# **THE OBERLIN HERALD Events of Yesteryear**

### 125 YEARS AGO - April 1884

Rained all day Sunday and until Monday morning.

J.C. Duncan on section 13, township 2, range 26, raised 1400 bushels of corn the summer of 1883.

Frank Smith will purchase a new bell for the church with the money subscribed by parties not members of any church.

Two persons were granted teacher's certificates after taking the examinations March 20-21, Mrs. C.I. Bradbury and Miss Mina Fox.

Klayton Klatter: Jake Griffith doesn't need weight or green goggles to make him step high, for the young dish washer that arrived Sunday morning was sufficient.

Phil Large was in town Saturday with a load of onions and J.F. Vale had a load of turnips on the market.

#### 100 YEARS AGO - April 1909

Lightning struck the barn of Andy Harger in Harlan Township Tuesday night and burned it to the ground. One horse and a lot of corn and feed were also consumed.

We note from the Norton papers that R.C. Elrod has severed his connection with the Norton Mercantile Co., and will start a store of his own soon.

Ray Palmatier, the best stenographer in Oberlin, is probably the most rapid performer on a typewriter in northwestern Kansas.

H.E. Counter reports his oldest son, Harry, sick and threatened with appendicitis.

Married, March 24, at the Briggs Hotel, Mr. Delbert Way and Miss Gertie Miller of Garfield Township.

A meeting of prominent citizens was held Monday to consider the possibility of getting a railway from this city in a southernly direction.

#### 75 YEARS AGO - April 1934

A news item in a recent issue of an Omaha daily has caused some anxious moments for Oberlin business men. The item stated that bids would be received for star routes to serve towns between Alma, Neb., and Oberlin. Naturally it is to be supposed that if such a route was put into operation the B&M contract for carrying mail would be canceled and the next step would be for the passenger line to discontinue service into Oberlin.

Club had to change their plans

for the March 24 meeting. They

traveled to Hill City and spent part

of the morning at the Historic Oil

Museum. This building has been

recently remodeled to also provide

for the Chamber of Commerce. The

Chamber secretary, Carolyn Popp,

joined them for lunch at Bogue.

On the way to Bogue, they took a

side trip through Nicodemus and

stopped at the Township Building,

where Joan McKenna picked up

some literature on the history of

that settlement. They filled up the

Bogue Café and gave the regular

customers some competition with

The final stop was the Saint Jo-

seph Catholic Church in Damar.

Pat Belisle, who has lived all her

life in that community, gave a tour.

The first French Canadian Catholic

settlers arrived in the area in 1884.

The final church building was begun

in 1912 and gradually completed by

the parishioners themselves. The

exterior is post rock limestone and

the interior is beautifully painted

and accented with statues, scagliola

marble columns and cobalt blue

Long, Wilma Mader, Joan McK-

Helen Muirhead, Jean Skubal, Lynn

will include lunch at the Barbeau

complex in Lenora, election of of-

ficers, payment of dues and sugges-

Terri Hanke spent from March

14 to 20 on her eighth mission trip

in Mexico. The group of 74 from

all over the states began their trip

from Garden City under the aus-

pices of Amore Ministries of San

Diego. In past years, the group has

Rachel Carter, Carla Latimer, Sue

stained glass windows.

tions of program ideas.

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many years.

noise level.

News was received Wednesday morning of death of Fred Bremer of Dresden Township. Mr. Bremer was elected county commissioner in 1895 and served for seven years. At the organization of the First State Bank of Dresden, Mr. Bremer was elected president and for a time managed a lumber yard in Dresden, but most of the time has lived on the farm on the Prairie Dog near the place he first purchased when they came to Kansas in 1885.

Harold Dyer has been named president of the Y.M.C.A. at the University of Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Buswell were the honored guests at a social evening arranged by the Rebekah and Odd Fellows Lodges Tuesday evening. The occasion was the golden anniversary of the couple.

Attention of passers-by has been directed to a fine display of carpentry in the Herald office window. The chest, the property of Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Steinshouer, was made by George Thummel. Of black walnut, inlaid with oak and lined with cedar paint, the finished chest is a piece of furniture the envy of many.

Mrs. Stewart Francis of Belleville is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stastney, and other relatives.

Fairview and Summit: There were 73 out to Sunday School. Everybody make a big effort and come next Sunday, it being Easter, and maybe we can break the record and have 100.

## 50 YEARS AGO - April 1959

Lloyd Moody, Decatur Community High School vocational agriculture the past 12 years, has been selected for an assistant professorship in the department of industrial arts as head of the farm mechanics training division at Colorado State University, Fort Collins.

Nearly 250 persons attended the 35th birthday of Oberlin Rotary Club held at the Masonic Hall Tuesday evening. Introduced were Harwood Benton, charter member of the local club now residing in Oregon, and Val Griffith and Guy Morrish, also charter members. Elwood Brooks, the fourth surviving charter member, wired his regrets from Denver that he was unable to come.

Mrs. Don Kyte and Mrs. Joye D. Trussell began work as full-time

telephone operators at the Southwestern Bell Telephone office Monday.

Mrs. Esther Andrews, a pioneer resident of Decatur County, celebrated her 94th birthday March 17. She moved to Decatur County with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schick, in 1879 and they settled on a farm near Lyle.

### 25 YEARS AGO - April 1984

Thursday was lift-off day at Oberlin Elementary School as some 300 balloons furnished by Weekly Reader were released by kindergartners through fourth grade students.

The Flying Ninety-Nines, a group of licensed women pilots in Kansas, delivered 125 dozen of fresh daffodil buds to Frances Goltl and Mary Anderson at the Oberlin Airport last Wednesday as a service to the American Cancer Society.

Dr. Arris Johnson, a professor in education at Fort Hays State, was elected and installed as Deputy Grand Master of Kansas Masons at the annual meeting in Wichita.

New Arrivals: Greg and Annette Overlease, Dresden, son, Mathew John, March 13, 1984; Allen and class this school year.

**By** Jody Betts

Paula Dinkel, Oberlin, daughter, Wendy Ann, March 21, 1984; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Tacha, Oakley, son, Dustin Harold, March 23, 1984.

Two Decatur Community High School basketball players were named to the All-NWKL teams: Marquis Sauvage, sophomore, son of Ward and Janice Sauvage and Diana Horn, senior, daughter of Steve and Marilyn Horn.

The Oberlin Town Team won the area tournament by downing Rexford 105-98 to finish the season with a 13-3 record. Third place went to Lebanon who defeated Herndon. Top scorers for Oberlin were Ron Shuler and Tim Smith with 19 points; Rusty Montgomery, 18; Kevin Unger, 16 and Kent Legg, 13.

A March 3 ceremony at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon united in marriage Kim Huffman, McCook and Jerry Niemeth, Herndon. The Rev. Kerry Ninemire officiated.

Carrie Stanley, 9-year-old daughter of Donald and Helen Stanley, has been hospitalized in Hays for the past month for treatment of a broken leg. She will be in a body cast for some time and unable to return to

# **Selden News** By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and Anniversaries: April 3 – Kalyna Zodrow, Bob and Ann Hazlitt, Tex Shaw. April 4 -Donna Wessel, Ben Albers. April

5-Mike Porsch, Dick Pauls, Gloria Walker. April 6 – Dennis Urban, Fred and Theda McKee. April 7 -Becky Wilson. April 8 – Raymie Manhanna, Devinn Ritter, Clarence and Dagmar Becker. April 9-Scott Hunziker.

On March 26, at Senior Citizens, Laura Shaw won high, Edna Schiltz took second, Bernita Aumiller got low and Jeanie Spresser had the most jacks.

Other members present included Carol Shaw, Lola Cook, Paulie Neff. Anna Hazlitt, Gail Mumm, Betty James and guest, Janet Shaw.

The 16th Annual Antique Car and Tractor Show will be held in Selden on Sunday, June 7. Volunteers are still needed.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Darrel Bruggeman,

## Steve or Judy Rogers or Jacque Boultinghouse.

School Calendar: April 3-Junior Class Carnival in Rexford. April 8 - Grade School gifted/talented seminar. April 10 - Western Kansas Liberty League Forensics at Tribune.

Harvesters 4-H club will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt in the Selden City Park at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 5.

This will be for children ages seven years and younger. Please bring your own baskets.

Two new teachers have been hired for the 2009/2010 school year. Tana Gustafson, originally from Hugoton, and Kellie Stanley-Meier, originally from Oberlin.

The Selden Police and Fire Department will be holding a bicycle safety class in Selden in April. The date, time and place will be posted around town at a later date.

Our week started out with a bangup birthday celebration for Eleanore Demmer, Mary Lemman, Ethel Nemeth, Evelyn Olson and Loren Escher.

The ladies from the Aquarius Club sponsored the party. We so appreciate the various clubs who come to share their time and talent with us!

On Tuesday, the weathermen all started talking of an upcoming blizzard, so we decided to give one last tribute to winter in art class.

This week's project was inspired by Dutch artist, Hendrick Avercamp who specialized in winter scenes. He was deaf and dumb and known as de Stomme van Kampen (the mute of Kampen). But his disability didn't stop him from expressing himself through art.

His example encouraged artists Amy Rehm, Leone Porsch, Myrtle Ross and Faye Miller who created "Winter Trees" using runny paint and a drinking straw. It was fun watching the trees grow when the paint was blown. It is also fun to see the ladies' surprise at how easy (Thornton, Colo.) and Marvin and it is to make something so beautiful. Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Their paintings are on display by the

The craft group met on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon to work on spring decorations to hang around the center.

Thursday was a great day for the residents who enjoy games. A group met for penny cards in the afternoon and a game night was held after supper.

The baking group made doughnuts on Friday afternoon. The best thing about making doughnuts is definitely eating them while they are still nice and warm.

Recent visitors:

Pat Marintzer and Phil Timm, Hale, Colo.; Carol Kompus, Pete and Eileen Portschy, Gene Kleidosty, Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon: James Plotts, Carolyn and Jim Plotts, Norcatur; Charlie and Sharon Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb.; Tammi Engel, Colby; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Barry, Janeil, Brock, and Jordan Baxter, Smith Center; Jan Sattler, Atwood.

Jackie Votapka, Elwood May, Connie Olson, Eunice Richards, Barb and Elmer Solko, Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Kary Miller, Jamie Miller, Marilyn Gamblin, Leon and Connie Miller, Roberta Johnson, Shelli Fortin, Ira Kolsky, Lyle Gamblin, John and Dianne Bremer, Max and Veanna Carman, Joy Votapka, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Oberlin

# **Good Samaritan News** By Lisa Paulson

Our thanks go out to Pastor Keith Reuther, for bringing Communion to the residents on Friday, and also to Frank McEvoy, who then joined him to host Men's Coffee. John Ready, Earl Brown, Paul Meisner, Elden Long and Pooch Portschy enjoyed their company.

A reminder for families, this Friday is our family potluck at 6 p.m. If you plan to join us, please give Montine a call at 475-2245.

Visitors were Kenny Mumm (Selden), Eleanor Rogers (Selden), Delores Raile (Hoxie) and Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for Hubert Mumm. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for Doris Marintzer.

Frank and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Reva Marshall, Mildred Black and Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt.** 

Donna Kelley and Elden and 🏵 Detta Anderson, Elizabeth, Reilly and Reed Fahrenholtz (Hastings, Neb.), Jim Hardy (Hastings, Neb.) for Eva Bryan.

Brian, Pam and Nathan Simonsson, Keri, Carla and Jeanne Britton Linda Wade and Marilou Long for

**Cedar Living News** 

By Teresa Shaughnessy

All children are invited to attend

the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Cedar

Living Center on Tuesday, April 7,

at 7 p.m. Each child should bring

an Easter basket. It is important

to be on time, as the hunt does not

Sympathy is extended to the fam-

Carol Kompus, daughter of Wil-

ma Bobinmyer, brought a large

birthday cake to share with every-

one at dinner on Monday in honor

There were several winners at the

dice game on Monday afternoon.

Players included Dale Butler, Dar-

lene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth

Havel, Donna Kent, Mary Kolsky,

Joan Noble, Marie Thomas, Aleen

VanVleet, Mary Votapka, and De-

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann

Mary Kolsky won the first Bin-

go on Tuesday afternoon and El-

sie Goodnight won the blackout

Wilma May, Aleen Van Vleet, and

Elsie Goodnight played pinochle on

Wednesday afternoon with Juanita

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study

lesson before supper on Wednesday

Amack led the sing-along time on

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Monday afternoon.



# By Louise Cressler

front porch.

The front porch is a popular gathering place. Three friends, Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson and Opal Bryan, can be found there any hour of the day reading or visiting while they gently rock in the glider.

More have been joining them, Eva Bryan, Ethel Nemeth, Elsie Macy, Leone Porsch, Dorothy Pryor and "Ollie" have been spending a lot more time there as well.

We have a new attraction: a Dwarf Lion-face Bunny is temporarily living there. He is the cutest little thing. He will stay with us until Easter Eve.

Elden Long. Steve and Arian Arnold (Herndon) for Edla Olson. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Thornton (Rush Center) and Chris Dempewolf (Norcatur) for **R.D. Thornton**.

Pastor John Paulson and Daisy Rhein for Jeanette Conway. Barbara Castor for Elaine Thomas. Pastor John Paulson for Kathryn Post, John Ready, Elsie Macy, Marguerite Clark and Dorothy Prvor.

Betty Heisel for Ethel Nemeth. Ralph and Norma Unger for Leo Mooty, Lucy Schissler, Earl Brown, and Pooch Portschy.

# **Mount Pleasant News** By Dianne Bremer

# By Mary Lou Olson Weekend guests of Daisy Schmidt for Mother's Weekend at Farm-House Fraternity in Manhattan.

Saturday supper guests of Steve and Arian Arnold were Trevor and Beth Harmon, Chloe and Toby.

Gary and Mary Ann Erickson have returned home after spending the winter months in Mission, Texas. En route home they met their daughter and family, Debbie and Dale Withington, Hana, Ellie and Chloe of Chetopa, at Grand Lake at Grove, Okla., for several days during spring break.

Maundy Thursday services will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, at the Herndon Covenant Church. Easter sunrise services are scheduled at 6:45 a.m. at the Herndon Covenant Cemetery, followed by breakfast at the church; Sunday School at 8:45 a.m. and morning worship at 10 a.m. The congregation potluck dinner will follow.

Brandon May, Salina; and Elwood and Jeanie May of Oberlin met Andrew and Stephanie (May) Frankforter and Ethan in Kearney, Neb., on Sunday, March 15, and helped Ethan celebrate his first birthday.

Hannah May and Cassidy Shields played in a seventh and eighth grade girls volleyball tournament Friday evening and Saturday in Ogallala, Neb., and advanced to the Gold competition bracket.

Caitlin Shields, Elizabeth and Hunter Nedland, Hannah and Zach May, and Erin and Ryan May were among those from the Stick-To-It 4-H Club participating in Decatur County 4-H Days on Friday at the Oberlin Elementary School. Caitlin received a Blue ribbon on her piano, vocal, and instrumental solos; Elizabeth received a Re-

gional Blue on her voice solo and illustrated talk and a Blue on her piano and French horn solos; Hunter received a Blue on his vocal solo; Hannah received a Regional Blue on her demonstration, an Alternate Regional Blue on her flute solo, and a Blue on her piano and vocal solos; Zach received a Regional Blue on his demonstration and vocal solo and a Blue on his piano solo; Erin received an Alternate Regional Blue on her reading and a Regional Blue on her dance routine, vocal solo, and demonstration; Ryan received a Regional Blue on his reading, an Alternate Regional Blue on his vocal solo, a Blue on his demonstration, and a Red on his instrumental.

The Stick-To-It 4-H club also received a Regional Blue on their skit and a Blue on their vocal ensemble



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Sympathy is extended to the fam-Juarez, but with the current civil unrest in the area, Amore instituted ily of Lucille Stackhouse, who died Saturday, March 28, at LaCrosse. new rules that allowed no mission She and her late husband, Raymond, workers under the age of 10 and no had a grocery store in Jennings for one under the age of 15 to attend without a parent. The Jennings Tuesday Study

Terri's group had two seven-yearolds traveling with their parents and many teens in the group traveling on their own, so they were placed at a new work area at Puerto Penasco, on the northeast end of the Gulf of California. After traveling 25 hours by bus, they completed construction on a new chapel and two new homes in three days. The smaller home for a family of five also included building a new 'banos' (outhouse) and buying the family a new commode to upgrade from just a hole in the ground.

The larger home consisted of a four-room structure for a family of eight. The day after finishing construction on the houses, the group traveled from the very poor slum area to the luxury beach resort of Rocky Point, just 10 miles away. There they enjoyed a day of relaxing on the beach, swimming in the clear water and exploring the shopping district. The group was amazed to discover that one night in some hotels on the beach cost three times more than the families they built for earned in a month. The group enjoyed great weather all week and encountered many kind and helpful locals in Puerto Penasco. They returned home early in the morning on March 21, already making plans for next year's mission trip.

enna, Helen Rhodes, Joan Metz, Stan and Ramona Shaw spent Tacha, Neoma Tacha and guest, Pat several days last week visiting Foster, attended. The April meeting Cindy and Danny Black, Logan and Bowen in Carlsbad, N.M. The boys were on spring break from school House, a tour of the Rural Telephone all week.

Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Katie Golemboski and Lexy, Colby; and Mary Wahlmeier were Saturday dinner guests of Stan and Ramona Shaw. The ladies, along with Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter, Chris Gillespie and Tara Gillespie, attended a bridal shower in Oberlin at the Sappa Valley stayed at the Amore campsite near Manor for Kerrie Olson, bride-elect

of Nick Wahlmeier.

**Jennings News** 

The Jennings City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Election for two council positions and the mayor position are open. Also school board members from Hoxie and Oberlin school will be on the ballot depending where you live. We need write-in names for council and mayor positions. If you are interested, please do this so people know who to vote for. Election is

Tuesday, April 7, held in the Senior Center.

United Methodist Women will not meet Wednesday, April 1, but instead will have a meeting at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8. Lesson leader will be Pastor Carrie Buhler.

This area of the country missed all the snow and ice other parts of Kansas had. We certainly need the moisture.

# **Midway News**

were Kathy Frisbie, Monument, Colo., and daughter, Kristin Engelsen, Hunter and Wyatt, Larkspur, Colo

Dave Bergling received word on Sunday of the death of a close friend, Doug Jackson of Goodland, at a hospital in Denver. He is formerly of Atwood.

Norma Anderson and her daughter, Carol Fink, of Wamego, returned home last week from Paris, France, where they spent several days with their son and brother, Lynn Anderson, and Gary Pettit, of Austin, Texas. The men went to India from there to spend a week vacationing.

Britta Noren was chosen to attend the youth trip this summer in Washington, D.C., sponsored by Prairie Land Electric, not Farm Bureau as reported last week. Also her brother, David, will be working with Teens for Christ in Cary, Miss., this summer, not Michael Noren.

Barbara Olson and Patti Benda were weekend guests of Kurt Olson

will attend morning worship services at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 19, at the Oberlin Covenant Church when they welcome their new pastors, Chris and Sharon Nelson. A

Unwanted spring cleaning items? Put them in the Classifieds! Call 475-2206