

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**100 YEARS AGO — May 1904**

Wes Richardson's baby fell and dislocated its shoulder while they were spending the evening at Mr. Fawcetts.

Ted Seavey will have his store at the old Addeleman & Campbell corner open for business by Saturday. J. A. Harris sold his stock in the post office store to Homer Wolfe.

Joe Hamilton, the land man of Selden, died at Norton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Wear and Mrs. J. C. Lathrop went Monday evening via the Rock Island to Topeka to attend the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

George Patton moved Wednesday into his son's new residence on Griffith Avenue.

Sherman Items: The Wiggins boys, Wise and Frank, and Ed Hall passed through this neighborhood last Monday taking their cattle to their ranch in the western part of the state. They had about 300 head. They put them in N. M. VanPelt's barn over night.

**75 YEARS AGO — May 1929**

Last week we happened down at the unloading platform east of the railroad depot where J. C. Nitsch's workmen, Dale Lenon and Bill Ethridge, unloaded two carloads of John Deere tractors. One carload was the Cletrac caterpillar tractor which is a compact little machine which can be handled easily in close quarters.

Tune in to Radio Station KOA Denver next Thursday evening to hear the broadcast of the Oberlin High School band which is the Kansas representative in the national music contest being held there.

Funeral services were held at the Federated Church in Oberlin for Mrs. J. F. (Martha) Barnhart, 69, who died at the family homestead in Sheridan County.

Services were held at the Catholic Church for Tim Corcoran, a resident of Decatur County for over 40 years who died at his home in Bassettville Township May 10. Born in Illinois he moved with his parents to Burlington, Iowa, where he lived until the age of 18 when he went to California and engaged in gold mining for 13 years.

Iva Morton, district 1, Oberlin,

and Jack Bell, district 2, Norcatur, placed high in the Emporia State Scholarship contest last month.

A. F. Schoepel of Ness City has been appointed temporary head football coach of the Hays Teachers for next fall. Jack Riley, Oberlin's popular football coach, was one of those considered for the position.

Decatur Community High School will graduate a class of 56 next Tuesday evening. Norton High School will graduate a class of 63, Goodland 51 and Colby has but 13.

Despite bad roads and threatening rain, the annual Geisenhener picnic held at the pleasant farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Cale Geisenhener May 8 drew the usual crowd.

**50 YEARS AGO — May 1954**

Over two inches of moisture which fell from Saturday through Monday has brought welcome relief to the wheat fields in this section of Kansas.

The dedication of the new Prairie Chapel Community Methodist Church building and the observance of the 50th anniversary of the church will be held on Sunday.

Kelley-Miller Bros. Circus, billed as the second largest in the United States of America, will be at the fairgrounds in Oberlin on Monday, May 24.

The annual convention of the 182 chapters of the State PEO Sisterhood is being held this week in Norton with the closing banquet to be held at the Decatur Community High School gymnasium in Oberlin this evening.

Mrs. Zella Driskell and Mrs. Zena Gierhart, well-known here for their fishing, won prizes in a fishing contest held last weekend at Harlan Dam near Alma, Neb.

Norcatur: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tolle received painful injuries in a car accident which occurred about two miles west of Lyle when their car was crowded off the road by a truck, going off a bridge and landing upside down in a dry creek bed.

Lawyers in the Sixth Congressional District will meet in Oberlin Saturday. Speakers will be Leon Roulouier of Colby, Robert Hemphill of Norton and Clayton Flood of

Hays. Speaker at the evening banquet to be held at the American Legion will be Frank Morrison of McCook. Wallace Wolfe of Oberlin serves as vice president of the Northwest Kansas Bar Assoc.

**25 YEARS AGO — May 1979**

Warmer weather and unusual rain showers the past few weeks have given some wheat fields a chance to stool and fill in where seed didn't germinate last fall according to Extension Agent Kent Reinhart who said he feels the crop is recovering some and looking better than it did 2-3 weeks ago.

New principal for Oberlin Elementary School is Darrell Jones, 43, currently elementary principal and superintendent in Montezuma. He replaces John Bearley who retired after 31 years in Oberlin.

There are 79 candidates for diplomas in the DCHS commencement. Top scholars will be announced following the compiling of grades at the end of the week. Seniors who held a 3.4 grade point at the end of the third nine weeks include: Jeff New, Kathy Simpson, Shanna Wurm, Dana Wilson, Ray

Harold, Lori Rhodes, Debbie Poe, Jerry Smith, Tonya Jones, Joe Mines, Brad Euhus, Janna Morton, Gay Robertson, Susan Rosin, Mary Dark, Kelly Goltl, Rex Olson, Mary Neff and Peggy Gawith.

The regional track meet held on Hoxie's new metric track was dominated by the Hill City boys who are favored to repeat as state champions at the state meet to be held in Wichita. Only two Decatur Community High School boys' relays qualified, the two-mile composed of Roger LaSalle, John Guy, Jon Dunn and Rocky Diederich and the mile relay of Diederich, Rohn Hamilton, LaSalle and Mike Neff. The girls' team qualified Jody Elwood in the shot; Kay Hartman in the 880-yard run and the mile relay team of Linda Koerperich, Joyce Meitl, Carol Sullivan and Mary Neff.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Diederich, Oberlin, daughter, Spring Melody, 5-6-79; Mr. and Mrs. James Olson, McCook, daughter, Jessica Lynn, 5-9-79; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fuller, Oberlin, Morgan Jacob, 5-15-79.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

I want to thank all of our volunteers that have helped us this spring with our school tours. The students have been wonderful, and were really interested and excited about all the "new" things they learned while at the museum.

Fern Moore and Gerri Neff were rural schoolteachers in the Addeleman School. Gary Guinn told the students about the different time periods of our gun display. Roxie Erickson showed the kids the early farming equipment, livery stable and farm set. Myrna showed the Indian relics and several other displays from the first and second annexes, while I told the kids about how the first settlers got to Kansas, by wagon and walking (weeks and weeks) only to get here and have no house waiting for them. I explained that the only thing here was one large pasture which they used to make their first

house, a soddie, which then they got their first look at. Last but not least I want to thank Maralyn for covering the office while we were out having fun with the kids.

Besides our school tour this week we have had guests from Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska. The Oklahoma couple was here to research the Cramer family from the Allison community. The couple from Wyoming was on their way to Manhattan to visit and for graduation this weekend.

That's where I am going Thursday, as my future daughter-in-law graduates with a masters degree, and she will be the new Rooks County agent.

Remember, while you have guests here for graduation or the Alumni/Memorial weekend, the Museum will be a great place to bring them.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Anna Shaw attended the Atwood High School Art Club art auction on Monday. Proceeds from the auction went to a fund benefiting Catherine Skiles of Atwood who is still hospitalized.

St. John's Lutheran Church's Women's Missionary League members met Wednesday afternoon at the church fellowship hall in Oberlin. A thank you note was read from the Kelly Youth Ranch for money given to the youth to attend "The Passion of the Christ."

Following the meeting, they attended a program for residents at the Good Samaritan Center, and Pam May read devotions with reference to quilts. On display were family name quilts owned by Dorothy Moore and Hildegard Euhus, a Trip Around the World quilt made by Peggy Groneweg, and a Flower Garden quilt made by Pam May's grandmother. Three members, who live at the center, Iris Wurm, LuVerne May, and Hildegard Euhus, were also present. Cookies were served to residents by Peggy Groneweg, Donna Kent, and Wilma May.

Wayne and Lois Larson celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on May 6 and were honored with a barbecue at the Norman Wendelin home Friday. Additional guests were Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Wichita; Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield; Craig and Karen Larson, Carl Larson, Brad Larson, and Kathy Almqvist.

Wilma May, Evelyn Olson, and Jerry and Connie Olson and Kelly were guests at the Justin Scott home Friday where they celebrated Gage Scott's first birthday.

Confirmation questioning was held Friday evening at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin for Jessica Bremer, Rory Wendelin, and LeAnna Sheaffer, led by Pastor Don White.

A reception honoring Jessica Bremer was held at the Bremer home Friday following Confirmation questioning. Guests attending the questioning and reception were Arthur and Alice May, Lois Carlson, Herschel and Jody Betts, Wilma May, Connie Olson, Edith Tate, the Jay Tate family, Alvina Unger, Ralph and Violet Shaw, the Norman Wendelin family, Marvin May, Martin and Evelyn May, Jack and Mildred Fortin and Charles, and Dennis Brown. Unable to at-

tend were Warren and Jan Bainter and Mildred Holmdahl, who were out of town and Helen Derby, due to health problems.

Becky Tate graduated Saturday from Colby Community College with an Associate Degree in applied science in nursing. Attending were her father, Patrick Ryan, Ponchatoula, La., her mother and grandmother, Linda Ryan and Lois Kepple, Tescott; John and Edith Tate, Lois Carlson, and Jay Tate, Dakota, and Mollie Marie. Mr. Ryan was a houseguest at the Jay Tate home, arriving Friday morning and returning home Monday.

Rory Wendelin, Jessica Bremer, and LeAnna Scheaffer were confirmed Sunday morning during worship services at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin. Attending were Jessica's baptismal sponsors, Herschel and Jody Betts

and Warren and Jan Bainter; Rory's baptismal sponsors, Craig Larson and Jean Ann Leitner, Herndon. Other guests included Cheryl Timm, Ludell; Kristen Bremer, Karol Styles, Kenzie Fishe, and Sarah Hasty and Melissa.

Anna Shaw attended a bridal shower for Janna Stef Sunday afternoon at the Assembly of God Church in Oberlin.

Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Wichita, were weekend guests at the Wayne Larson home, and Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield, were weekend guests at the Norman Wendelin home. Additional weekend guests at the Wendelin home were Pastor Don White, Atwood, and Kenzie Fisher.

Kristen Bremer, Beatrice, Neb., was a Saturday and Sunday overnight guest at the Bremer home.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Wade and Mandi McKinley, who were married Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood. The bride is the former Mandi Schmidt, daughter of Joe and Vicki Schmidt, and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Greg McKinley of Leavenworth. They will make their home in Manhattan.

Among relatives of the bride who attended the wedding were Colin, Sara and Payton Connor, Shreveport, La.; Emily Barnett and Greg Harrell, Alexandria, Va.; Kurt and Kathy Frisbie, Monument, Colo.; Kent, Keri, Jaryd and Emma Frisbie, Northglenn, Colo.; Clint Schmidt, Manhattan; Danace, Clae, Jordan and Kainin O'Malley, and T.C. McDonald, Colby; Chris and Sherri Schmidt, LeRoy and Daisy Schmidt, Oberlin; Pat and Dennis Barnett and Rachel, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; Tobina Schmidt, Overland Park; Chuck Norris, Howard; Barry and Tanner Schmidt, Manhattan; and Joe and Vicki Schmidt, Ludell.

Ardyth Cederberg spent

Mother's Day weekend with her mother, Thelma Anderson, at Oakland, Neb. They were Mother's Day dinner guests of her brother, Merlin Anderson and family.

Mildred Holmdahl spent the weekend of May 8-9 visiting her daughter, Janet and Sherrill Vermillion, and family in El Dorado.

Sandy Reuther graduated on Saturday from Colby Community College. She is the wife of Pastor Keith Reuther.

Abbie Peterson, daughter of Greg and Brenda Peterson, and Bud and Michelle McCain, will receive a cosmetology diploma at the Northwest Kansas Technical College graduation to be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday in Goodland.

John and Ardythe Cederberg had Sunday dinner at a local cafe with Jim and Renae Wolf and family of Pierre, S.D., and Don and Diane Ruppert and family of McCook. Sunday supper guests of the Cederbergs were Elden and Marilou Long of Norcatur.

Bob and Annette Frenzl of Salina spent Saturday with her parents, Bob and Sally Olson.

## Cedar Living News

Lavergne McClelland of Atwood is a new resident.

The dietary department assisted us with our celebration of National Nursing Home Week by serving ethnic menus. Monday was American, featuring hamburgers and watermelon. Tuesday a Mexican casserole was served. Wednesday was German with brats and kraut, and lasagna was on the menu Thursday for Italian Day. A potluck dinner was held at noon on Friday. Finance Manager Dave Nichols grilled hot dogs and staff members brought side dishes.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party on Monday. He served meat, cheese, crackers, and vegetables and dip. We also had popsicles from the hospital staff.

Carol Witt assisted with the music program on Monday afternoon. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly communion service on Tuesday.

Alice Fiala won the first Bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Charley Vavroch won the blackout game.

Residents assisted on Wednesday with making treat bags that were handed out to participants in the Decatur Health Systems Fitness Walk that evening. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson.

The jazz band from Decatur Community High School, under the direction of Deanne Spanier,

gave a performance on Thursday morning, which was a big hit with residents and staff.

Thursday was "Hat Day" at Decatur Health Systems. Staff members wore a variety of hats. Residents joined in the fun as well, many wearing hats on loan from the Bargain Box. An ice cream social was held on Thursday. Margee Wilson assisted Teresa Shaughnessy with making sundaes.

The residents enjoyed visits early Saturday evening from several prom-goers. They included Cedar Living Center employees Tara Votapka and Lindsey Euhus and their dates, as well as Tina Shields and Justine Miller. Sabrina Cooper, granddaughter of Freida Matheny, also visited with her escort, Scooter Matchett.

The ZCBJ Lodge held its May meeting on the patio Sunday.

Recent visitors: Richard Samson, Ludell; Sandy Wolfram, Liberal; Kathryn and Grace Uhner, Chanute; Jerry Temple, Norcatur; Don Ashley, Selden; Ida Hoover, Lady Lake, Fla.; Gary Matheny, McCook; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Frank Cox, Herndon; Rose Domsch, Atwood; Ila Ray, Virginia Spratling, Mary Ann Amack, Lyle Gamblin, Barb Solko, Elsie Wolters, Elaine Bryan, Marie Jean Vavroch, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Paul Sass, Dana Winstead, Eula Juenemann, Vayle Rohan, Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan News

On May 10 devotions were led by Jan Badsy and Cheryl Miller played the piano. Resident's Council was held, attended by Marilyn St. Clair, Hildegard Euhus, Elsie Macy, Eva Bryan, Neva Campbell, Dena Gillespie, Garrah Gaumer, Hazel Flaska and Ivah Alexander.

Mother's Day flowerpots were created with children from Little Sam's Daycare. Kaylen Townsend, Cindy Sheaffer and Gage Van Meter helped residents Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander, Hazel Flaska, Fern Anderson, Lois Buchholz and Eleanor Demmer. Kathy Van Meter shared a game of pinocle with Eva Bryan, Ivah Alexander, Garrah Gaumer and Elva Shaughnessy. Myrna Jones shared music from the past.

Devotions were brought by Janice Shobe on Tuesday. During Men's Gathering, Leo Mooty and Everett Fisher helped Lisa dig through her Grandpa Stacy's old tackle box. They had a great time explaining how the different hooks and lures were used, and also shared some fish stories. Lisa Stacy led Exercise for Arthritis with Bonnie Weskamp, Eleanor

Demmer, Elfie Brown, Eva Bryan, Fern Anderson, Marilyn St. Clair, Leo Mooty, Jan Conway, Neva Campbell, Marguerite Fullerton, Dena Gillespie, Ruby McKenna, Florence Fisher, Ella Peterson, Mamie Unger and Bernice Brown participating.

First Hand Friends, the first-grade readers, shared a program with residents. On completing a year of reading, the children presented a musical program under the direction of Jim Buchholz. Parents also enjoyed the event, which was followed by cookies donated by Vivian Bishop. Vivian is a member of the Western Fraternal Life Association, also known as the ZCBJ Lodge, and has been sponsoring this activity for many years.

Wednesday's morning message involved praying. Jan Badsy led songs, and Cheryl Miller accompanied on the piano. Mert McEvoy led Bible study, attended by Leo Mooty, Eva Bryan, Dena Gillespie, Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, Ruby Shuler, Marilyn St. Clair, Agnes Chambers, LuVerne May, and Hazel Flaska. Nail care volunteers were Ellen Horn and Peggy Carswell.

## Jennings News

By Sonja Gillespie

The May meeting of the Jennings Heritage Association and the Czech Museum was held May 6. Work has been completed on the connecting building and the handicapped accessible walkway. Both buildings have forced air furnaces and air conditioning now.

Most of the inventorying has been completed. Additional show-cases have been put in the new addition and a military display will be set up there. There is room to display any memorial U.S. flags given to the families of veterans, if the families wish. These will be returned to the owners later.

The Museum is sponsoring a coin giveaway of a collection of 26 uncirculated statehood quarters. Tickets will be available at the Jennings Alumni Banquet or from any Museum board member. They sell at 6 for \$5, or \$1 each. The drawing will be held during the Fireman's Fun Day on Aug. 28.

The Museum will be open during Memorial weekend from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday and Monday, or by appointment by calling Neoma Tacha at (785) 678-2470 or other board members.

Mother's Day dinner guests of the Dale Musgrave family of Ong, Neb., were Lawrence, Lila, and Brett Jennings. In the afternoon they attended the high school graduation of Eric William Musgrave at Sandy Creek High School. This was followed by a reception at Fairfield American Legion Club. Other family attending were Lee and Judy Ploussard, Oberlin; Dean and Myrna Musgrave, Indianola, Neb.; and Tom, Christie, and Miranda Musgrave of McCook.

The Sunflower Seniors carry-in potluck supper was enjoyed May 11 at the senior center. The door prize, furnished by Bob and Neoma Tacha, was won by Merl Chance. May birthdays were Claudine

Bennett, Ramona Shaw, Eleanor Morel and Imogene Keenan. Twenty-two seniors enjoyed a musical program by Don Ammons and Grace Orens, Hoxie. The next meeting will be June 8.

Saturday evening winners at cards were Merl Chance on May 8 and Eleanor Morel on May 15.

Wayne and Louise Cressler attended graduation exercises at LaCrosse High School on Saturday evening. Their grandson Robert, son of Russell and Theresa Cressler, graduated.

Visitors at the Lawrence Jennings home this past week were Mrs. Glenda Harris, Grand Junction, Colo., on Thursday and Friday; Dan Harris, Colby, on Saturday; and Mechele, Jordyn, and Brendan Jennings, Chapman, for Sunday supper.

Brett McKenna was honored with a reception and cook-out after his graduation from Prairie Heights High School on Saturday, hosted by his parents, Mike and Joan McKenna.

Those attending included Rebecca and Brock Peterson and Will, Shawnee; Jean and Dwight Lynch, Overland Park; Amy McKenna, Manhattan; Pam and Nathan Diekmann, Woodbine; Amanda and Lyle Davidson and Spencer, Delphos; Sarah McKenna, Wichita; Jacque McKenna and Chris McKenna, Hays; Bill and Bryn Peterson, Clifton; Sally and Maret Peterson, Colby; John Sauvage, Greg and Paula McKenna, Marlee, Landee, Hallee, and Baylee, Selden; Nick and Kathy Otter, Sean Otter, Hoxie; Trudy and Norman Stockham, Norton; Keith and Maxine Sauvage, Bill Sauvage and Pat Chard, Michael and Cheryl Sauvage and Tyler, Oberlin; Pat and Shelley McKenna and Marcus, and Paul and Kathy Nauer, Jennings.

## Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Edie Pettera, Julie Hafner and Jan Sattler attended the Mother-Daughter Banquet at the Immanuel United Church of Christ in Herndon last Saturday.

Ann Martin, Julie Hafner and Edie Pettera attended the Atwood Good Samaritan volunteer luncheon at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church last Monday.

Lucy Evans of McCook spent last Saturday with Ann Martin and they attended the Mother-Daughter Banquet Saturday. Ron, Tom and Patrick Solko were last Saturday visitors of Monica Solko. Mildred Kleidosty and Mrs. Solko were guests of Tom Solko for a Mother's Day dinner at the Down Home Cafe.

Diana and Kimberly Solko of Oberlin treated Monica Solko and

Mildred Kleidosty to a pre-Mother's Day dinner at the Down Home Cafe.

Herndon Senior Citizens met May 5 at the Senior Center for a business meeting and birthday party, which honored Anna Mae Ketterl. Beth Hraha read the poems, "If You Can," and "Farm Sale."

Bingo was played with Ann Martin winning blackout. Edie Pettera won the door prize.

The next potluck will be today with Mrs. Pettera and Ollie Hafner on kitchen duty. The next business meeting will be June 2 with Dorothy Engleman as hostess.

Dee and Wayne Davis, Brett and Derick of Shawnee were Mother's Day weekend guests of Denis and Wilma Tongish.