

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — April 1884
Treasurer Burnett claims it rained over 5 inches by actual measurement at his place Sunday night.

Hallowell & Kulp is the new firm at the post office.
James Nicholson and family of Panora, Iowa, will leave March 31st for Decatur County.

1160 acres of school land will be offered for sale April 28th by the county treasurer, the largest lot ever offered at one time in this county.

The J.C. Fields store at Atwood burned Thursday night.
Klayton Klatter: Taylor McNeal has the finest hedge in north-west Kansas; five miles of it around his two pieces of land.

100 YEARS AGO — April 1909
Joe Bivans and wife left Saturday evening for Elberta, Utah, where they expect to spend the summer.

George D. McMullen and mother left Monday for Illinois. George expects to stay about three weeks, and his mother may stay all summer.

The Cooperative Store was sold Monday to A.M. Lytle for \$4800.

The first ball game of the season was pulled off Friday at the ball park between the high school team and the old timers. The high school boys won.

Wes Chappell is finishing the interior of Rafe Willard's big handsome and modern dwelling eight miles west of Norcatour this week.

For 15 years the Herald office has been the depository for all kinds of baseball paraphernalia — gloves, mitts, bats, masks, belly protectors, bases or balls. Yesterday the devil announced he had been elected captain of the 2nd team in the grades, and for a year at least we presume the old condition will prevail.

75 YEARS AGO — April 1934
Preparations for "The Messiah," the concluding entertainment of Music Week are practically complete. Soloists will be Mrs. Eva Hawkes, soprano, and Ted Adleman, tenor, both of Oberlin; Elma Wilson, Hays, contralto, and Joe Williams, vocal instructor at Norton High School, bass.

Jennings: A Democratic rally will be held April 11 with Arthur Connelly of Colby as principal speaker of the evening.

Rev. W.H. Zimmerman preached at the Baptist Church in Norton on Sunday morning.

The Sixth District convention of Young Republican Clubs meeting at Colby tomorrow will feature an address in the evening by Gov. Alf M. Landon.

In the county spelling contest held Saturday at Oberlin City School close to 100 pupils took place with the following results:

Division C, pupils below seventh grade, first, Pauline Pauls, Leoville; second to Carl Wentz of near Norcatour; third to Amelia Pauls, Leoville and fourth to Charley Vavroch, district 25 near Oberlin.

Division A, high school students, first went to Mildred Morton, Oberlin; second to Norma Fulton, Dresden; third to Genevieve Meitl and fourth to Caroline Kaus, both of Leoville.

Jennings: Peter Schandler, a pioneer of Norton County, was buried at New Almelo Monday. He was about 90 years old.

Lyle: Word comes from San Bernardino, Calif., from Art Powell and his cousin, Mrs. Van Cozad that they are having a fine time and seeing a great lot of country. Fruit selling for 5 cents a dozen for lemons and lovely grapefruit at 25 cents per bushel.

50 YEARS AGO — April 1959
Bids are being taken for construction of a new Oberlin Clinic. Doctors James Coffman and C.M. Nelson announced that work is expected to begin May 1 on a one-story cement block building to replace the present structure at 504 N. Penn.

Parking meters got the official axe at the Chamber of Commerce meeting. Acting on the results of a questionnaire in The Oberlin Herald recently which indicated strong sentiment against both parking meters and time limits, the Chamber decided to leave parking facilities as they are.

The boarded front at the city office isn't an indication that the town is going defunct. It's part of an extensive remodeling project. The Masons are currently remodeling the office located in the Masonic Temple and two large windows are being installed at the front of the office to replace the garage-type doors

which for years admitted the city fire engine. The City rents the office from the Masons, and City Clerk Ralph Clair said the rent would be \$15 a month higher following the remodeling.

Bob Rumble, social science teacher and basketball coach, has announced his resignation to accept a position at Stafford High School.

Apotluck dinner was held Sunday at the Legion Hall to honor Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Simpson on their 25th wedding anniversary.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Sebaugh, Norcatour, announce the arrival of a daughter, Mary Lou, March 26, 1959; Mr. and Mrs. Elden Smith, Oberlin, daughter, Renee Jonell, March 29, 1959.

25 YEARS AGO — March 1984
The weather has made a 180-degree turn from those dry, hot conditions experienced last summer and fall. Rain and snow this week could push seasonal rainfall records to new highs. Rodney New, Norcatour, a Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, reported this week that in his assessment there will be some severely reduced yields and some fields will have to be destroyed and replanted. Most adjustors are not actually releasing acreage until it is dry enough to get around to each field.

Official weather observer Sharon uplift. You will just have to come in and see for yourself.
We are now taking items for the Annual Rummage Sale, sponsored by the Museum and KFNF Radio. Things started coming in on Friday morning and we will be taking those gently used "valuables" until Friday, April 17.
The Rummage and Bake Sale is Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, April 19, from noon to 3 p.m. If you need help with your items for the sale, call 475-2417.
With all the wonderful and exciting happenings at the Museum, you should come and join us!

Official weather observer Sharon

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

The Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum opened on Wednesday, April 1, for its 51st season. Hosting the Oberlin Business Alliance Coffee Hour brought in over 50 people for the 2009 Grand Opening.

So much has been accomplished since my last article here at "Let's Go to the Museum." The first of January, the Museum Board of Directors took possession of the building between the old main office and the Seeds of Creation Gift Shop. Doorways now connect the three buildings making one unit.

Remodeling of the new office and old office gives the museum a real

Wilkening reported this week that the county has received 8.44 inches of precipitation since the first snow fell Nov. 26-27. Total snowfall this winter has been 80 inches; the average for Decatur County is 25 inches.

Hospital News: Dr. and Mrs. Richard May, daughter, Brianna Elise, March 30, 1984; Tenna and Kent Ashley, Selden, son, Wyatt Sherman, March 30, 1984; Brenda and Kent Ploussard, son, Aaron Guy, April 2, 1984.

Three employees have been promoted at Farmers National Bank: Larry Smith from vice president and cashier to senior vice president and cashier; Gary D. Anderson, vice president, in addition to his position as ag representative and Regina Stanley, assistant cashier.

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Gallentine, Clayton, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Janet, to Eldean Griffith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon L. Griffith of Jennings. An April 21, 1984, wedding is being planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Jones announce the engagement of their daughter, Tonya Sue, to Eugene Earl Tally, son of Glenva Tally, Oberlin, and Norman Tally, Ventura, Calif. A June 16 wedding is planned at the United Methodist Church, Oberlin.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We had vases full of fresh flowers all over the dining room at Cedar Living Center this past week thanks to Laurie and the staff at Prairie Petals. The flowers were a wonderful conversation piece as everyone wanted to talk about where they came from.

Tom Votapka and Terry Hanke brought in a donation of candy this past week. Tom and Terry like to pick up bargains on Russell Stover Candy and these are a big hit with the bingo players.

Charlie Haag delivered several dozen Easter eggs on Friday afternoon. The students from the seventh through twelfth grades dyed the eggs during their activity period on Friday. The eggs have been a hit with residents both for their beauty and because they taste great.

The penny card players met on Monday afternoon. Those joining in on the fun included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Donna Kent, Mary Kolsky, Alice May, Blanche Skubal, and Mary Votapka.

Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Mary Votapka won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Ruth Havel won the blackout game.

Juanita Williby hosted the pi-

nochle players on Wednesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson before supper on Wednesday. Several residents met for game night on Wednesday.

Bowling was on the agenda for Thursday afternoon. Everyone has such a good time that we do not bother with keeping score. Snacks were served after the game.

Due to oven problems in the kitchen, we canceled the baking group on Friday afternoon and made ice cream sundaes instead. There were several toppings to choose from, so no one missed the cookies.

Pastor Doug Hasty of the Oberlin United Methodist Church gave the Worship Service on Sunday afternoon.

Recent isitors: Jan Sattler, Atwood; Carol Kompus, Linda Bosler, Julie and Bob Hafner, Cheri Kastens, Herndon; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Mike and Rich Noble, Colorado Springs; Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz.

Shelli Fortin, Jackie Votapka, Cecil Hess, Max and Veanna Carman, Dolores Koerperich, Lyle Gamblin, Ira Kolsky, John and Dianne Bremer, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

God does answer prayer. The residents have been praying for moisture and were overjoyed to watch the gentle rain and then the beautiful snow that blanketed the landscape. These people have devoted their lives to farming and agriculture. They often speak of the faith it took to carve a living out of the ground, especially during the "Dirty Thirties" or a severe drought year. This remembrance is what keeps them praying for all you farmers out there. Isn't it good to know you are being prayed for?

When the sun comes out after this refreshing drink, the earth will begin to awaken from its winter slumber. It is truly a reminder of God's promise of rebirth and resurrection. Not only for the earth, but also for each one of us who put our faith in Jesus Christ. This is what we will celebrate all week in preparation for Easter Sunday.

Please join us Thursday evening at 7 p.m. for a showing of "The Passion of Christ," Friday evening at 7 p.m. for our Good Friday service, and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. for Easter services.

This week the United Methodist Women held their meeting here so members Edla Olson, Eva Bryan, Eleanor Demmer, Opal Bryan and Shirley Hayward could attend. They served wonderful homemade cookies and brought Jacinta Carter, Joey Hirsch, Ethan and Emma Merrill, Jordan Tally, Ashley Horton and Hunter Nedland to sing for us. Thank you ladies for arranging a lovely afternoon.

Our Family Potluck was held on Friday. Thirty-nine family members came to eat and to fellowship. Kelley May gave a presentation on Medicare: How to qualify and the benefits it provides your loved one.

The residents look forward to

the company and the preparations beforehand. Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward Evelyn Olson, Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Marie McChesney and Leone Porsch set and decorated the tables all "Springy." We wanted to thank you all for your RSVPs. It makes it much easier to plan the seating arrangements.

Everyone who came got to meet our new spring guest "Bunny." He is a darling little dwarf Lion-faced rabbit who will stay with us until Easter Eve. Then he will make two little girls very happy on Easter morning. He is lovable and very cuddly. He loves to be held and has been great therapy for our Garden of Hope residents.

If you are one of our cherished volunteers or would like to become one, we will be celebrating National Volunteer Week, Monday and Tuesday, April 20 and 21. Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 18, at 1 p.m. The residents are preparing a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon for your enjoyment. Watch the mail for your official invitation.

Visitors (not including the potluck) were Reva Marshall, Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Sharon Slabaugh, Glenva Nichols for **Opal Bryan, Eva Bryan, Shirley Hayward, Edla Olson, John Ready, Glenn Martin, and Eleanor Demmer**. Detta Anderson for **Eva Bryan**. Bob Strevey (Norcatour) for **R.D. Thornton**. Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Ann Hazlitt (Selden) for **Leone Porsch**. Helen Brooks for **Ethel Nemeth**. Audra Duncan for **Myrtle Ross**. Bethany and Linda Smith (Atwood) for **Dorothy Pryor**. John and Edie Tate for **Lois Carlson**. Cheri Kastens for **Pooch Portschy**. Andrew, Joslyn and Linda Wade for **Elden Long**. Daisy Rhein for **Jeanette Conway**. Esther Ready (New York) for **John Ready**.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The community extends sympathy to the family of Edward Yahne, who died Wednesday April 1. He had been a resident at the Andbe Home in Norton for several years. His brother, Ty Yahne, lives in Jennings and another brother, Raymond, formerly of Jennings, lives in Dodge City.

No church was held in Jennings on Palm Sunday because of weather. We received rain and then Saturday night blowing snow. The moisture is very much appreciated.

A quick note to all who frequent the City Library or those who want to: I, Carla Latimer, have taken the position of Jennings City Librarian and want to invite everyone to come in and say hello. I am planning on keeping you posted on happenings at the library.

Everyone in this community has an opportunity to participate in the use of the library. As you all know we can get any book that you desire through the Northwest Kansas Lending Library.

I am open to suggestions on anything about the library. I will try to let the public know when new books are put on the library shelves.

I have a modest knowledge of computers and would be more than happy to help anyone with the operation of a computer or software. We have new computers at the library at your disposal.

I am interested in tutoring math and/or language. I hope this is a start of a relationship between you and your library.

We have books and videos to give away at the library. Please stop by and take a look.

Helen Rhodes, City Librarian, for several years has retired. We thank Helen for her years of service to the community.

Brian and Westley Jennings, Solomon, spent the weekend with Lawrence and Lila Jennings.

Sunflower Senior Potluck supper will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14. Don Ammons and Rosie Hartman will entertain following the meal. Everyone is invited to attend.

City Council met Thursday evening with all council members

present. Mayor Bob Jones called the meeting to order. Three items were added to the agenda. Minutes from the previous meeting were corrected and then approved. The monthly water test to the State was good. City Council is continuing to look for water use or leaks not metered.

One bid has been received for resurfacing the steps at the Community Hall, repairing sidewalk at the Hall and curbing in the downtown area. Council will get at least one more bid before deciding on the work. Plans for a meal for the Red Cross fundraiser on April 19 were discussed. Work agreement for one year with William Kump was approved. William reads the water meters and does other maintenance in Jennings. Changing the dog ordinance was once again tabled.

Friday supper guests of Lawrence and Lila Jennings were Rosalee and Gene Price of North Carolina; Loren and Phyllis Harris of Salina; Janeil Dilling of Goodland and Imogene Keenan.

Lawrence and Lila Jennings had dinner on Saturday with Harris cousins at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin. Present were Wanda Harris and daughters, Sheryl Thomas, Dennis Rohwer, and Trudy and Sam Abbond, Omaha; Betty Harris and daughters, Patti Harris, Delray, Fla.; and Pam Harris, Orlando, Fla.; Loren and Phyllis Harris, Salina; Rosalee and Gene Price, Princeton, N.C. Others present were the Weldon Brooks of Norton, the Bart Brooks and daughters of Clayton, and Chuck Griffith and Kelsey of Clayton.

The April meeting of the Jennings Heritage Associates of Jennings was held on April 2 at the Royal Neighbor Hall. President Neoma Tacha presided with directors Mary Wahlmeier, Mike Tacha, Lawrence and Lila Jennings, Bob Tacha, Larry Mizer, and Dean Gawith present. New items received for display include a 1920s girls basketball uniform belonging to Mildred Allen Tacha; a fishing rod and reel produced in Jennings from the Doyle Brown family; a 1962 Band picture from Rachel Carter, and an

old dictionary stand from the Jennings Library.

Paul Melvin of Colorado, has requested information about his Tacha relatives. A Wisconsin visitor spent two hours viewing our museum. Be-

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

And the bug came back. A week ago Sunday I thought I was over my little upset — then Monday morning here came the dizziness again. On Tuesday I went to the paper, but decided not to try to sew at Lyle. It was nice that Carolyn Plotts got her pictures of the quilts from Lyle that were made for emergencies. I spent Wednesday night in the hospital and spent the rest of the week trying to decide if it was the "bug" or the new medicine making me feel yucky. Anyway, everything is looking up.

Gary and Keith Anthony both had good reports at their checkups, for which we are thankful.

Charlie and Judy Easton had dinner with Margaret "Toots" Magers on Sunday, and she got her garden tilled.

June Jolly and Karen played cards at McCook on Friday.

When a month has five Sundays, Carol Woodmansee, former minister, does the sermon. I was sorry to have missed her on Sunday, March 29, but it was reported that she had a good message.

Dwight and Teresa Wood stopped by my home for a few minutes on Sunday. Dwight and his music group had played in Norton on Saturday night and stayed with friends overnight.

They had a good visit with Oran and LaVerne Milner before starting

ing a Czech, he wanted to "Check us Out." We discussed our plans for the next several months, especially the Memorial and Alumni Weekend in May. The next meeting will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 7.

Since my news is scarce today, will you forgive me if I include a little something I wrote some time ago?

My dear husband, on the last day of his life, said (in a whisper that was hardly audible) "I've got to start thinking for myself again."

Of course, I can see where he was coming from. He had been moved, manipulated and maneuvered.

We, his family, had said he had to go to a doctor. The doctor said he had to go to the hospital. At the hospital he was poked, prodded, shot, scanned and bedpanned. All of these things were for his good, but were understandably uncomfortable, and he did hate those enemies.

He was very uncomfortable, not being able to turn himself or do any of his own care. He may have felt that if he could be at home, he might be his "own man" again.

While he didn't get that wish, he got a better one, and is in a place of no more pain.

It makes me think of what Jesus told Peter. "When you were young, you dressed yourself and walked wherever you wished; but when you are old, someone else will dress you and carry you where you would rather not go."

It makes me think that I should do what I can while I can.

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Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The Rexford Lions Club will be having the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, at the City Park.

Toddlers thru the third grade are invited to hunt. Be sure to bring a basket to hold the colorful eggs to be collected.

On Easter Sunday, the Rexford Community Church will be having a Fellowship Breakfast at 9:15 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10:30 a.m. There will be no Sunday School.

A Happy Birthday to Joan Dingwerth who celebrates a birthday April 7.

Also Happy Birthday to Darrel

and Marjorie Leh who will be celebrating their birthdays on April 9.

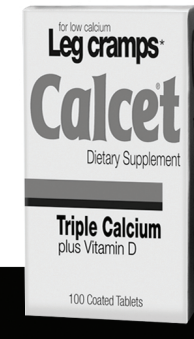
The community was saddened upon the death of Jean Hawkins. I wish to extend heartfelt condolences to the family. Her funeral service was Saturday at the Rexford Church.

The Rexford City Council will meet Wednesday, April 8, following the public hearing, which is at 7 p.m.

The Golden Plains Junior Class appreciates all those who attended the Carnival, Friday evening. The students and sponsors do a great job at making this a fun filled evening for all ages.

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