

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

People in Our Community

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Chris Claussen of Baldwin City and his mother, Cathy Claussen of Oberlin, took Don and Genola Claussen to Huntsville, Ala., to attend the reunion of the 4th Naval Construction Battalion the weekend of April 17-18. Don Claussen served with the battalion during World War II and it was the first Navy Battalion of Seabees to go overseas during that war. There were 23 Seabees and 13 spouses in attendance. They left on April 12 and returned to Oberlin on April 20.

Kent Ploussard is hospitalized in Wichita. Mail will reach him at Wesley Medical Center, 550 N. Hillside, building 4, room 833, Wichita, Kan., 67214.

Merle and Audrey King, Oklahoma City, and Owen and Sharon King, Albuquerque, N.M., visited in Oberlin over the weekend. They came especially to attend Ralph Moody Day on Sunday at The Gateway.

Jim and Jane Alstrom of Pierport, Mich., stopped in Oberlin on Monday. His father, the late Walter Alstrom, formerly lived in the Lund community and was a brother of the late Hjalmar Alstrom. He is a cousin of Nadine Anderson and Kieth Alstrom of Oberlin.

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Dwayne and Betty Jones returned home Tuesday after spending the winter in Green Valley, Ariz.

Pat Schwab is hospitalized in Kearney, Neb., where she was to undergo surgery after suffering a broken leg in a fall at her rural Norcatcur home last week. Mail will reach her at the hospital, 31st and Central, Kearney, Neb., 68847.

—Garage sale, 709 W. Hall, Friday, 5-7; Sat., 8-noon. No early birds.

Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary presented a program on poppies to the two sixth-grade classes at Oberlin Elementary School recently. Phyllis Metcalf gave the program on poppies; Delores Zodrow gave the history, and Lois Lamb told why a person should wear a poppy and its meaning. A video, "What is a Veteran," was also presented to the class with a teacher's guide.

Steve and Anita Hirsh attended the annual conference of the Kansas State Firefighters Association and Auxiliary held in Topeka from April 21-24. Steve was re-elected to a third term as secretary of the Firefighters Association, and Anita was re-elected treasurer of the state fire auxiliary.

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Those attending the fourth birthday party of Peyton O'Toole at the home of his parents, Tiff and Sam O'Toole, in McCook on Sunday were Herb and Carol Shirley, Oberlin; Mandy Moran, St. Joseph, Mo.; Alice Shirley, Oberlin; Robbie and Jeni Henningson, Nolan and Gannon, Norcatcur; and Ardith and Kerry Louderback, Oberlin. They also enjoyed spoiling the O'Tooles' new baby daughter, Parker, who was born April 8.

Jerry Fear of Denver was in Oberlin on Thursday to attend the Tri-State Initiative Conference at The Gateway. He is a former city administrator in Oberlin.

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Lesley A. Tongish, daughter of Pat and Dave Tongish of Newton, and granddaughter of Gene and Marcella Leitner of Oberlin, and Denis and Wilma Tongish of Herndon, was initiated into Alpha Lambda Delta, a national academic honor society for freshman, at Fort Hays State University on Sunday.

Greta Wendelin, daughter of Norman and Joanne Wendelin, was among six students recently inducted into the Concordia University chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, the national honorary forensics organization. She is a freshman at the university and is majoring in interpersonal communication.

Matt, Amber and Tate Norman of Winston-Salem, N.C., have been visiting several days with Bill and Dorothy Woods.

Three Oberlin students, Travis Castle, who is enrolled in pre-pharmacy; his sister, Krista Gutchewsky, a nursing student, and Brianna May, a biology student, were named to the 2003 Honor Roll at the University of Kansas. Their parents, respectively, are Pam and Brian Simonsson, and Joe Castle, Oberlin; and Dr. Richard and Delayne May.

Betty James of Selden and Louise Pollnow, Shirley Hayward, and Marie McKisson enjoyed the Prairie Statesman Barbershop Quartet program in McCook on Saturday evening.

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Doris Fringer and her daughters, Deanna Castle, Carolyn Shirley and Chris Walston, Oberlin; Patty Steinmetz, Two Buttes, Colo.; and Donna Futrell, Garden Valley, Calif., attended funeral services for her daughters' uncle, Marcelino Idigpio

Jr., in Marietta, Okla., on Thursday.

Harold and Glenva Nichols, Frank and Karen Bennett, and Gary and Sarah Orr attended Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in Topeka last week, from Tuesday to Thursday.

Winning highs in pinocle at Golden Age Center the past week were Vivian Bishop, Max Carman, Alvina Unger, Dorothy Moore, Neva Townsend, Barb Solko and Doris Miller. Lows were won by Doris Miller, Donna Kent, Veanna Orr, Aleen Van Vleet, Henry Edgett, and Neva Townsend. Pitch highs went to Henry Edgett and Max Carman with lows going to Doris Miller, Neva Townsend and Dorothy Moore. Bridge winners were Dorothy Cochran and Phyllis Lohoefer. Open bridge will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Beth Sebaugh, Alice Shirley and Jody Betts attended the musical program, "My Friends and I," presented by Judy Hillgeist and Jane White of Houston, in Norton on April 18. They were accompanied on the piano by Neva Rae (McCreary) Schoof, also of Houston. Mrs. Schoof is the granddaughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Funk of Dresden. Following Dr. Funk's death, his widow, Neva, moved to Norton where she operated the Cottage Style Shop for many years.

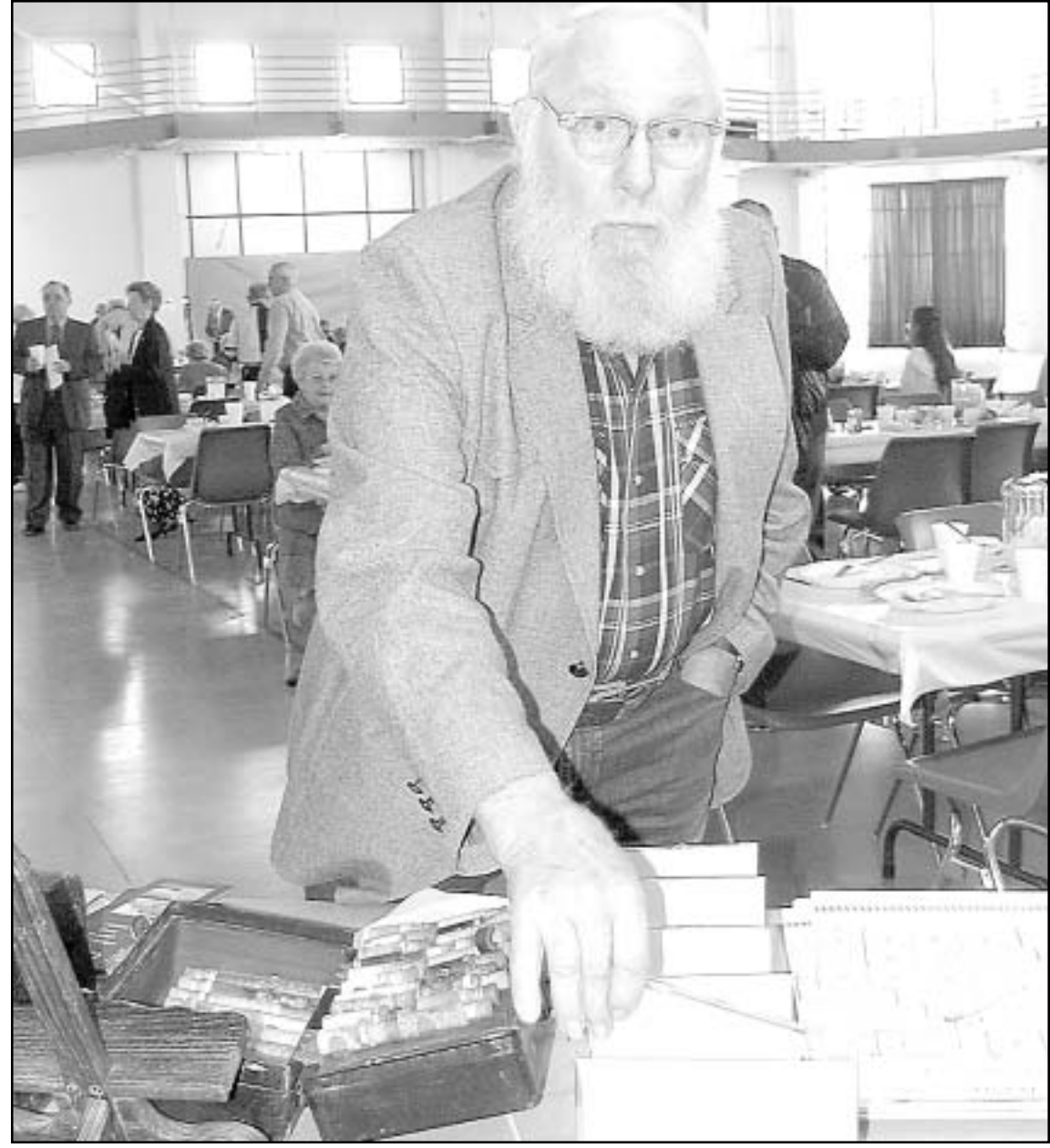
Shop gives to community

The Bargain Box Plus, a thrift store at 106 N. Beaver in Oberlin, has donated over \$7,000 to community projects during 2003 and the first three months of 2004.

During the annual Seeds of Hope Telethon, the Bargain Box received a plaque, recognizing the group for donating \$2,000 three years in a row.

The business is owned and operated by Marilou Long with the help of Ann Mines and Lenora Soderlund.

Groups that have received benefits include: Oberlin Sports Group, \$300; Oberlin Rotary Radio, \$200; Head Start, \$200; Gateway sign, \$100; sheriff's child safety project, \$100; Oberlin Arts and Humanities, \$500; Sunflower Cinema, \$800; Rose Stritt Memorial, \$150; Oberlin Boys Sports Group, \$100; Norcatcur Pre-School, \$100; Seeds of Hope, \$2,000; Shepherd's Staff of Rexford, \$200; Norcatcur Fire Department, \$500; Oberlin Fire Department, \$500; Jennings Fire Department, \$500; Decatur County Museum, \$500; and Oberlin Rotary, \$200.



THE MEDICAL BAGS of the late Dr. W.A. DeMay were viewed by guests at Ralph Moody Day on Sunday at The Gateway. His grandson, Dr. Richard DeMay, of Grand Island, Neb., now owns the bags and told about them during the program. Ray Kircher of Oberlin (above) checked out an original map of Cedar Bluffs, made by Merle King of Oklahoma City, who is a former resident.

—Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Crowd gathers for Moody Day

By MARY LOU OLSON
The books of Ralph Moody came to life on Sunday afternoon when John Stansfield read portions of several of them for a crowd of over 100 at Morgan Theater.

Mary Henzel welcomed the audience and introduced the guest speaker. Mr. Stansfield, storyteller, writer, teacher and Ralph Moody historian, told of the trials of Mr. Moody's early life and the struggle the family endured after he lost his father at an early age. He also captivated the audience with events in the author's life which happened after he moved to Cedar Bluffs, taken from the book, "The Dry Divide."

Curator Sharleen Wurm showed slides of early-day Cedar Bluffs and also Oberlin.

Memories of when Cedar Bluffs was a bustling community were shared by Jack Macy of Lebanon, Neb., who also told of the life of Jack McCurdy, owner and operator of a cafe and grocery store there for many years. Others present from his family were his son, Greg and Cecelia Macy and their two sons, also of Lebanon.

Descendants of the DeMay family present included: Dr. Richard and Jet DeMay of Grand Island, Neb.; and Dale and Janet (DeMay) Bamesberger, Indianola, Neb. Dr. DeMay's father was Dr. George DeMay, and Mrs. Bamesberger's grandfather was Dr. Rolla DeMay, both natives of Cedar Bluffs.

Ellen Kennedy of McCook and her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs.

Fred Kennedy, shared memories of the Kennedy family.

Merle and Audrey King, Oklahoma City, and Owen and Sharon King, Albuquerque, N.M., returned for the event. The men grew up at Cedar Bluffs and Merle King showed pictures of his family during the early days there.

A chuck wagon dinner was served, after which several young cowboys tried their luck at roping a "bull" and "calf" in the arena, with the assistance of Kendal Carman and Stuart Henzel.

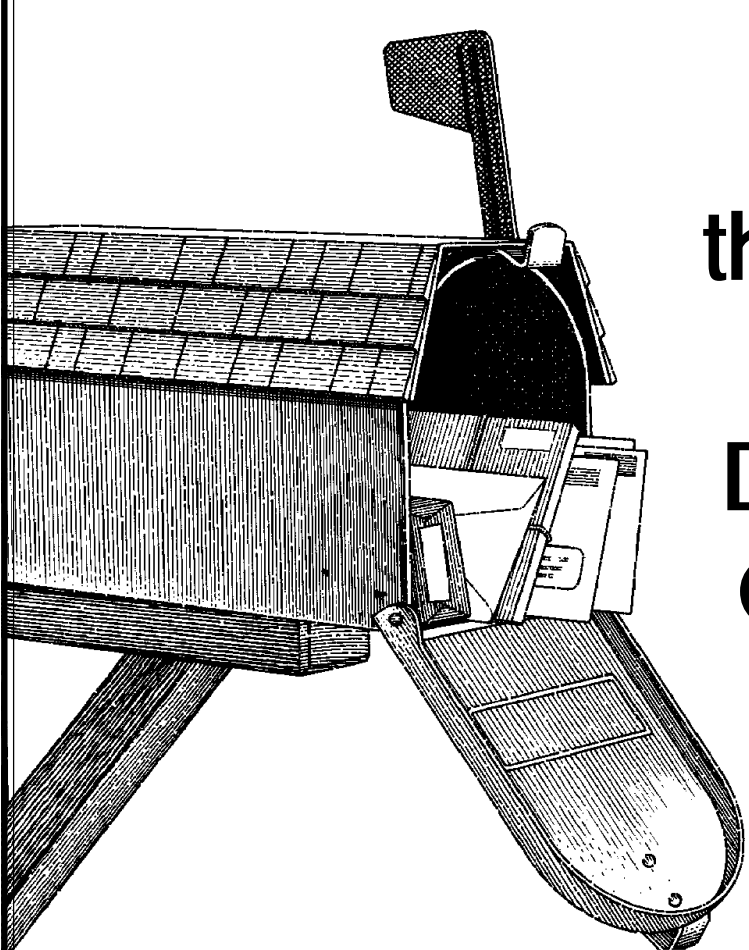
Ralph Moody Day was sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission, Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Decatur County Museum.

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