

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1884

The Herald was made the official county paper for 1884.

C.S. Brown killed an antelope on the divide north of the Beaver the first of the week. Hollister purchased it, and now has antelope meat for sale at his market.

J.E. Kulp has sold his claim out on Rock Draw to D.W. Morton.

R.A. Reasoner, county clerk, has appointed C. C. Reynolds deputy.

W. A. Mount returned from Stuart, Iowa, yesterday and reports extremely cold weather there, something like 38 degrees below zero.

100 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1909

Fine weather these days. Regular Italian winter.

Nearly everybody has a cold and quite a number are having trouble with their throats.

The Herald office was glad to welcome back on Saturday morning Miss Jennie McMullen, who has not been able to work, because of the family having scarlet fever.

Rev. W.T. Van Cleave of Rockville, Indiana, arrived in the city Saturday and will assume charge of the Baptist Church.

Dr. Eber Reeves is the new health officer.

We hear that the Norcatat Register was sold Monday to a syndicate of Norton and Oberlin men. Mrs. Hoskins and daughter will remain in charge for a time. It is also reported that a Mr. Deeter will put in another paper and make competition for the syndicate.

75 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1934

When the Wheat Allotment checks arrived on Saturday noon's mail it was at first thought that the board would hardly get around to passing out any of them that afternoon, but it required less time than they expected and within a couple of hours Ernest May was given

the first check which amounted to \$522.80 and before six o'clock quite a number of checks had been passed out. Total amount of the checks was somewhat over \$145,000.

With half of the CWA funds for Decatur County yet to be used and an abundance of workers needing and wanting it, it appears some new projects may be needed. A crew of workers are now at Smick Athletic Field where they are leveling off the field and then will sod it. Some have wondered if the crew could be moved to the City Park but no application has been made.

Tasting their first league defeat of the season, the Red Devil basketball team succumbed to the Colby Eagles by a 34-21 score. In the wrestling match which followed Oberlin defeated the Colby mat team 24-9 for their third straight victory in the league schedule. The basketball team goes to Goodland Friday. To add to Coach Sandy's troubles, "Vike" Francis, his big promising center, last week moved to Lamar.

Mr. and Mrs. Holden Simpson are the parents of a baby girl born Jan. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Walton have announced the marriage of their daughter, Bertha, to Mr. Marvin Duncan.

The atmosphere around the Herald Office is considerably brighter this week with the recovery of Phil Woodward, son of the junior editor and Mrs. Woodward, practically assured. Phil was operated on for appendicitis and complications Thursday afternoon and his condition was critical for several days.

50 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1959

The building which houses Hamilton Oil Company, a block west of the courthouse, will be torn down next summer to make way for a new 90x72 structure. The new

building will include service station facilities, offices and a garage for the company's trucks.

Decatur County bank deposits soared past the 11 million dollar mark in 1958. An outstanding wheat crop was responsible in large part for the whopping gain.

Harold E. Metcalf was elevated from senior vice president to president of the Farmers National Bank at the annual meeting of stockholders Jan. 8. He succeeds R.F. Landau, who was made chairman of the board of directors, previously held by Elwood M. Brooks. Officer changes are the result of the desire of R.F. Landau for gradual retirement.

At the annual meeting of the Decatur County National Bank, Ed Helmkamp was elected chairman of the board of directors, J. R. Betts was promoted to president.

Oberlin's new \$180,000 Co-op grain elevator will be open for business Monday, Martin Leibbrandt, general manager, announced this week.

New arrival: Mr. and Mrs. Keith Sauvage, Oberlin, boy, Michael Joseph, Jan. 7, 1959, 6 pounds, 8 and one-half ounces.

25 YEARS AGO — Jan. 1984

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The pinochle tournament held at the American Legion on Saturday drew 3 1/2 tables of participants. Gary and Shirley Emigh, Selden, placed first; Dave Williams and J.R. Albers took second; and Dick Sanford and Ken Sanford came in third. The competition is slowly increasing.

Dennis Allison celebrates a birthday Wednesday.

Oberlin weather observer Sharon Wilkening reported an overnight low of -19. Her records show that more than 40 inches of snow have fallen locally since November.

First baby of the New Year, Wade Allen Ploussard, son of Sandy and Kevan Ploussard, was born at Decatur County Hospital at 1.25 a.m. on Jan. 14.

Doris Jording, chairman of the Red Cross Bloodmobile, reported that although the county goal was 100 pints, 140 donors showed up. Grant Davis is the top donor at the present time and Henry Jording, 73, the oldest.

Representing DCHS at the Lakin debate tournament were Scott Goltl, Jill Whitaker, Dave Goscha, Curt Jones and Holly Stannard, alternate. Debate coach is Leigh Davis.

Bill Wilcox, a former KOMC newsman, is now enrolled at the University in Benin City, Nigeria, where he is a Rotary Exchange student.

Two new life-care infusion pumps have been donated to Decatur County Hospital with funds donated by Farmers National Bank.

Leoville: Funeral services were held for Tony Trommter, 82, a longtime resident of the Leoville-Selden area.

Golden Plains school calendar this week: Tuesday, high school basketball with Triplains at Rexford, 5 p.m.; junior varsity half games to follow; Wednesday, Western Kansas Liberty League Scholar's Bowl at Weskan, noon (Central Time); Thursday, middle school basketball, Greeley County at Tribune; Friday, high school basketball vs. Brewster at Rexford.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

"What can wash away our sins, nothing but the blood of Jesus"

Being a Christian Community of Care, we were seeking a way to encourage our workers and begin our days with prayer and scripture, so this week we started "Coffee-Time" Devotions.

The staff comes out for their morning break, grabs a cup of coffee and sits with the residents. We sing and pray together knitting our hearts together as a family.

The first devotion was about sin separating us from God. Lisa Paulson did a neat little demonstration. Each table was given a pie plate filled with water with a heart in the center that read Holy God. Then each person was to sprinkle pepper in the plate representing a sin that they have committed. The pepper floated on top of the water clouding the heart until the words were hard to see (separating us from God). She then told about Jesus paying the penalty for our sins, that through Him our sins will be forgiven. A toothpick with just a drop of dish detergent representing a drop of Jesus' blood is touched to the center of the pie plate. The pepper all instantly disperses to the edge of the plate, leaving clear water... back to the heart of God. Try it with your kids or grandchildren. Put something before your eyes to remind your heart!

Later that afternoon, our new Ol' Time Music session got underway. The ladies gathered around a phonograph and listened to old hymns and the history behind each hymn was read by Lisa. It was a very interesting and informative afternoon.

On Tuesday, we celebrated our 5-Star rating. The staff lounge was filled with goodies and decorated with stars. The residents helped Karlie Black bake peanut butter cookies with chocolate stars to be served. Crackers with summer sausage and star-shaped cheese were abundant along with chips and dip, and veggie platters. The staff all wore a brightly colored star with a personal message written on it.

On Wednesday, we had another party — a Penguin Party! The pond boasted a family of five wooden Penguins all with a helium balloon. Earl Brown was our Master of Ceremonies; he was clad with a black hat and penguin tie, while everyone else was encouraged to wear black and white. The staff joined us for a penguin relay. Each team held an egg (a balloon) between their ankles and waddled across Town Square and back where they transferred the egg to their team mate without using

their flippers. Earl read some penguin trivia all the while The March of the Penguins was playing in the background.

Another game, Snowflake Toss, was played by Earl Brown, Amy Rehm, Myrtle Ross, Faye Miller, Opal Bryan, Shirley Hayward, Elsie Macy, Nadine Anderson, Doris Marintzer and Leo Mooty.

Everyone enjoyed cupcakes baked and decorated by Anita Hirsch. It was something fun to chase away any wintertime blues. On Thursday, Town Square was hoppin'. Four ladies joined Lisa to make some oil pastel still-life drawings. Jan Conway, Leone Porsch, Faye Miller and Amy Rehm made some beautiful artwork that they named and framed and it is on display outside the Quiet Room.

While they were busy creating, Evelyn Olson, Alice Bobbitt, Shirley Hayward and Opal Bryan were having fun with the Wii. Cindi Sauder and Kelly May helped coach the ladies while they bowled; sounded like some stiff competition!

Friday, the STAR's committee served Social Hour. Trail Mix was served as another new program. Show and Share, was launched. Each resident brought something from their room to talk about. Lora Zwickle brought a soft eagle she received after being transported to the hospital via Flight for Life. Mary Lemman brought pictures of loved ones. Doris Marintzer showed her pretty bracelets, a gift from her daughter, and Emma Sanford was wearing a dress she had made. Amy Rehm brought a portrait of herself that a former third grade student had made for her many years ago. Others who were in attendance were Myrtle Ross, Opal Bryan, Faye Miller, R.D. Thornton, Paul Miesner, Elsie Macy, Dorothy Hunt and daughter Reva Marshall.

On Saturday, more bowling took place, this time with an electrical bowling alley brought in by Christine Edminson. Angel Lane residents were treated to a bowling party with treats. This is another spontaneous activity provided by the certified nurse aides.

On Thursday, the Vic Mowry Band will be here at 7 p.m., so put on your dancing shoes and come join us! No room for wintertime blues here!

Visitors this week were Sally Olson and Ralph Crim (Atwood), Lionel and Pat Johnson (Hastings, Neb.), for Lucy Schissler. Doug Hasty for John and Muriel Ready. Ken and Clem Mumm (Selden/Colby) for Hubert Mumm. Ron

Snyder (Colby) and Reva Marshall for Dorothy Hunt. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan

and Lora Zwickle. Frank and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler, Eileen Laird and Hubert Mumm.

Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

The Decatur County Blood Drive held at the Gateway on Jan. 8 was a resounding success. The drive added 62 units of blood to our area blood bank, exceeding the goal of 60 units. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to work, provided food and especially to those of you who gave the gift of life through your blood donation.

The next blood drive is scheduled for Monday, March 16, at Decatur Health Systems and will be a mini-drive with donations through scheduled appointments only. The sign-up sheets for that drive were available during the drive at the Gateway and all appointment times were filled. If you would like to be placed on a list to be called if openings become available, please call the American Red Cross at (800) GIVELIFE. Blood can be donated every 56 days. This is the rule the Red Cross follows when scheduling blood drive in an area.

Decatur Health Systems has added an improved scheduling opportunity for customers who come in for recurring services, such as monthly IV medications, catheter changes and other non-emergent procedures.

To decrease the time patients wait for services, to improve staff availability, and to assure medication availability, we are scheduling a nurse specifically for those services. A non-emergent medication or procedure ordered by your physician or nurse practitioner will be scheduled through the assigned outpatient nurse. That nurse or the outpatient receptionist will call the patient to pre-arrange a specific reserved time. Currently times are scheduled for alternate Thursdays, which may increase to one day every week as use increases. This has been a valuable opportunity to improve a service to our community that in the

past was only intermittent and much less efficient.

The emergency staff, as always, is available for emergency and urgent care. Thank you for using your hometown professional health care providers. Our goal is to continually improve our service and availability to our valued customers and neighbors.

This is a reminder about the Specialty Clinic calendar for 2009. Three cardiologists visit the Specialty Clinic once a month. Dr. McGowan visits on the first Tuesday, and Dr. Pagano visits on the third Tuesday of each month. Appointments with both doctors can be scheduled with Donna Guinn at 475-2208, ext. 300, through our facility.

Dr. Curtis visits on the third Wednesday of each month. Appointments with Dr. Curtis are scheduled through his office at (888) 625-4699.

An appointment with Dr. Rubinowitz, the oncologist who also visits once a month, may also be scheduled through Donna Guinn.

An appointment with the podiatrist, Dr. Lorincz, may be scheduled on the second Friday of the month through his office at (800) 458-4504.

Three urologists take turns visiting our facility once a month. Appointments with Dr. McDonald, Dr. Werth or Dr. Curry may also be made through Donna Guinn.

The dates that the specialists visit may be found on our online Specialty Clinic calendar at www.decatourhealthsystems.org.

If you have an appointment with one of the Specialists at the Specialty Clinic, please use the east specialty clinic entrance, located next to the Emergency Room door, and check in with the receptionist in that area. Thank you!

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Monday afternoon. Players included Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Mary Kolsky, Ruth Leopold, Elwood Mines, Edie Pettera, Mary Votapka, and Aleen Van Vleet.

Mary Ann Amack and Myrna Jones led the sing-along time before supper on Monday.

Elwood Mines won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Alvina Gamblin won the blackout game.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church led the monthly Communion Service on Tuesday afternoon on the patio.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Marlin Lillich of Atwood gave a program of gospel music on Thursday afternoon. He played the guitar and sang many old time favorites. There was a big crowd of residents

in attendance for the program. The baking group made chocolate cookies on Friday afternoon.

John, Dianne, and Jessica Bremer ate supper on Friday with Art and Alice May.

They came to help Alice celebrate her birthday.

Jan. 18-23 is National Activity Professionals' Week. Charlotte and Teresa will be celebrating with the residents throughout the week.

Recent visitors: Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Tom Votapka and Terry Hanke, Mike McKenna, Rachel Carter, Jennings; Carolyn Plotts, Norcatat; Kristen Bremer and Dwayne Bray, Colby; Cathy Wenger, Aubrey, Texas; Henry A. de Koning, Dawson, Neb.; Ellen and Henry de Koning, Burchard, Neb.

Jackie Votapka, Marilyn Gamblin, Paula Tadlock, Cindi Sauder, Lyle Gamblin, Ira Kolsky, Shelli Fortin, Eileane Grose, Earl Brown, Roxie Pomeroy, Oberlin.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Janice Sattler, Atwood, and Bob and Julie Hafner traveled to Parker, Colo last weekend. They spent Saturday with Tom and Marlene Cook, and Clem and Amy Hutflers, Arvada, Colo., enjoying the day with dinner and visiting. Bob and Julie were guests of the David Foxhoven family, attending Mass at Ave Maria on Sunday morning and dining out before returning home Sunday evening.

Recent visitors of Emma Lou Sattler were John, Cassie, Hannah, Caleb and Audrey Sattler of Derby.

Nik Martin, with the help of his sister, Annika, moved from Kansas City on Saturday, preparing to leave for Oxford, England. He and his wife, Lisa, a marshal scholar, will be in Oxford for the next 10 months while she studies for a masters degree in mechanical engineering. Nik enjoyed several days with Bob and Liane Martin, family and friends before leaving on Thursday.

Lori Marintzer of Hays, hosted a baby shower for Tara and Jacob Marintzer of Westmoreland on Saturday. Those attending were Lori and Jennifer Sullivan, Karen, Caleb and Mattias Marintzer and Darcy Schmitz, all of Hays; Alex Williams, Emporia; Roxie and Anna Schmitz, Baileyville; Shari Alhberg, Fort Collins, Colo.; and Rita Marintzer, Herndon. Greg and sons, Justin, Jacob, Isaac and Joe, along with cousin Cody Marintzer, celebrated by eating at the Q and watching college basketball. Lori served a delicious lunch

with dessert and the games were enjoyed by all.

Julie's Memory Joggers April 10, 1913 Nonpareil Statistics from Herndon Township

Facts and figures compiled by Deputy Assessor, Joe Solko. His assessment of 1913 shows Herndon Township in thriving condition, and if the present favorable crop condition prevails, many farmers will have a good-sized bankroll. There is nearly 15 acres of fall wheat sown for every man, woman and child in the township and city.

Population in township.....	421
Population in	238
city of Herndon	183
Winter wheat sown	8018 acres
Spring wheat sown	170 acres
Corn to be planted.....	3337 acres
Oats to be sown.....	476 acres
Barley to be sown	204 acres
Potatoes to be planted.....	60 acres
Cane for feed	358 acres
Millet for feed.....	195 acres
Milo Maize for feed.....	75 acres
Kaffir for feed.....	141 acres
Corn on hand	6485 bu
Wheat on hand	830 bu
Butter made	8427 lbs
Cream sold	\$1321
Value eggs sold	\$6218
Value of animals	slaughtered
slaughtered	\$6436
Number of horses	600
Number of mules	34
Number of cows	271
Other cattle	486.
Swine.....	190
Dogs	115

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

A benefit ground hog supper will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Masonic Hall, sponsored by the Historic Building Preservation Committee.

Sunflower Senior Citizens Potluck dinner was held at the United Methodist Church Tuesday, Jan. 12, at noon. Those enjoying the meal and then hearing Terri Hanke's interesting talk on her trip were Stan and Ramona Shaw, Larry and Alice Mizer, Agnes Wahlmeier, Imogene Keenan, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Pat Hall, Violet Foster, Sue Long, Rachel Carter, and Louise Cressler, also Mary Votapka and Norma Richards, Oberlin. The next dinner will be held at the Senior Center on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Edith Foster, Quinter, is receiving therapy after having a stroke. Dorothy Vacura is home and doing well. She had heart surgery on Jan. 9.

Scheduled date for the City water meters to be read is Friday Jan. 23. The council members will again be reading the meters.

Allan Carter, Overland Park, is visiting a few days with his parents, Rachel Carter, at Jennings, and William Carter at Cedar Living Center, Oberlin.

Kent Brown and children, Estes Park, Colo., attended church with his parents, Doyle and Kay Brown.

The Heritage Associates of Jennings and the Czech Museum held its meeting on Jan. 8. President, Neoma Tacha presided with directors Larry

Mizer, Lawrence and Lila Jennings, Bob Tacha, Mary Wahlmeier and Steve Hirsch. The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given. We received a donation from the Bargain Box of Oberlin. There will be no Seeds of Hope fundraiser this year.

The Wreath project went well. We thank everyone who helped in any way to make it so successful. The wreaths were picked up from Jennings and Big Timber cemeteries and stored for use next year. This was a joint project with the Jennings American Legion and Auxiliary Post.

New windows were put in the Shimmick Building. The gutting is now completed on the museum buildings. There is more work to be done at the Shimmick building and we will be getting bids for it soon.

We have received an interesting scrap book about area World War II service men and women made by Nellie Bainter; a CD and DVD of "Taps" that were played at Jack Kennedy's funeral; a Kansas plate and a Civil War centennial plate for display.

Our annual meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5, in the Royal Neighbors Hall. Directors who are up for election are Bob Tacha, Lila Jennings, Steve Hirsch and Mary Wahlmeier.

Everyone is invited to attend. The regular monthly meeting will follow.

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