

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1882**

The county officers moved into their new quarters yesterday in the Moody building, which is rented for the year at a cost of \$200.

The snow on Saturday put a damper on the prairie fire that was raging southwest of here.

Marriages: Charles Wall and Miss Anna Ames, Feb. 8, 1882; Ralph Goodrich and Miss Sarah E. Cooley, Feb. 16, 1882.

Jule Vanmeter killed three antelope with one shot at the head of the south fork of the Sappa in Thomas County one day last week. It is generally difficult for many of our hunters to get one antelope with three shots.

Achilles Shots: Dug Cheek has bought J.J. Vanmeter's stock ranch. Lyle Mentions: W.H. Andrews was made happy on the morning of the 6th — a young daughter was the cause.

**100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1907**

The state supreme court has handed down an opinion closing the famous Dewey case.

Married, William A. Uehlin and Nina E. Decker, Feb. 20, at the home of the bride; Rev. D.O. Banta officiating.

The new county fair association held a meeting at the court house Saturday and \$1,000 in stock was sold.

High School Notes: Gerald Benton has got his hair cut. Will Landau and C.W. Smick have dissolved partnership and will quit batching.

Five hundred seventy-seven cars of stock were shipped from the Oberlin station in 1906.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Stastney, an 8-pound daughter.

**75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1932**

The George Washington Bicentennial celebration will begin Monday, Feb. 22, in the United States and continue until Thanksgiving in observance of the 200th year of the birth of "The Father of our Country." Locally, a firing of the national salute at sunrise will be held by the American Legion and bells of the town will chime at 10 o'clock. A community observance will be held at the elementary school at 8 p.m. It is requested that every house and business display the American flag on Monday.

Fire destroyed the large farm house of James Petracek in Custer Township Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Petracek, who with Ernest Petracek are in charge of the farm, were in Oberlin at the time. Neighbors within 12 miles of the place rushed to the scene and all of the furnishings on the lower floor were saved. This is the second fire on the Petracek place, as last fall the

large barn was destroyed.

Coach Kirkendall's grapplers completed their 1931-32 schedule by defeating McCook to avenge their defeat there three weeks ago. In league action, they have defeated Atwood, St. Francis, Goodland, Colby, Hoxie and Norton.

The basketball team of Hoxie High School turned the trick Friday night and did what local fans had believed couldn't be done this season — defeating the Red Devils by a score of 23 to 22.

News reached Oberlin of the death of O.E. Munson, 89, one of the two surviving Civil War veterans of the Jennings community. Mr. Munson homesteaded the land just across the railroad tracks northwest of the city in May 1879 and made the final payment on his homestead, entry No. 178, in August of 1883. He later sold a portion of the land to the Jennings town site and the cemetery is located on the northwest portion.

Through the unified action of the four barber shops, the price of hair cuts has been reduced from 50 cents per head to 40.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Addleman are the proud parents of a baby boy born Feb. 13. The young man has been named Alan Dale and has the distinction of representing the third generation of the Addleman family born in Decatur County. We are wondering if anyone else in the county can boast of a similar honor?

**50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1957**

Lonn Richards' 62-piece concert band will present its winter concert this evening at the DCHS auditorium. Included in the program will

be a "Tribute to Benny Goodman" featuring the clarinet section composed of Nancy Nemeth, Sharon Pollnow, Colleen Mathews, Marlene Anderson, Idella Nelson, Roxanne Ridgway, Barbara Barratt, Shirley Frerichs, Mary Ann Page, Roberta Wurm, Shanna Bleses, Myrna Fisher, Carol Cameron, Twila Kennedy, Fern Kleinsorge, Jeanne Unger, Linda Jording and Robyn Urban.

Four seniors will be making their final home appearance when the DCHS basketball team meets Colby Friday: Gene VanVleet, Jerry Baker, Dick Pavlicek and Dallas Musgrave.

Coach Melvin Simpson will take 9 boys to the state wrestling tournament. For the second year in a row Oberlin upset St. Francis 77-75 in the two-day regional tournament held at Goodland. First places were taken by Bob Wurm at 120 and Delmar Richardson at 133. Other qualifiers are Rob Young, Larry Brainard, Jim Alexander, Bill Goscha, Pete Rush, Jim Kelley and Jim Carver.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Laidig announced the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Lesle, to Carroll Marshall Smith, Jr., son of Mrs. Carroll Marshall Smith, of Hutchinson. The wedding date has been set for June 1.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. John Garwood, daughter, Mary Kay, Feb. 16; Mr. and Mrs. John Kropp, Selden, son, Charles Edward, Feb. 17; Mr. and Mrs. Jay K. Locy, Hays, daughter, Shelley Diane, Feb. 12.

**25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1982**

Keith Adams, superintendent of

USD 392 Osborne, will assume his duties as superintendent of USD 294 on July 1, 1982, replacing Glenn Martin, who is retiring.

Oberlin City Council has named Dan Castle, 30, as manager of the municipal power plant beginning Feb. 22. In addition to supervising the plant's operation, Castle and Jim Robertson will be the mechanics in charge of maintenance and repair of the plant's six engines.

The board of USD 294 has accepted the bid of Nelson Brothers Construction of Norton to build a pre-stressed concrete bleacher structure at Smick Field. The bid of \$195,712 includes construction of restrooms, concession stand and storage rooms beneath the bleachers with a concrete ramp dividing the structure in the center. The contractors were given permission to start immediately to dismantle the present wooden bleachers.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Krey, Garden City, daughter, Natalie Irene, Feb. 8; Mr. and Mrs. Evan Jorn, Tampa, Fla., son, Matthew Evan, Feb. 15; Kevin and Jackie Brown, Oberlin, daughter, Natalie Dawn, Feb. 9; Mr. and Mrs. Greg Pfannenstiel, Oberlin, daughter, Sarah Jane, Feb. 9.

The United Church of Oberlin was the scene of the Jan. 2, 1982, wedding of Lynn Hope Green, St. Leonard, Md., and Shawn Patrick Guinn, Oberlin. Both are graduates of Fort Hays State University. They will make their home in Oberlin where the bridegroom is employed at Guinn's Heating and Plumbing.

DCHS qualified 12 wrestlers for substate at the regional tournament held in Hoxie.

## Dinner reservations needed

Oh, the sun is beautiful. At last the snow is starting to melt and the ice bumps are disappearing. It sounds like it is going to stay this way for a few days.

The Farmer/Rancher Appreciation Night is fast approaching. You need to call the Chamber office to make reservations so we know how many ears of corn to order. The committee is working hard to get the sponsors and door prizes lined up. Cal Siegfried will be the guest speaker and there will be a band for your listening and dancing pleasure.

This is happening at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, at The Gateway. You need to turn in your reservations by March 7 to the Chamber office. It sounds like a very enjoyable evening out for the family and it's all free.

The following weekend is the Home and Garden Show on Satur-

## Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

day and Sunday, March 17 and 18, at The Gateway, sponsored by the Chamber and KFNF 101.1 radio. This is also a free event for your enjoyment. Many vendors have contacted the office and are planning to attend. Remember the show is two days, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join us for lunch both days, as you know that the lunch put out by The Gateway is always good.

Oberlin Business Alliance decided to have a fun-filled contest with a huge pile of snow by folks guessing the month, day, hour and minute it will be all gone. This snow pile is just west of the power plant, pushed up to a mountain and is on

cement. It is tall and long. The winner will get \$25; second place, \$15; and third place, \$10. The guesses are due by Wednesday, Feb. 28. You can sign up at any Oberlin Business Alliance store with nothing to buy. This is open to everyone so share in the fun.

The winner of the National Football League contest was Jacob Gee. This was a very thrilled little boy. Be sure to watch your favorite teams next year and hope they can win the big one.

The snow and ice is melted so you can get to the office. Stop in, have a cup and pick up a new Feist phone book as they have arrived.

## Good Samaritan Center

Things are really looking beautiful around here!

Angel Lane dining room has a new floor and Town Square's floor will be finished this week. The mural Jeanette Diederich is painting boasts more towns and Kansas wildlife. What joy it has been to watch all of this unfold right before our very eyes.

The Alzheimer's Day Room will get its name this week and also a fresh coat of paint as we continue to prepare for its grand opening in March. It is not too late to cast your vote. The names to choose from are: Sunny Haven, The Enchanted Garden, The Garden Room, Country Angels, or Noah's Place. Give Montine a call to voice your preference.

The fundraiser for our new van was a huge success. Our thanks to Jan Badsky for her hard work and organization. Proceeds exceeded \$2,000 and Thrivent for Lutherans will match those funds.

Again, we would also like to thank you for the continuous outpouring of love and generosity you so graciously extend to us. It is such a blessing to know that you uplift us with your prayers, your time, your talents and your treasure to make this a wonderful home for your precious loved ones.

Last week, we celebrated love in honor of Valentine's Day. Each day was special on its own, but as we built upon each day our hearts were moved more and more, and love was greatly magnified, come Friday.

On Monday Lisa Stacy's mother, Marte Ganzel, came from Denver to present a program entitled "Love is in the Air." She read a medley of poems written by Helen Marshall

exalting love in all the various stages of our lives. The residents created beautiful Victorian Valentines at the close of the program.

On Tuesday during Living History, the residents all brought pictures of their sweethearts and we reminisced about their proposals and wedding days. That "look of love" was on every face as they recounted their memories.

The STAR committee threw the Valentine's party, supplying delicious, beautifully decorated cakes. Little did they know they were preparing for a very romantic surprise. All the residents were gathered to Angel Lane dining room where they would witness a real-live proposal. John Paulson was nervous, yet very confident that God had brought him to this moment.

As he waited and his loved one, Lisa Stacy, was summoned by radio to come to the dining room, I'm sure his heart leaped at her response: "I'm delivering the mail, it will be a few minutes."

Gentle coaxing brought her around, to be greeted with the room completely lined with white-headed, smiling faces, with a look of knowing, everyone with the "look of love" glowing. Can you imagine her delight as he handed her 12 long-stemmed roses, candy, and a card professing his love? He sang a song and washed her feet as he explained the Biblical significance of doing so. He knelt on one knee and asked her to be his wife.

With her heart so full of love for him, she accepted and everyone applauded. Anita sang while they danced. What an incredible beginning to a lifetime of loving. Sharing this moment with the family of Good Sam made it even more special.

cial. What a sweet and tender gesture!

On Thursday Joan Evans and her daughter, Kristy, gave a recount of their trip to Italy, "the country of love." She brought pictures, trinkets, and yummy Italian chocolate for all to experience.

On Friday we celebrated our love of a dear employee. Alvina Gamblin retired after 22 years of serving at Good Sam. The place was packed as we expressed our love and gratitude to her. Her family came to celebrate with her. As she made her way around the room, she received many hugs and best wishes. Our sincere thanks go out to her along with our prayers and best wishes.

Go look in the mirror and see "the look of love" reflecting back at you, then go share it with all you meet!

Recent guests: **Roberta Urban** - Mandy Morgan and Sylvia Wachendorfer of Selden, Adelaide Unger of Stratton, Neb., Kathie Sauvage, Mary and Harry Depe, Trenton, Neb., Kathy Riepl of Atwood, Lori and Audrey Moore of Levant, Tresia Urban, Martina Urban and family, and Marvin Urban,

all of Colby; **Dorothy Hunt** - Kara Haselhorst of Hays, Reva Marshall, Ron and Dixie Snyder; **Lucy Schissler** - Nola Carlson of Fort Morgan, Colo., Arlene Glad of Atwood; **Edla Olson** - Arlene Glad of Atwood, Arian Arnold of Herndon; **Mary Lemman** - Glenn, Lisa, Kale and Kadey Dreiling; **Thelma Spiers** - Tami Shaw and Dante Robertson, Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein; **Hazel Flaska** - Nola and Harvey Thompson of Frederickson, Texas, Gerald and Charlene Karnes of Salina, Arden and LaJean Flaska of Lakeside, Calif., Janice Barker of Westminster, Colo., Karrie Coen of Denver, Milo Alexander of Kerrville, Texas; **Doris Miller** - Mary Lou Olson of Herndon; **Opal Bryan** - Brian, Breck and Nathan Simonson, Sharon Slabaugh; **Kathryn Post** - Gladys Geis; **Ruth Laidig and Mae Guy** - Norma Richards; **Ruby Wennihan, John and Muriel Ready, Mae Guy** - Deanna Hanschild and Norma Richards. The Reverend Stan and Marte Ganzel of Aurora, Colo., visited several residents.

## Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Sympathy is extended to the families of Orvis Nelson and Agnes Barenberg.

Herndon Senior Citizens will hold a potluck at noon today at the senior center.

Students who plan to attend college may pick up scholarship applications and worksheets at the Herndon City Library, which is

open from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday. Dinner guests last Sunday of Tim Solko and Monica Solko at his home were Tom, Patrick and Charles Solko.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

With the warm weather, the snow is melting, water is running down the curbs and fields look very wet.

At the Housing Authority meeting Thursday evening, the future of the facility was discussed. Emma Sanford moved to Sappa Manor in Oberlin and Edith Foster moved to the Long Term Care Unit at Quinter. There are no residents in the units now. It will be listed for sale when the paperwork is cleared for the go-ahead. Housing Board has several options.

A program entitled, "What's in Your Water," will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 12, in Sunflower Senior Center. This will be a chance to voice concerns about Water Restoration and Protections Strategies going on in the Prairie Dog Creek/Keith Sebelius Lake Watershed. The meal will be provided at no charge. Reservations would be appreciated by March 5. You may call the Norton County Conservation District at (785) 877-

2623, extension 37. Funding assistance for the meeting in Jennings is also provided by the Decatur County Farm Bureau and the Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture.

Bob and Neoma Tacha are announcing the birth of a great-granddaughter, Brynna Grace, born Feb. 17. Parents are Ashley and Jeff Brown. Grandparents are Royal and Gayle Tacha of Hoxie.

Wayne and Louise Cressler enjoyed visiting Sunday at the home of their granddaughter, Amber and Johnny Klassen, Keith, Landon, Issac, Aleah, Haley and Allison in LaCrosse. Other family members visiting were Russell Cressler, Brian; Nicole Scotter and Adalie; Robert Cressler, Trenton and Zachary; Preston and Jessica Cressler and MacKenze, all of LaCrosse.

City Council will not meet on March 1, but will instead meet March 8.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to Dick and Donna Kelley and family following the death of his brother, Don Kelley, of Little Rock, Ark., on Friday.

Weekend guests of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky were Brian and Krista Simonson and Gavin of Kearney, Neb. On Sunday they all attended the baptism of Gavin John Gutchewsky at the Oberlin Sacred Heart Church. Father Henry Saw Lone officiated and godparents were Joel and Sarah Uerling. Among other family members who attended were Addyson Uerling,

McCook, and Kendal and Tammy Neal and Katrina, Oberlin.

Larry Gilbert of Manhattan visited Dave Bergling on Friday. En route home he had lunch with his sister, Jan Kempt, in Phillipsburg.

Ashley and Whitney Witt accompanied their grandmother, Mary Lou Olson, to McCook on Thursday where they had supper to celebrate Whitney's 10th birthday.

Detta Anderson and Joy Votapka took Mary Lou Olson out for lunch on Friday at the LandMark Inn to celebrate her recent birthday.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Stephanie May and Andrew Frankforter were married Saturday, Feb. 10, in a late afternoon wedding at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin. Stephanie is the daughter of Elwood and Jeanie May and the granddaughter of Wilma May and the late Elbert May. The reception following the service was held at The Gateway Civic Center.

John and Eunice Andrews and Jennifer, Perry, Ga., arrived Friday morning to spend the weekend with her mother, Wilma May, and attend the wedding of their niece, Stephanie May.

Brandon May, Salina, a groomsman in the May-Frankforter wedding, spent the weekend of the wedding with his parents, Elwood and Jeanie May, and visited family and friends.

Among those attending the May-Frankforter wedding were Andrew's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Pettigrew, Franklin, Neb.; Jeanie May's sister, Dora Holliday, Chase, and Jeanie's nieces and families, Cindy and Jim Steffan and Melissa, Lyons, and Valerie and Jamie Schultz, Chase, and their daughter, Teneal Schultz, Ellinwood. Other out-of-town relatives attending were Allen and Neta (Wurm) Jeffus, Topeka; Stean Olson and Paige Niernberger, Hays; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; David May, McCook; and Mark and Amy Wurm and family, Edmond, Okla.

Jennifer Andrews was a Saturday overnight guest of Jessica Bremer following the wedding reception at The Gateway.

Mark and Amy Wurm and family, David May, Gisela Fisher, John and Eunice Andrews and Jennifer, and Wilma May met for dinner Sunday noon, Feb. 11, at a local Oberlin restaurant.

Jessica Bremer, Becky Helm, Heather Glodt, Lacey Ream, Gage

Reichert, and sponsors Candy Dejmal, Charles Haag, and Kelly Glodt attended a leadership workshop on the Kansas State University Campus on Monday, Feb. 5.

At the high school speech meet held Saturday, Feb. 10, at Norton, Cameron Nedland and Ethan Merrill placed second in their Impromptu Duet Acting and Jessica Bremer placed fifth in oration. Cameron and Ethan are now qualified to go to State speech in May.

Dianne Bremer and Jessica accompanied Rhonda May, Dan Nedland, Cameron, Hunter, and Elizabeth to Topeka on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 11, where the youths, sponsored by Decatur County Farm Bureau, paged for Senator Ostmeyer on Monday.

Martin and Evelyn May were recently notified that their nephew, Jerry Reith, San Francisco, died Friday evening. He was the son of Fred and Connie Reith of Chico, Calif. Our sympathies to Martin and Evelyn and their family.

Brian and Sarah Shaw, Andover, were weekend visitors of Marvin May, the Chris May family, Andy May, and Martin and Evelyn May.

Martin and Evelyn May, Sarah Shaw, and Kasey May accompanied Marvin May to Hastings, Neb., on Saturday where they watched Kaylee and Kelsey May compete in a swim meet.

Karen Larson enjoyed lunch on Monday with her brother and sister-in-law, Keith and Marie Geis, Wheatland, Wyo., who are spending a few days visiting their parents, Zane and Gladys Geis.

The congregation at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin helped honor those in the congregation ages "80 and over" at a Valentine's potluck dinner Sunday noon following church services incorporating the Lutheran Women's Missionary League prayer service.

## Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

Decatur Health Systems employees, residents of Cedar Living Center and their families celebrated Valentine's Day in style last Wednesday.

Every resident got a valentine from either a family member or an employee. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed socializing and eating delicious treats.

The new 2007 cookbooks have arrived! The cookbook company must not have experienced as much of a printing backlog as they anticipated. They did an excellent job making an attractive cookbook that would look great in anyone's kitchen.

The books, available at the front desk of the hospital, cost \$15 and have over 600 recipes ranging from foreign foods to wild game and a wide variety in between, including diabetic, snack and main-dish recipes.

February is a month which features the heart, from women's heart health on "Wear Red" Day to Valentine's Day for sweethearts. We would like you to find it in your heart to purchase the new Decatur Health Systems cookbook, "Shared From the Heart."

Proceeds will help us buy defibrillator equipment for our community.

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