THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1883

The board of county commissioners met in regular session in the county clerk's office pursuant to law on Jan. 1, 1883.

Present: Van B. Wiggins, ch'n, Dist. No. 1; A.W. Bariteau, commissioner dist. No. 2; and H.D. Colvin, deputy county clerk. Bonds were approved for the following: N.E. Upham, constable, Garfield Township; Charles Werrick, clerk, Beaver Township; H. Hanson, treasurer, Garfield Township. The board then appointed F H. Cornish as trustee of Jennings Township to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of E.N. Fox.

—The best \$3 boot in Oberlin at Colby & Hunt's. — adv.

Franklin Deull, one of the square men of the Hawkeye neighborhood, was in town one day last week and remembered the HERALD in a very substantial manner.

You had better stop shooting

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1908

New officers of the Oberlin Public Library organization are: H.Q. Banta, pres.; Mrs. W. A. Smith, vice pres.; Mrs. Eber Reeves, sec'y; Mrs. S.A. Fish, treas; Mrs. D.G. Addle-

Born Jan. 5, to Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston, a daughter.

Twenty-seven cases of smallpox in McCook made that city a good place to keep away from.

It will cause some of the oldtimers to smile when they read that George Penson, one of the old-timers of this county, was married last week at his present home in Mountain View, Calif.

Married, Jan. 16 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. Calvin Fringer of Oberlin and Miss Amanda Thayer

Allison Items: Born, Jan. 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thiesen, a

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1933

A new Western Union telegraph service began here Jan. 15. The correct way to send a telegram now is to call the telephone office and tell central you want "Western Union." We now have a 7-day 24-hour telegraph service that has long been desired in Oberlin.

Flu has been responsible for

several deaths in the community since last week, including: Joseph McIlvanie, 81; Everett Bolin, 32; Wm. E. Witt, 64; and Mrs. Bertha

Lyle: A merry party of young people went skating on the creek near Guy Vanover's Sunday after-

Annie Laurie Jorn was the honored guest at a birthday party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jorn Friday evening after school with 18 children present. Games were arranged for the party hour and a delicious lunch

To Tom Nauer of Selden goes the distinction of owning the first 1933 Chevrolet car in this community. He speaks highly of the new window ventilators and also mentions that he is getting 23 miles per gallon

Leoville: Mrs. Henry Dempewolf has been very ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Marion Bremer has been car-

Plainville: A very pretty wedding was solemnized Sunday, Jan. 1 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G.R. DeuPree when their daughter, Miss Agnes, became the bride of Lloyd Dunn of Topeka. They will make their home

Enthusiasm for DCHS athletics seems greater this year than ever, the crowds increasing in size with each basketball game or wrestling contest. Friday night's crowd saw the Red Devils lead in basketball by a 35-16 score in the fourth period when Coach Sandy sent in the second team which held the visitors scoreless. In a wrestling dual Oberlin won 31 to 11 with the feature match being between Glanz of Colby and Kenneth Norton at 114 pounds. Each of these boys had wrestled three years and during that time Glanz had lost but two matches and Norton had never been thrown. Norton pinned Glanz after 3 minutes and 47 seconds of clever wrestling.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1958

At a meeting of the directors of the Citizens State Bank in Norcatur, Kenneth G. Ward was named president. He succeeds Frank Nelson, late of Norcatur and Englewood, Colo., who died in late December. Mrs. Frank (Julia) Nelson was

named as vice-president; Vera attraction for travelers was made at Bishop as cashier and Veda Hasenyager as assistant cashier. Elwood Brooks continues as chairman of the board and Charlie Nelson as vice-president.

Winners of the 1958 Key Banker Awards for outstanding soil conservation practices are: Frank Juenemann, Selden; Maurice Muirhead, Dresden; A.I Wahlmeier, Jennings; Paul Nauer, Jennings and Alva Van Vleet, Danbury, Neb.

Mrs. Bob Rumble entertained with a bridal shower Dec. 31 honoring Miss Barbara Francis who will be married Jan. 24 to Don Wolfe of Jewell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee King, Wichita, announce the engagement of their daughter, Connie Sue, to Vaughn E. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll V. Miller. Both are students at Kansas State College and he has served in the armed forces.

Four Decatur County students qualified for degrees at mid-term commencement at Kansas State College: Don Guinn and Gale Harold, bachelor of science in agriculture; Nancy Johnson Larson, bachelor of science in home economics and nursing and Howard Petracek, bachelor of science in business administration. Oberlin lost its second NWKL

basketball game Tuesday night as Norton pinned a 50-45 loss on them. Vernon was high-point man with 16 points. A small stride toward the es-

tablishment of a Decatur County Museum, emphasizing Indian relics and traditions as a house for pioneer memorabilia and a possible

Oberlin Rotary Tuesday with Ben Miller and Ward Claar leading the

By Jody Betts

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1983

Signup for PIK (Payment in Kind) for farmers will begin Jan. 24 and run through March 11 according to Decatur County ASCS director

The program, which is optional, is designed to reduce production, reduce surplus stocks and avoid increased budget outlays that would otherwise be necessary under price support programs.

Decatur County commissioner Jack Noone who is recovering from a heart attack was able to attend a portion of the Monday meeting at which an overall increase of six percent for salaries of county employees was approved.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Helmkamp, Oberlin, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Julie Louise, to Chris Gardiner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gardiner of Salina. The bride-to-be is employed as a medical transcriptionist at the Dermatology Clinic in Wichita and her fiance will graduate in July from the Physician's Assistant program at Wichita State University. An Aug. 27 wedding is planned at Faith Lutheran Church

The outcome of the Oakley-DCHS wrestling dual Friday evening came down to a referee's decision which gave Oakley a 24-22 win. This was the first league dual defeat for the Red Devils in two years for Coach Tom Alstrom.

Chamber News

By Jo Henderson

Sappa Lake Park.

Decatur Tomorrow.

Do you know what these committees are about? They are about improving and bringing something to this community that would benefit everyone who lives here, and if you live here and don't know what they are, then you should find out.

The more I find out, the more I see only good things could happen, but it takes everyone. We all have to get involved for Oberlin to evolve.

This is your town, your home,

and snowboarding before next

semester's classes resume. They

were meeting Dave Purcell, Golden

Plains alumni and son of Pastor

Lane and Patty Purcell, at his home

in Castle Rock, Colo., before head-

ing up the mountain. Jordan had

been a professionally-sponsored

snowboarder in Utah during his teen

years and this will be the first time

The city's Christmas lights on

Main Street were removed on

Wednesday with the help of Mid-

west Energy employees and Bill

p.m. on Wednesday at the Rexford

Church. Anyone interested is in-

Last week's birthday celebra-

Golden Plains Community Out-

on the slopes for Abby.

vited to attend.

you are raising your families here. Whether you've lived here all your life or just moved here, find out what's happening, what can and will happen with your help, your involvement and your ideas.

Something good is going to happen; just watch!

If I can help in any way, just call (785) 475-3441 or just stop by the Chamber office. Have a great

See you on the sidewalk.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

6; Chuck Williams, Jan. 10; and

Parker Christensen, Jan. 12. Terry

Moss will have a birthday Jan. 19.

Betty Carswell is home recu-

perating after several days in the

hospital. Thoughts are with Kenneth

Dible who has been in the hospital

Barnswallows, Monday, 2 p.m.;

Ladies Bible Study, Wednesday, 10

a.m.; Come on Down, Thursday, 2

p.m.; and Koffee Klatch, Friday at

9:30 a.m. Senior Bingo has started

up again and will be the second Sat-

Barn Saturday evening for bingo.

Ruth Luna had the most bingos dur-

There was a "barnful" at the Red

Until next time, make your week

urday of each month at 7 p.m.

ing the two hours played.

memorable.

Red Barn ongoing activities:

for several weeks.

the places a person needs to see in her or his lifetime is New York City. Unfortunately, it has not happened in the Allison household, but our neighbors, Todd and Tonya Schwarz, were able to spend several days in New Year getting acquainted with the Big Apple. Their first evening was spent at

Times Square and Tonya said New York was a breathtaking experience leaving her with a WOW impression, stating, "The buildings are so tall, the lights were bright, and the sidewalks were busy." A harbor cruise was taken to see some of the sights such as the Statue of Liberty. Their tour guide explained the layout of the city and transportation options. They learned the quickest way to get from one point to another was using cab service, which is expensive and a "hold your breathe" ride. They dined at the diner that "Seinfeld" made famous and is portrayed in a song by Suzanne Vega, Tom's Diner. Their view of New York from the 86th floor of the Empire State Building was incredible.

was going to a Broadway show. Colorado for a few days of skiing The show they saw was "Xanadu," which was a spoof of the 1980s movie, and Tonya said it was hilarious and the cast was amazing. The male lead role was played by Cheyenne Jackson. Tonya says, from the cast that brings the story to life in such a way that pulls you in and grabs you."

to see all they hoped to see such as Ground Zero, but they intend to go back sooner rather than later. Tonya states, "New York is a spectacular place to visit but I definitely would not want to live there. Everything is so busy all the time, people drive reach will have a meeting at 7 with their horns, everything is expensive and, there is the crime factor. What really struck me is that it was pretty easy to pick out who belonged and who didn't. The tourists were the rude ones, not the actual New Yorkers themselves."

Kristin Wark, daughter of Vicki Allison, and friends, Abby Babst and Jordan Bartel, all from Law-

The highlight of the trip (also rence, stopped by for a quick meal

There is this energy that exudes

They didn't have enough time

Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

John Geisinger Jr. of Selden was a visitor of his grandmother, Ann

Martin, last week. Don Grafel went to Colby to watch his granddaughter, Kayla Grafel of Utica, play basketball for

Healy. Chris Wood and Voni Sattler went to the Good Samaritan Center on Friday to visit Pooch Portschy, Helen Marintzer, Doris Marintzer, Hubert Mumm, Lawrence Escher

and Edla Olson. Voni Sattler attended the wrestling tournament in Atwood on Saturday to watch her grandson, Braden Leitner. She later visited in the Leitner home with Dave, Kathy,

Sami, Joey and Braden. Trevor Frick and Brandon Foster of Denver were weekend guests, along with Kyle Frick of McCook, of Trevor and Kyle's parents, La-

Vern and Sharon Frick. They all enjoyed steak dinners Saturday night at Roger's Bar and Grill.

LaVern and Sharon Frick met at Park Hill in Atwood on Jan. 4 for their annual Christmas dinner with their card club, along with seven other couples. From there, they went to the home of Richard and Theresa Rippe to play cards.

The Herndon PRIDE meeting was held on Thursday. They meet the second Thursday of every month. Events for the coming year were discussed. They are planning a meeting in February at Roger's Bar and Grill.

A potluck dinner will be held at noon today (Wednesday) at the Herndon Senior Center. A business meeting and bingo will follow. All are welcome.

Midway News By Mary Lou Olson

The annual meeting for the Herndon Covenant Church will be held following morning worship services on Sunday. Members are to bring a sack lunch and a snack for

Dennis and Pat Barnett have been visiting their parents, Keith and Darlene Barnett, and Daisy Schmidt and families.

Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther, Gerald and Patti Benda, and Greg and Gwen Jones attended a workshop on Saturday at the Covenant Church in Arvada, Colo.

Dolores Benda has been dismissed from the Rawlins County Health Center and is staying with Don and Sarah Benda. Mail will reach her at 404 N. 3rd, Atwood,

Covenant Week of Prayer services are being held this week in homes. They will be held at 7 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) at the home of Norma Anderson; Thursday at the Dick and Donna Kelley home; Friday at the Elma Lee Erickson home in Atwood; and Saturday at the home of Mildred Holmdahl.

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Cedar Living News

There were several winners at the dice game played on Monday

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday. Mildred Tacha won the first bingo

on Tuesday afternoon and Darlene Fisher won the blackout game. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler

of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion Service Tuesday afternoon. The pinochle players, including

Frank Ward, Elsie Goodnight, Don Shaw, and Helena Bruggeman, met with Juanita Williby for a game on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Williby served refreshments after

Father Henry Saw Lone brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

Residents enjoyed a lively game of bowling on Thursday afternoon. Those playing included Mildred Cochran, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Mary Kolsky, Paul Sass, and Frank Ward. Visitors Lyle Gamblin and Ira Kolsky also played. The nursing department made and served chocolate milkshakes after

Barb Solko played Scrabble on Thursday afternoon with Velda Ward and Wynemah Cox.

Teresa Shaughnessy brought her dog, Ginger, in for a visit on Thursday evening. Ginger enjoys going Jeanne Isbell, Oberlin.

from room to room to check on everyone and she also likes to clean up any cracker crumbs or other goodies left behind on the floors.

Roxie Pomeroy ate lunch with Dell Pomeroy on Friday. She helped Dell celebrate his birthday.

Lisa Votapka served homemade cookies to the residents on Friday

Char Shields baked fresh bread in the bread machines on Saturday and took around samples to all of the residents. Reports are that it was Rick and Tammy Shaw organized

a pinochle game with the residents on Sunday evening. They often come on Sunday and line up players for one or two tables of pinochle. Rick is the nephew of Don Shaw. Don is always ready for a game of any kind of cards. Recent visitors: Brenda Young, Michigan; Stephanie Horton, Chi-

cago, Ill.; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Linda Bosler, Frank Cox, Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon; Rosa Boehm, George Wurm, Mc-Cook; Susan McKain, McDonald; Denise Sweeney, Lincoln, Neb.; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Margaret Stanley, Colby; Judy Jackson, Norcatur; Rita Garver, Elvin Beneda, Orlin

Beneda, Regina Stanley, Eunice Martin, Jon and Ana Wishon, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley,

Good Samaritan News

Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.

Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will by no means enter it. Mark 10: 14-15 What does receiving the kingdom

of God like a little child mean?

Pastor and author John Mac-Arthur explains it like this: With humble, trusting dependence, and the recognition of having achieved nothing of value or virtue. There is an interesting parallel

between little children and elderly adults. Children start out with that innocent, trusting, accepting wideeyed wonder when it comes to life. Their only job is to give and receive

As we age, the cares/sins of the world press against us making it difficult to be so trusting and in-But when we are old we return to

a humble, trusting dependent faith. We see that all the time and energy we spent on achieving and collecting "things" doesn't really matter. The only thing of value at the end Our job once more is to give and

programming is so important to us. This week we had Cindy Sattler's first-grade class come to read to their First Hand Friends. These little children remind us how simple it is to enjoy life. Their giggles and generous hugs bubble forth a contagious joy that permeates our

The partnership we have with the 180 House allows us to extend our love and the hope we have in Jesus to these boys, who have become disillusioned with life, have lost their trust and are seeking a way to turn their lives around. Thursday night the message of salvation was given. Eva Bryan, Amy Rehm, David McGee, Doris Marintzer, Dorothy Pryor, Faye Miller, Opal Bryan and Mary Lemman offered wisdom and encouragement to the boys. They are coming for fun on **Hubert Mumm**.

The Lyle Gals came on Monday

to play pinochle. This is always an event worth attending. There is always a lot of fun, laughter and homemade cookies! Mert McEvoy teaches Bible

study on Wednesday mornings.

Her study is "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren. This will be the second time through, but the residents loved it and wanted to "be reminded." In keeping with our "winter" theme this month for Living History, the residents had an opportunity

to learn how ice and snow formed ... a bit of a science lesson. Learning is also important to us. Finding ways to exercise our minds helps to keep them sharp and keeps life Bible Study on Thursday is about the names of God and knowing Him better through His names. This

week we learned about Elohim, God the Creator. Both Bible studies have grown to about 14 in attendance each week, which is about all the Quiet Room can hold. Sunday, Pastor Doug Mason from of life on this earth is faith in Jesus. Lund Covenant Church brought Sunday services. Wesley and Eu-

laine Benda hosted a prayer meeting That is why intergenerational for their church family, Herndon Covenant Church, Sunday eve-Our thanks to Penny Fringer and

Connie Simonsson who have agreed to care for our ailing house plants. Visitors this week were: Margaret Fikan, Atwood; Elda and Darrel

Youngs, McCook; Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler; Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt**; Eunice Wenger for Lora Zwickle; Eunice Wenger, Laurene Van Otterloo, Brian, Pam, Breck and Nathan Simonsson, Eunice Richards and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**; Laurene Van Otterloo and Connie Simonsson for Amy Rehm; Bob and Ronda Haskins for Elaine Thomas; Eunice Richards for Earl Brown; Betty Heisel for Ethel Nemeth; Ernie and Janice Mehl, North Platte, Neb., for **Ruth** Laidig; James Rogers, Selden, for

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