev. Gillingham has accepted a call at Johnstown, Pa., and will in a few weeks move to that city.

The school entertainment at the rink last Friday evening was largely attended and we hear that about \$100 was cleared. The money will be used to buy a piano for the high school.

Mr. Ike Lorig, who has been visiting in the city, departed Sunday evening for a trip to Europe, taking with him Julius Lorig, second son of our townsman, Victor Lorig.

Jennings News: Some land was sold the other day for \$80 per acre. Vallonia: Married, Wednesday of last week, Mr. Ernest Schweitzer and Miss Edna VanPelt. The boys entertained them with a charivari and were invited in and treated to cigars and candy.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1929

The opening of the Duckwall store Saturday brought a big crowd of shoppers to town and all the merchants of the city were busy.

Nat Gierhart, manager of the local J.C. Penney Co. store, left Sunday for Kansas City, Mo., to attend the annual spring convention of the organization.

Mrs. Carrie Wilbur, 90, died peacefully at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fora Rogers Monday. She came to Oberlin with her husband in 1885.

Prairie View Items: We are proud of Emery Johnson, a freshman boy at Norcat High School who went to Manhattan with the agricultural team and brought home a ribbon.

Fairview-Summit Items: Myra Shaw spent the weekend with friends near Lylem where she is going to teach next school term.

Danbury: Miss Bess Furman, daughter of Editor A.C. Furman of the South Side Sentinel who has been connected with the Omaha News, has accepted a position with the Associated Press in Washington D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hanson visited Mr. and Mrs. Steve Tuttle of McCook Sunday. Steve is the owner of a new Waco plane and is

going to be an instructor in the flying field which they are setting up in McCook.

Agnes Dowling and Margaret McMullen drove to Dresden Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bremer and children.

Mr. and Mrs. N.W. Rogers are the parents of a baby boy born Monday, April 15 at the McCook Hospital.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1954

On Sunday April 25, the Lyle Methodist Church, the first church in Decatur County, will celebrate its 75th anniversary. The first church was organized in 1877 by the Rev. Bisbee, was made of logs and located one half mile north and one-half mile east of the town of Lyle. There are no charter members living but three men who were in the infants class at the time the Sunday School was organized will be present: Alfred Miner of Oberlin, Edgar Wickham of Denver and Arthur Neal of Almena.

Harold "Lefty" Van Pelt, who has been coaching at Lindsborg and previously at Norton, has been named athletic coach at Wellington High School for the coming year. He will coach football, basketball, baseball and be in charge of physical education.

Funeral services were held for a pioneer mother of Decatur County, Mrs. H.A. Griffith., 91. Born in Illinois, she was reared in Boulder, Colo., by an aunt and uncle before her marriage to Henry Alva Griffith in 1881, when they came to Decatur County and settled on a homestead between Jennings and Clayton. They moved to Oberlin after he was elected sheriff. She is survived by a son, V.H. Griffith of Oberlin and a daughter, Mrs. Wayne Gilliland of Ottawa.

Ruth Laidig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Laidig, and Wanda Welliever, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Walker, have been awarded Watkins Scholarships at the University of Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Carlton of Norton announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Pauline, to Rodney Arehart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arehart of Oberlin.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1979

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schrammel have offered to buy a train for the Decatur County Amusement Authority. Construction on the gas-powered engine, two gondola cars and caboose has begun at the Uhrich Locomotive Co. in Strasburg, Colo. Delivery date is set for April 1, 1980. Several members of the Amusement Authority, Kent Reinhardt and Schrammel have been at the fairgrounds this week laying out a preliminary path for the one-half mile of track.

The Schrammels, who have been Oberlin residents the past nine years, said they had considered the purchase of a scaled-down train for several years after seeing one in Nebraska. Mr. Schrammel, who grew up west of Herndon near the railroad, said as a kid it was the highlight of his day to run down and see what was being hauled on all the railroad cars.

New board members for the Decatur County Historical Society are Nadine Simpson, the Rev. Alvin Rose, Jennings, and Gary Mitchell. Judy Shirley, Norcat, was re-elected to a board position.

Mr. and Mrs. Freelyn McGee, Merriam, announce the engage-

ment of their daughter, Karen Elaine McGee, to Randy Wayne Stapp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewaine Stapp, Norcat. Miss McGee earned a degree in elementary education from Kansas State University and is working toward a master's in special education. She is teaching in DeSoto. Stapp earned a degree in feed science and management from K-State and is employed with Country Pride Foods in Carthage, Mo. The couple is planning a Nov. 3 wedding at First Baptist Church of Overland Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Votapka observed their 55th wedding anniversary with a dinner at Lindy's Cafe attended by the entire family.

A Hansen Scholarship has been awarded to Ray Harold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce Harold, who plans to attend Wichita State University and major in electrical engineering.

He is also the recipient of a Boeing Scholarship at Wichita State. Cheri Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson, received a vocational-technical award and plans to attend Northwest Kansas Vo-Tech at Goodland and study cosmetology.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurn, co-director

Our third annual Rummage and Food Sale is now history. This year exceeded last year in proceeds and we have you to thank. We greatly appreciate all the items that were donated and all of you who came and found something that you "couldn't live without."

Sunday is the Ralph Moody Day at The Gateway. I will be giving a presentation with pictures of early day Cedar Bluffs and Oberlin along with family histories and pictures of people mentioned in the two books that he wrote about our area.

Soak up the history of the Bohemian Hall while you make your own family history. Come join us on Saturday, May 1, for an exciting and fun day of scrapbooking and rubber-stamping. Scrapbooking and Stamping vendors from the area will have products on display to sell. Enjoy demonstrations and

new techniques from these vendors. The cost for the day is \$25 for reservations made before April 24 and \$30 for reservations made after that date. Your registration fee includes: lunch, drinks, snacks, demonstrations, door prizes and uninterrupted scrapbook time.

Senior mothers, this is a great opportunity for you to work on your albums for your senior's table at graduation. Another wonderful opportunity is for those of you that are doing a Mother's Day album. Space is limited so please call the museum at 475-2712 during the day Tuesday through Saturday or Megan Carter at 475-8920 evenings and weekends. Come join the fun! All proceeds go to the museum.

We are looking forward to a wonderful 2004 year and we hope that you say, "Let's Go to the Museum."

Cedar Living News

April 18-24 is National Volunteer Week. The staff and residents of Cedar Living Center would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the dedicated volunteers who give of their time. A Volunteer Tea will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, in the dining room to honor our volunteers and also those who deliver Meals-on-Wheels. Anyone interested in more information on volunteering opportunities at Decatur Health Systems would be welcome to attend. For more information you may contact Teresa Shaughnessy at 475-2208.

Orlin Beneda ate lunch with Lloyd Beneda on Monday in honor of Lloyd's birthday. Residents enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies, which were donated by the Forget-Me-Nots. Myrna Jones entertained on the piano.

Fern Moore gave the reading program on Tuesday morning. During the afternoon Alice Fiala won the first bingo, and Tressie Samson won the blackout game. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly communion service. Stuart Euhus taught Bible study on Wednesday afternoon.

Father George was here for Mass on Thursday morning.

Helen Juenemann assisted the baking group with making chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon.

Don Ammons of Hoxie provided music for a dance on Saturday evening. Residents, staff, and our guests enjoyed listening to the music and dancing the evening away. Opal Huntley donated cookies for the party.

Frank Cox ate dinner with Wynemah Cox on Sunday. Their daughter and family, Mike, Rose, Shakia and Sohn Domsch of Atwood, visited in the afternoon and helped Frank and Wynemah celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary.

The Lund Covenant Church gave the worship service on April 18.

Recent visitors: Wilma Ritter, Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Selden, Sara Bishop and Jamie Samson, Lindsborg; Ann Martin, Herndon; Richard Samson, Ludell; Jerry Temple, Norcat; Doug and Ilene Stanley, Haysville; Deloris Reeh, Irene Withington, Atwood;

Irene Fringer, Lyle Gamblin, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Bob and Lila Keenan, Elsie Wolters, Barbara Solko, Irel Lohoefer, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Elaine Bryan, Mary Ann Amack, Vayle Rohan, Paul Sass, Phyllis Screen, Stuart and Mary Henszel, Vivian and Ed Russ and family, Delores Koeperich, Marie Jean Vavroch, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Wayne and Lois Larson, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Residents enjoyed cake and ice cream for a birthday tribute to Elva Shaughnessy on April 10. Family members attending were Teresa Shaughnessy, Mike, Edith and Andrew Shaughnessy of McPherson, and Jean Pfeifer of Wichita. Residents and friends also attended, including Mildred Holmdahl, Evelyn Olson, Kay Marcuson, Martha Fringer, Doris Fringer and Eula Juenemann.

Jan Badsky shared morning devotions on April 12 with Cheryl Miller accompanying on the piano. Resident's Council meeting was attended by Ivah Alexander, Garrah Gaumer, Hildegard Euhus, Ruby Shuler, Elva Shaughnessy, Ruth Laidig, Marguerite Fullerton, Neva Campbell, Eva Bryan, Dena Gillespie, Fern Anderson, Elfie Brown and Eleanor Demmer. Cowboy Paul shared reading time with Little Sam's Daycare. Volunteer Mildred Holmdahl served Social Hour. The Card Sharks gathered with Elva Shaughnessy for Canasta, attended by Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander, Ella Peterson, Ruth Laidig, Fern Anderson, Elfie Brown and Helen Styles together to hear Carol Duncan read The Oberlin Herald. Lisa Stacy and Fern Anderson made party favors for the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Supper to be held Tuesday, April 20.

Dennis Brown led Saturday morning devotions.

Sunday worship services were led by the Lund Covenant Church. Serving Social Hour was Phil Erickson, volunteer.

Recent guests: Iris Wurm - Gene and Beverly Witt; Eva Bryan - Donna Kelley, Detta Anderson; Lorna Bishop - Ron, Lori and Jeff Leiker of Hays; Hazel Flaska - Chuck and Clea Morgan of Denver, Gerald and Charlene Karnes, Arden and LaJean Flaska, Don Karnes; Ruby McKenna - Donna and Anita Chambers, Joan McKenna; Ken Rydquist - Marcille and Boyd Berryman, Jody Betts; Elva Shaughnessy - Varlan and Catherine Neal; Garrah Gaumer - Joan McKenna, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; Dena Gillespie - Earl and Pat Hartzog, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; Ruth Laidig - Ernie and Janice Mehl, Kim Mehl; Hattie Olson - Sally Olson, Maxine Peebles of Denver, Sheri Steinemann of Denver. Also visiting were Kent and Deena Chambers of Wilsonville, Neb.; Ramona Chambers of Arapahoe, Neb.; Ron and Diane Hagan of Madrid, Neb.; Ava Perkins and Lewis Perkins.

Wednesday's Bible Study focused on "The Day the Angels Were Silent" by Max Lucado. Attending were Dena Gillespie, Eva Bryan, Fern Anderson, Ruth Laidig, Veda Pingetzer, Ella Peterson, Elfie Brown, and Jan Conway. Roxie Erickson, Pat Whetzel and Dorothy Alstrom provided nail care. Volunteer Katie Glading shared story reading with Eva Cuthbertson and played checkers with Fern Anderson. Anna Shaw took Garrah Gaumer to her home for a visit. Kaylee May, volunteer, shared story time with Erma Holt. Bingo concluded the day's activities, with assistance from Colleen Geihlsler and Marilyn Horn.

Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

The Rexford Bridge club met with Marguerite Edmundson at her home in Colby on April 14. Guests were Mary Molstead and Helen Karls. Prizes were won by Bobbie Young, Joy Davis, and Helen Karls. The next meeting will be with Deborah Stepper on May 12.

Cleda Moeder went to Hutchinson on Friday to celebrate Easter with her son and family, Robert Moeder, Marsha, and her grandson, Chris, from Kansas University. She returned on Monday.

The Rexford city-wide clean-up days are Friday and Saturday. On Friday, a trailer will be at the city building for junk, old furniture, and some appliances (cannot take anything with freon). If you need help getting your items loaded, contact Bill Scott or Darrel Dible. On Saturday they will continue to pick up brush, tree limbs, etc.

The PRIDE committee is organizing a garage sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 12, so start collecting items. One man's junk might be

another's treasure. Food will be available at the community building by the Lions Club.

The Rexford Lions Club is having a benefit sausage gravy and biscuit meal at the Community building from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Proceeds go to the students for their Lions Band and Mexico trip. Please try to attend for this good cause.

Barnswallows had 13 pinochle players on Monday. On Thursday, the "Come on Down" group had nine players. On Thursday, Jean Hawkins and Zula Horinek were at the head table all but the first game. We play from 2 to 5 p.m. on Monday and Thursday and invite anyone to come join us at the Red Barn.

Lawrence and Zula Horinek had Larry, Summer and family as dinner guests.

The Lions Club had an Easter Egg Hunt for grades 1-3. It was cold and windy, but it didn't discourage the Easter Bunny.

Steve and Terry Salter of McPherson were Easter weekend guests of Rex and Betty Carswell.

Several proofread the cookbook on Tuesday, getting it ready to finish for printing. It will be on sale with proceeds going to "Seniors in Action."

The Koffee Klutch on Friday had a real good turnout. Those present were Grace Cheney, Freda Ketchum, Berneda Zoberst, Margaret Arasmith, Cleda Moeder, Deb Stepper, Eunice Sanford, Deloras Dible, Marla Rogers, and Taryn; Marilyn Medina and Cody;

Doris Oliver, Vesta Roth, Liz Rall, and Edna Colson. This gathering seems to be growing by leaps and bounds. The ladies enjoy their social hour together.

We were surprised last Monday morning to look out and see almost three inches of snow on the ground.

Doris Jean Oliver returned from Mesa, Ariz., after spending the winter there. Welcome back, Doris Jean. Her daughter, Marilyn Medina and new member to their family, Cody, of San Diego, Calif., are spending some time with her.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Ryan and Stacy Duysen, Lincoln, Neb., are the proud parents of a daughter, Madison Ryan, born Easter morning, April 11. She weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces, was 19 inches long, and has two sisters, Taylor and Ashley. Madison's paternal grandmother is Karen Larson and paternal great-grandparents are Zane and Gladys Geis.

Ralph and Norma Unger, Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly, Ryan Unger, and Darci Zweygardt attended the baptism of Logan Robert Gorrell held Easter Sunday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rolla, Mo. Logan is the infant son of Bob and Rachelle (Unger) Gorrell and has a big brother, Connor. Also attending the baptism were Robert's parents, brothers, and sister.

Ryan May was awarded "Best of Show" on his watercolor/silhouette overlay entry in the Northwest Kansas League art show recently held in St. Francis.

Ron and Nancy Baumfalk, Aurora, Colo., were Wednesday and Thursday visitors of her parents, Elwood and Elaine Mines.

Dr. Amy Seeber and husband Dr. Kyle Tipton, Anna, Andrew, and Erica, El Dorado, returned home Saturday after spending a few days visiting her sister and family, Anna and Richard Shaw, Isaac and Jen-

nifer.

Jan Badsky was a guest Friday and Saturday of Troy and Paula (Hrnrchir) Gnad in Hays.

Karen Larson's granddaughters, Taylor and Ashley Duysen, arrived Friday to spend the weekend at the Craig Larson home and returned home on Sunday.

Elizabeth Nedland, Hunter Nedland, Zach May, Ryan May, and Jessica Bremer participated in the Kansas Music Teachers Association Music Progressions Clinic held Saturday in Oberlin at Decatur Community High School.

In the third and fourth grade division, Zach May, Ryan May, and Kade Brown played in the 3 on 3 basketball tournament Saturday in Oberlin.

Richard and Anna Shaw and Isaac were among the many friends and relatives that met at the McCook airport early Saturday evening to welcome home Ryan Diederich as he flew in to the McCook airport from Denver. He has just returned home after completing his service of active duty in Iraq.

Sunday evening card club guests at the Ken Badsky home were Linda Wade, Dewaine Stapp, Barry and Patti Richards, Jonna Inman, Lois Bryant, and John and Ardythe Cederberg.

McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Norma Tice, Della Jean Shipley, Lisa Shipley, and Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter went out for supper Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dustin Lewis visited Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lewis Thursday evening before leaving for Cancun on Saturday.

Kathy Launchbaugh attended a bridal shower for Rachel Smith Sunday afternoon in Hoxie. In the evening Rachel, of Lincoln, Neb., and her mother, Becky Smith of

Blue Hill Neb., visited Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Launchbaugh and Karl at their home.

Saturday morning Carolyn Launchbaugh returned home from the hospital in Hoxie. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sines, McCook, were callers of Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh in the afternoon. Later that evening Mr. and Mrs. John Herrmann visited them.

Jennings News

By Sonya Gillespie

Joni Wildeman will be honored with a community bridal shower at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Rhonda

Wildeman of Jennings.



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