

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1880

John A. Rodehaver and wife returned from Ohio Saturday. An addition 20x32 will be made to the Oberlin House making it 52x32.

A. Hollister has rented the City Restaurant and took possession the first of the week.

The books for the Register of Deeds have finally arrived.

Married, Thursday, April 8, 1880, near Lyle by Squire P.T. Neal: Mr. Charles Bradberry and Miss Nellie Lamb, all of Decatur County.

The first money ever paid into the Decatur County treasurer was received last Saturday by County Treasurer Metcalf, the same being paid in by Messrs. Colt, Wear, Wamsley and Maddox in payment for school land.

A new town by the name of Elwood has been started upon section 6, township 5, range 28, 13 miles southeast of Oberlin on the Prairie Dog, under the auspices of Messrs. Shoemaker and Burnett.

Rev. Cary and family have left for Logan, Phillips County, after having served people of Oberlin for one year.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1905

The snow that fell Sunday night detained several from starting the lister.

The Foster Lumber Company are building new lumber sheds.

Victor Lorig is arranging to have teams gather cream from all over the county.

Frank Ruzicka of Center was married yesterday by Judge Patchin to Miss Antonie Jelinkova of Denver.

J.D. Flanigan has moved to the Stickley property.

J.E. Love brought in Saturday the last of his fat hogs, a big one that weighed over 500 pounds. Mr. Love thinks there is money in 5-cent hogs with corn at 35-cents a bushel.

A thundershower on Wednesday followed the snow and freeze of last week.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1930

Many grade school pupils made their appearance Monday morning only to find the doors had been locked for a two-week period. The action was taken Sunday by Dr. Piper, county health officer, in an effort to curtail any further spread of the measles and scarlet fever which have been prevalent in the community for several weeks.

J.P. Boettger, a farmer living four miles west of Oberlin, died at St. Catherine's Hospital in McCook where he had been an inmate for several weeks. He had been afflicted with cancer for sometime and the surgeon's skill was unable to save his life.

Smith of Dresden placed first in the 100-yard dash and third in the high jump in the track meet held in Oberlin last week. Oberlin scored 71 points, Norton 62 and Hoxie 4.

Cedar Bluffs: A small attendance at Sunday School on account of so many having the measles.

Sappa Valley Items: Mrs. Jack Van Pelt is helping care for the new girl who arrived April 4 to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Van Pelt.

Prairie View: A large number of persons attended the funeral of little Floyd Harvey Laidig, son of Ira and Minnie Laidig.

Dresden: Funeral services were held April 10 for Patricia Taylor Rhodes, 10-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rhodes of Dresden. Rev. Chas. H. Simpson officiated and burial was in Dresden Cemetery.

Miss Genevieve Banta, who at present is teaching music in Rexford Consolidated School, was offered a music position in the Junction City school system.

Jack Riley has been selected as the head football coach at the State College at Hays for the coming year. In addition to his coaching here he has been the manual training instructor and has served as principal the past two years under Supt. Smick.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1955

An enthusiastic group of highway boosters assembled in Oberlin

Sunday and Monday for the annual meeting of the U.S. Highway-36 Association. President Wallace Wolfe opened the meeting, at which it was announced by the Colorado delegation of the bridge being built over the Bijou which would jointly serve Highways 36 and 40.

Excavation work has been completed at Lake Atwood. It is hard to believe that such a project could be completed with volunteer labor.

The Leoville High School seniors will present the play "Date Bait" on April 22. The Decatur Community High School seniors will stage "Foot Loose" on April 28-29. Director is Miss Patsy Hagemeyer and student director is DeeAnna Rathbun.

Coach Hague has done a fine job lining up and placing his track team in the proper events and they came home from Oakley in first place with 61 points followed by Oakley, 47; Colby, 43; Hoxie, 39; Atwood, 23 and Sharon Springs, 19.

A miscellaneous bridal shower was held April 17 at the Luther Capps home in Kanona for Miss Eleanor Huntley, who will become the bride of Melvin McCarty of Wheatland, Wyo., on April 24.

Francis Kathka has returned home from Norfolk, Va., where he received his discharge from the Navy. "Dick" plans to farm with his

brothers, Ival and Emery Kathka.

25 YEARS AGO — April 1880 Representatives for Energy Transportation Systems Inc. (ETSI) will be in Oberlin Tuesday noon to provide a report on the coal slurry pipeline which is scheduled to cross Decatur County. All interested land owners and operators are invited to attend the meeting.

Some 561,184 bushels of wheat offered by Decatur County farmers sold at the bid price of \$3.60. The Agricultural Department has now fulfilled its commitment to buy the wheat that had been destined for the Soviet Union prior to the Jan. 4 embargo by President Carter.

Jennings: Persons in the surrounding area are invited to attend a short program and open house at Friendship Village, the new low rent housing units which will be ready for occupancy May 1. According to Walter Stackhouse, at least two apartments of the 8-unit complex have been filled.

Ward Wurm and Rohn Hamilton have been awarded \$500 scholarships in chemistry from Kansas State University.

Norcatur: A quartet from Logan composed of Bonnie Hanson, Shirley Henrickson, Robin (Rapp) Grunert and Jane Boys furnished entertainment at the annual Norcatur Civic Club mother-daughter banquet.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

On Saturday and Sunday, the Decatur County Museum board and staff set out to prove the old saying, "One person's junk is another person's treasure."

The proof was in the success of the fourth annual Rummage Sale. We would like to thank those that donated items and those that came and found their treasures.

We also owe a big thank you to the members who furnished baked items or donated for the bake sale on Saturday. Thank you for supporting the museum.

Besides taking in items for the rummage sale and visiting with our guests, Lynda and I have been busy with research projects. Some of the names researched were: Throckmorton, Elliott, Still, Soderlund, Gustin, Townsend, Gallentine, Ormsby, and Abraham and Albertina Johnson.

Our next museum event will be Saturday, April 30, with a free will supper from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and a dance celebrating the 100th anniversary of the ZCJB Lodge. More on this next week.

Rexford News

By Vickie Allison

On Friday evening at the home of David and Teri Gould, along with Dennis and Vicki Allison, a class barbecue was given for the nine Golden Plains graduating seniors. They include Ryan Altman, Brett Dible, Jesse Miller, Stephen Mackey, Shawn Simons, Darcie Spresser, Nichole Spresser, and Kristin Wark.

Rexford City Council met Wednesday. Jolene Hansen, city clerk, swore in the two new council members, Nancy Dahl and Dennis Allison. The city-wide cleanup days will be April 22 and 23. The council wants to remind Rexford residents who will be burning to notify Bill Scott before striking your match. The 2005-2006 dog tags are available and City Clerk Jolene Hansen can assist you on Tuesday afternoons.

There were twelve ladies at Coffee Klatch on Friday: Vesta Roth, Deb Stepper, Fran Leach, Elizabeth Rall, Doris Oliver, Eunice Sanford, Ruth Luna, Grace Cheney, Berneda Zoberst, Hulda Wark, Deborah Gamboa, and Jean Hawkins.

The American Legion Post hosted 10 partners at the pinochle tournament Saturday night. First place winners were Pete and Phyllis Zeigelmeier. Darlene Robben and J.R. Albers came in second with Fran Leach and Lawrence Horinek, third.

There were 15 who played bingo

at the Senior Bingo party on Saturday.

Scoop on the school

The Golden Plains High School track team traveled to the Tri-Plains Invitational at Oakley Tuesday. Three of the 19 team members brought home medals: Valerie Broeckelman placed first in the triple jump; Josh Vahling, third in the mile; and Elizabeth Staats, fifth in the 400 meter. The middle school traveled to Norton for the Northern Valley Track Invitational on Thursday.

Tammy Shaw, elementary secretary; Vicki Allison, middle and high school secretary; Traci Uehlin, high school math teacher; and Orba Stevenson, quality performance accreditation coordinator for the district, attended a PowerSchool software workshop in Junction City Wednesday. Forty-two percent of Kansas schools use the PowerSchool program.

"A Touch of Class" was the theme for the 2005 prom held Saturday evening for 55 guests. The junior class and their sponsor, Delores Juenemann, emceed the event. The evening began with the traditional promenade at 6:15 p.m. followed by the meal. The after-dinner entertainment was the reading of the traditional class prophecies and wills.

Ashley Albers and Jennifer Eatherly read the 2005 class prophecies.

Kristin Wark and Darcie Spresser read the class wills to the underclassmen. Dance DJ was Jam Session. Forty-four students were bussed to the Colby Bowl for a post-prom event hosted by the Golden Plains Booster Club. The club extends a thank you to Sheriff Baughn for the donation given to the booster club for their help in making prom night a safe and alcohol-free evening.

Vicki Allison's granddaughter, Morgan Wark, enjoys the outdoors and the wagon rides given to her by her aunts and grandmother. So hats off to all you who help to put a smile on a child's face.

The Shepherd Staff hosted the Mt. Pleasant Woman's Retreat over the weekend. There were 33 ladies from the Quinter area having an elaborate and colorful tea party.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

The junior high will present the play, "Tom Sawyer," at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Rexford School. On Friday, the high school track team will travel to Oakley for a 3 p.m. meet. There will be a 3 on 3 basketball tournament in Rexford on Saturday. The junior and senior high schools will hold their spring program at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, followed by the sophomore workers auction, ice cream social and industrial arts show.

On April 14 at Senior Citizens, Ann Hazlitt won high, Edna Schiltz took second, Dorothy Lovin got low and Cecelia Ottley had the most nines. Other members present included: Betty James, Jeannie Spresser, Lola Cook, Irene Kruse, Carol Shaw, Shirley Emigh, Leone Porsch and Paulie Neff.

Birthdays and anniversaries: April 21 - Mike Peter, Heith Sauvage; April 22 - Linda Spresser, Layn Bruggeman, Neal Wah; April 23 - McKayla Bainter; April 25 - Robert and Laura Ritter, Leroy Wessel, Lance and Lisa Stoll; April 26 - Roger Emigh, Traci

Bruggeman, Dena Dellere, Jerry and Paula Schiltz; April 27 - Tricia Bullock Carney.

The Selden Public Library is open every Monday and Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. when volunteers are available. Anyone wanting to volunteer may call the library. If no one is there leave a message and someone will get back to you.

The city's compost and brush pile site is open every Wednesday evening and all day on Saturdays. Keep in mind, the only yard waste you can take are grass clippings and tree branches, bushes, etc. You will not be allowed to discard any items made of wood. Those may be set out for the trash truck on Wednesdays.

The Selden Senior Citizens meet every Thursday for cards at the Senior Center. The first Thursday of the month they meet early and share a potluck meal. Anyone interested in attending for an afternoon of good company and fun or wanting information, please contact Irene Kruse or Betty James.

McGraw News

By Quincy Scott

Jim and Judy Gaumer visited Gayle and Ruth Bainter on Sunday. Gerald and Leora Sines of

McCook visited George and Carolyn Launchbaugh.

Call 475-2206 and let a Classified Ad go to work for you!

Cedar Living News

This is National Volunteer Week, April 17-23. The residents and staff of Cedar Living Center would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donates their time and efforts at the center. We have volunteers who come every week and others who entertain or provide a service on special occasions. Every act of kindness is appreciated.

Our volunteers will be recognized at a brunch to be held next week. Anyone interested in joining our team of volunteers is welcome to attend the party at 9:30 a.m. on April 27. For more information on volunteer opportunities please contact Teresa Shaughnessy at 475-2208.

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted a party on Monday afternoon. He served meat, cheese, crackers, and assorted vegetables and dip. The party was attended by residents, staff, and guests.

The Resident's Council meeting held on Monday afternoon included discussion of plans for National Nursing Home Week in May.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

Helen Lindquist won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Freida Matheny, the blackout game.

Lloyd Beneda was the guest of honor at a birthday party held on Tuesday afternoon on the patio. Those helping him celebrate were Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, and Glenva and Tom Burrell of Max, Neb.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly communion service on Tuesday afternoon.

Mary Ann Amack and Beth Sebaugh hosted the sing-along time on Wednesday morning.

Former Cedar Living Center resident Lowell Sebaugh of Norcatur visited with residents and staff on Wednesday morning. He brought brownies for the staff to share. Gary

Anthony also visited.

There were several winners at the dice game on Wednesday afternoon. Those who joined in the fun were Nettie Britton, Alice Fiala, Harold Frickey, Lyle and Freda Gamblin, Tressie Samson, Eva Marie Vacura, Charley Vavroch, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

A group of students from the Creative Movements Gymnastics Club gave a performance on Wednesday afternoon. The preschool group was featured doing tumbling and assorted other movements, and several of the older students also showed off their moves. This was the first program of its kind at Cedar Living Center and was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

Father George was here for Catholic Mass on Thursday morning.

Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Thursday afternoon.

Jennifer Shaw hosted a game night in the dining room Thursday. Residents played dominos and other games with her.

The baking group made mince-meat cookies on Friday afternoon.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of Faith Lutheran Church gave worship service on Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Ron and Jerry Temple, Norcatur; Richard Samson, Ludell; Julie Harold, Hays; Gary and Shirley Emigh, Carol Shaw, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Steve and Barb Brown, Selden;

Alice Shirley, Opal Huntley, Dorothy Cochran, Rita Garver, Karen Bennett, Juanita Williby, Lyle Gamblin, LaMoine and Ruth Wolfram, Marie Jean Vavroch, Eula Juenemann, Rosella Meitl, Delores Koerperich, Helena Bruggeman, Elaine Bryan, Earl Brown, Dana Winstead, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

Phyllis Metcalf led morning devotions on Monday, April 11, on "God's Stitchery." Merry Mums Bernice Brown, Eryline Nichols, Bonnie Weskamp, Florence Fisher, Leo Mooty, Hazel Flaska, and Eva Bryan gathered with Lisa Stacy. Folding Fellowship participants were Garrah Gaumer and Fern Anderson, and observing was Allen Adleman.

Don Farr led Monday morning exercises. Barbara Dehlinger shared a book with Dena Gillespie, Eva Bryan, Allen Adleman, Ruth Laidig, and Fern Anderson. Volunteers Evelyn Olson and Mildred Holmdahl assisted the canasta players and Jan Badsy served Social Hour. Golf sparked some putting fun with Dena Gillespie, Ruth Laidig, Ruby Shuler, Eryline Nichols, Leo Mooty, and Eva Bryan.

On Tuesday, Janice Shobe gave devotions. Mrs. Olson's First Hand Friends read with their partners. Resident's Council was held. Chairperson Dena Gillespie and Social Service Assistant Coleen Rippe presided. Ellen Horn served Social Hour and Fern Moore shared reading time.

A memorial service was held Wednesday in remembrance of Lorna Bishop. Jan Badsy led the service. Julianna Baker presented "Reading of the life of Lorna." Good Sam choir shared music, accompanied by Cheryl Miller. Bible study was with Mert McEvoy, volunteer.

Exercises were led Wednesday

morning by Don Farr. Afternoon nail care was with volunteers Pat Whetzel and Dorothy Alstrom. Ellen Horn served Social Hour. Garrah Gaumer, Lucy Schissler, and Jan Conway enjoyed Card Club with volunteer Mildred Holmdahl. Bingo concluded the day's events.

On Thursday, Jan Badsy led morning devotions. Catholic services were held for Lois Buchholz and Bonnie Weskamp. Art Class featured ceramic painting with Lisa Stacy. Enjoying the activity were Elsie Macy, Jan Conway, and Fern Anderson. That evening Lisa Stacy conducted Bible study.

Jeanette Diederich, volunteer, assisted resident Irene Waggoner in fixing deviled eggs on Friday. Morning devotions were led by Jan Badsy. Leo Mooty enjoyed a game of pool with Garrett Berry. Current Events were led by Gladys Geis. Afternoon activities included Dennis Brown from Forget-Me-Nots, who hosted a cheese and vegetable treat for all, including staff. Bethany Smith assisted.

Dennis Brown led morning devotions on Saturday.

Faith Lutheran Church led church services on Sunday and Phil Erickson served Social Hour.

Recent guests: Kathryn Post - Doris Fringer; Dena Gillespie - June Vavroch, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; Garrah Gaumer - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, Don Stackhouse; Hazel Flaska - Jon Smith, Gerald and Charlene Karnes.

The Points of Light Foundation sponsors **National Volunteer Week April 17-23**

To thank one of America's most valuable assets...

OUR VOLUNTEERS

And to call attention to all that volunteers do to improve our communities.

"Inspire By Example" (this year's theme)

Truly reflects the power volunteers have to inspire the people they help, and to inspire others to serve!

Hospice Services, Inc. honors the dedicated volunteers who help hospice bring compassionate, quality care to those coping with life-limiting illness.

Join us as we thank these Hospice Volunteers...

Board of Directors

Advisory Board Members

Those who help with special projects

volunteers who help with office tasks

Volunteers who bring comfort to those we serve!