

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — March 1883

Died, at her father's residence in Oberlin on the morning of Feb. 28, 1883, Miss Maggie Morrison, aged 18 years. The deceased was the daughter of L.C. Morrison and was born in LaSalle County, Illinois, and came from Green County, Wisconsin, to Oberlin in 1880.

Dodging jury duty was the popular past-time Tuesday.

J.P. Ulrich of Bassettville proved up on his place Saturday last, and left on the first of the week for his old home in Pennsylvania. Mr. Ulrich has lived in Kansas since 1866 and has complete files of the *Herald* since its establishment.

Ira Wear has taken the Alderson claim, near Johnson draw, north-west of town. C.W. Maddox, has located about a mile from him.

The Missouri Pacific has purchased the Central Branch and sanguine hopes are now entertained that the road will go through.

School closed Friday with a public examination, creditable alike to teacher and scholars. Mr. Wolfe was evidently the right man in the right place, and should be re-engaged. Either have a thorough school, or throw up the sponge.

## 100 YEARS AGO — March 1908

Deaths: John Hayward, 75, March 8, 1908.

Judge A.L. Patchin died last week at the home of his son, Edward Patchin in Oregon.

Miss Iva Millen was brought home Monday. While working for a printshop near Kansas City, a slip on an icy walk resulted in a broken leg near the hip for Miss Millen and doctors say it will be nearly a year before she will be able to walk.

W.A. Dale traded his carpenter shop just west of the Herald office yesterday for a number of lots in northwest Oberlin.

The Oberlin Mercantile Company have taken over the stock of implements owned by Gilbert and Caster and are busy moving them to the old rink building. The building standing on the west side of the street will be moved north of the rink and placed next to the sidewalk, and the intervening space roofed over to complete a mammoth implement emporium.

Kanona Items: Albert Janousek is having a large refrigerator built in his butcher shop.

Leoville Items: The new parish house is completed; the finest in northwest Kansas. Rev. Schmitt is having the church grounds im-

proved this week by a general clean-up.

## 75 YEARS AGO — March 1933

Since the announcement of President Roosevelt's order Sunday night closing all banks and trust companies in the United States and its territories, the banking situation has been the theme of all conversations among business men. When the banks reopen Friday morning it is barely possible local bank conditions will go back to the status of last Friday, but it may be that scrip will take the place of currency temporarily. It is certain that will be the case in the big cities.

Two league champions in two years and only two games lost in two years. That is the record of Coach Sandy's hoopmen. There was only one change in the lineup this year from last — Voyle Ridgway took the place of "Swede" Anderson who was ineligible due to age. In the Goodland game which was won by a score of 31-19, Oberlin started Voyle and Leo Ridgway at forwards; Sam Francis at a center and Jim and Joe Martin as guards. Both Francis and Jim Martin were chosen to the all-league team.

A new grocery store, the second to be opened in the residential district in the past few weeks, is that of Harry and Gene McClaurly, located on west Commercial Street near the service station of Home Oil Company.

Funeral services were held for Charlie Pollnow, 54, of Oberlin Township who came to Decatur County with his parents in 1881. He was married to Sophia Kleyhauer in 1899 and all their married life was spent on the farm four miles west of Oberlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nemeth are the parents of a baby girl born March 7. They have named her Shirley Dianne.

## 50 YEARS AGO — March 1958

Viewer ratings on "Gunsmoke" must have hit record peaks Saturday night in Decatur County as there was nothing else to do following a 14-inch snow storm with heavy winds that blocked roads and streets.

According to county engineer Don Claussen the road crew of Denny Vernon, Elmer Zodrow and Max Fringer worked 23 consecutive hours moving snow. City employees Ivan Kelley, Bert Vernon and Clyde Berry with the assistance of city superintendent Jay Herzog, electrician Roland Lovejoy, Ken-

neth Schmoker and Rex McGowne worked from Friday through Sunday before catching up. Weather observer for the past 60 years, E.W. Coldren said he had never seen so much snow in downtown Oberlin.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church for Mrs. Grace Willis, 69, who served as Decatur County welfare director for a number of years and worked toward the establishment of Decatur County Home. Interment was in Kirwin Cemetery beside her husband who died in 1939.

Jennings: Janiece Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bartos Brown, Jennings, was one of 60 Methodist youth and adult leaders visiting in New York City and Washington, D. C., last week participating in the annual United Nations-Washington seminar.

Lund: Ralph Marcuson, who has been attending college in Denver, transferred to work in Ohio at the end of the semester.

Hospital News: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smalberger, son, Marc Edwin, Feb. 28.

In a district basketball tournament twice postponed by the blizzard, Oberlin won over Oakley 57-48, downed Atwood 63-54 and lost to league champion Goodland 82-72. Both Goodland and Oberlin were assigned to the Leoti regional where Oberlin will face undefeated Hugoton and Goodland will face Scott City.

## 25 YEARS AGO — March 1983

Muddy farm yards, spring-like weather and wheat fields looking greener every day have put farmers in a quandry. Deadline to sign up as a participant in the payment-in-kind

# Good Samaritan News

What do you think of when you think of spring? Rebirth, robins, Easter eggs, chicks, St. Patrick's Day, Jesus, suffering, sacrifice and the resurrection? Good, because we've got to fit all of that into March!

Springtime is a time of anticipation, watching for the first robin and then the first crocus to push through the wet spring snow.

There is a renewed focus on health, shedding the extra pounds that the holidays helped us gather and the desire to be outdoors in the fresh warm air. Approximately 20 staff members have formed a Wellness team committed to lose weight and make better health choices. When they all weighed in and the combined weight was 3,571 pounds and after three weeks we have lost a total of 80 pounds. The residents are having fun being our cheerleaders and would also like to be active in their own wellness. We already exercise with Don and play kick ball two times a week but to further encourage them, we will be introducing two new activities this month.

The Golden Ringers will be an exercise group, incorporating a form of dance done while sitting down and using rings to help insure proper body placement. Our hope is to have this become a performing group to feature at different events.

The second is simply a Wellness Walk. The staff and residents will all meet in Town Square on Friday afternoons to walk the square together, promoting both health and friendship.

The "hydration stations" will get a facelift and the residents will be receiving simple little health tips to keep them living life to their fullest.

We also recognize that wellness isn't only about the physical; we

must address mental and spiritual health as well. Brain games and Bible study satisfy the appetites of those seeking a well balanced approach to total health.

This week was for the birds! We spent the week celebrating our feathered friends. Wednesday, 12 pictures of birds were hidden all around the center. A team of devoted bird watchers took to the hallways to identify the 12 birds. A Songbird Symphony was piped through the sound system to enhance their adventure. Some who participated were Earl Brown, Amy Rehm, Opal Bryan, Doris Marintzer, and Dorothy Pryor. Thursday during Art Class, colorful, feathered hats were created in preparation for our Bird Week finale on Friday. During his celebration, everyone came out to enjoy root beer floats, wear their pretty hats and watch a slide presentation on birds.

Our very own birds in the aviary provided the most beautiful, authentic background music for the event.

Visitors this week were: Reva Marshall and Ron Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Sharon Slaubaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Carol Barrett for **Dorothy Bryan**. Arian Arnold for **Edla Olson**. Wesley Benda and Barb Olson for **Eulaine Benda**. Helen Brooks for **Ethel Nemeth**. Terry McGuire and Sally Olson (Atwood) and Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**.

Daisy Rhein for **Jeanette Conway**. Barbara Dehlinger for **David McGee**. Connie Grafel for **Harold and Eleanore Demmer**. Linda and Steve Smith (Atwood) for **Dorothy Pryor**. Keith Reuther for **Earl Brown, Harold Demmer, Loren Escher, Pooch Portschy, John Ready and Hubert Mumm**. John Paulson for **Eva Bryan, Lora Zwickle, Opal Bryan, Elsie Macy and Amy Rehm**.

## Chamber News

By Jo Henderson

The first coffee hour of the year was Friday at Ward Drug. Coffee, cookies and donuts were very nice. If you were there, maybe you ran in to someone you haven't seen for a while.

The next coffee hour is Friday, March 21, at the Dresser. Hope to see you there.

Don't forget that there is going to be a fund raiser on Saturday at the Museum, serving porkburgers and Polish sausages, so get out of the house after a long winter and come!! You might have some fun.

I understand something is being planned by the Oberlin Business Alliance on the big National College Basketball Tournament this month. I'll get back to you on that.

Still have the giveaways at the office, pizza coupons and movie passes, so come in and take your choice.

And yeah! According to my calendar, Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, which means spring is not too far off.

I cannot believe it's going to be March already.

## Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

The Diabetic Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Specialty Clinic lobby at the Decatur County Hospital, using the east entrance.

Education nurse Tammi Ritter will show a video, "Small Steps to Help You Manage Your Diabetes," Parts 2 and 3. Diabetic-friendly snacks will be served.

Employees of Decatur Health Systems are in their third week in a "Lighten Up" program, with 51 participants on 17 teams. Exercise

and nutrition information and information on healthy weight loss have been made available to the participants.

The teams are weighing in once a week and different teams seem to be winning the weight loss contest each week.

## Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Don and Joan Grafel accompanied Keith and Roma Grafel, Sydney and Saeger of Oberlin to DeKalb, Ill., for the Senior Night basketball game. Egan Grafel is a senior at Northern Illinois University. They left Thursday and returned home Sunday.

Julie Geisinger of Selden took her mother to McCook on Saturday to visit Lucy Evans.

Chris Wood visited Esther Pennington during the past week.

Brad, Deanna, Brandi and Kassidi Williams visited with the Mory Zodrow family in Oberlin on Sunday.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Dorothy Chase, 86, who died Feb. 23, 2008, at Provident Living in McKinney, Texas. She was the mother of Mrs. Galen (Lynn) Olson, also of McKinney. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday at Simmons-Rentschler Mortuary in Fairview Cemetery.

Covenant Women will meet at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Landmark Inn in Oberlin for a meeting and lunch. Officers will be elected. Those planning to attend are asked to call Betty Haferat (785) 626-3159 so reservations may be made.

Fran Holle was to undergo heart bypass surgery on Monday at Hays Medical Center in Hays.

Mail will reach him at the hospital, 2220 Canterbury Road, Hays, Kan., 67601.

Those who helped Jeri Ann McPheeters of Colby celebrate her birthday on Sunday, Feb. 24, at the home of Quentin and Olive Bergling in Atwood were her husband, Mac, and Dave and Sherry Bergling.

Dolores Benda is visiting her daughter and husband, Maryanne

and Dale Bishop. Mail will reach her at: 2469 Lincoln Springs Drive, P.O. Box 1183, Lincoln, Mont., 59639.

Eulaine Benda is hospitalized in Oberlin and Olive Bergling, at the hospital in Atwood with influenza. Mail may be sent to Tonya Hill

and Amanda at 22132 Scenic Ridge Court, Mount Dora, Fla., 32757. Their husband and father, Terry Hill, died recently.

Kurt Olson of Manhattan spent the weekend with Mark and Barbara Olson and Mary.

## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The weekend's weather gave us all a taste of what we can be looking forward to, with temperatures in the 70's, but it didn't happen the following day with temperatures in the 30's.

The community and neighbors extend sympathy, thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Clyde Turrell who had passed away Feb. 26. His funeral services were held Saturday at the Rexford Community Church.

Several of us from the community traveled to Atwood to attend the Western Plains Arts Association-sponsored performance of Masked Marvels and Wondertales. Those attending were Janell Antholz, Hannah and Jacob. I traveled along with my son and his family, Chad and Dez Wark, Morgan and Hayden.

Birthday celebrations this week include Janette Dible, March 6, and Hayden Wark celebrates her 4<sup>th</sup> birthday Saturday, March 8.

Saturday, March 8, will be Bingo at 7 p.m. at the Red Barn.

Red Barn on-going activities:

Monday, Barnswallows, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m., Ladies Bible Study and 8 p.m., Men's Bible study, led by Pastor Lane Purcell; Come on Down, Thursdays, 2 p.m.; and Friday's Koffee Klatch at 9:30 a.m. Bingo is the second Saturday, 7 p.m. of each month.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Rory Wendelin and Jessica Bremer were among members of the Decatur Community High School Singers that sang "The Star Spangled Banner" at the State Wrestling tournament in Hays on Saturday, Feb. 23.

The seventh grade scholar bowl team of Elizabeth Nedland, Ryan May, Zach May, Miki Dorshorst, Kade Brown, and Matthew Helm placed first at the Junior High Scholar bowl competition Monday in Oberlin.

Martin and Evelyn May, Walter and Betty May, Jack Fortin, Janice Cundiff, Roland May, and Dianne Bremer attended funeral services for Nyla Voelker at St. John's Lu-

theran Church in Palmer Saturday morning. They returned home Saturday afternoon following lunch and fellowship.

Rory Wendelin and Jessica Bremer competed in the high school speech meet in Ellis on Saturday. Both girls placed in finals with Rory placing third in Humorous Solo and Jessica placing third in Extemporaneous Speaking.

Stuart Euhus and Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin were Sunday dinner guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields in celebration of Gaylord's birthday.

Stean Olson, Hays, was a weekend guest of his parents, Jerry and Connie Olson.

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