

## THE OBERLIN HERALD

## Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

## 125 YEARS AGO — April 1884

A. H. Hollister was appointed special sheriff Saturday.

I.O. Wear has resigned the office of Justice of the peace.

Service on the Oberlin and Achilles mail route has been increased from weekly to semi-weekly.

E.I. Randall has the material on the ground for an addition to his house, 12x14. He moved his shop around to his residence and will finish it up complete, making an addition of 12x30; he will use the front room as a shop.

The school board of District No. 1 has decided to have a two-months school commencing April 28th. There will be only one department.

## 100 YEARS AGO — April 1909

The high school girls basketball team went to Alma and was beaten 18 to 8.

Charley Battin won second place in the Northwest Kansas oratorical contest held last week in Colby.

In the school election Friday J. D. Flanigan received 313 votes and L.E. Darrow 199.

The high school baseball team composed of Kennedy, Weir, Bliss, Wilder, Flanigan, Ralston, Hale, Waterman and Larick, went to Alma on Friday and defeated the ball team of that town by the decisive score of 8-3, and the next day they came back as far as Jennings and defeated the regular team there in a red hot game 3-2.

Married, April 11, Mr. Tolle Hoppas of Dresden and Miss Janie Penn of Liberty Township.

Kanona Items: The farmers have begun planting corn. Rell Landau spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother Wayne.

Norcatutur Items: Married April 7th, Mr. George Jorn and Miss Olive Reager.

## 75 YEARS AGO — April 1934

David Cunningham of Chicago filled the pulpit at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning and evening.

Mrs. Mabel Olson is closing out her ladies ready-to-wear shop, The Vogue. She plans to leave for Hugo, Colo., to assume the care of an elderly woman, an invalid.

Denzil Reist, a freshman at Hays this year, won first place in the two-

mile event Saturday when the Hays track team competed with athletes from Friends University, Wichita. Reist won third place in the mile also, making him a total of 6 points for his letter.

Kenneth Clair Musgrave was born Oct. 28, 1903, near Danbury and died April 10, 1934, at the age of 30. He is survived by his wife Mildred and three children, Norma Jean, age six years; Burdon Clair, age four; Cleon Gale, age two.

A deal was completed last week whereby the J.C. Nitsch Hardware store is no longer under that name. Instead the store is known as the Howard Bros. Hardware with R.S. Howard, junior brother of the firm, in active charge of the business.

A large group of Rebekahs drove to Alma Monday to take part in a school of instruction conducted by the state president.

Four cars from here contained the local representatives. They were driven by Lottie Peters, Mabel Walton, Josephine Slagle and Austin Dodd.

Garden hose was stolen from two homes on North Cass on Monday night; next door to parsonages at that.

## 50 YEARS AGO — April 1959

Changes in the business scene have come thick and fast recently. Retiring mayor Keith Nicodemus is in the process of purchasing the Western Auto Associate Store from Mrs. Glenn Young. Andy Castle, former garage-foreman at Oberlin Motor Company purchased the Oberlin Supply service and stock from Nicodemus. At Oberlin Motor Ralph Pavlicek was moved up to foreman.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Leake at Oberlin Greenhouse have announced that they will open a flower shop in the former dance studio at the Odd Fellow building.

At a special business meeting Sunday, St. John's Lutheran Church members voted to pave the parking areas on both sides of the church. Ever since the church was dedicated three years ago the members have been plagued with mud in wet weather according to the Rev. Walter Stoepelwerth.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore May of Oberlin announce the engagement of their daughter, Lois, to Arnold E.

Berhmann of Orange, Calif.

New Arrivals: daughter: Ann Lynette on April 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Don Mines; son, Lynn Dale, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Anderson on April 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Tolle Hoppas quietly celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in their home April 12.

## 25 YEARS AGO — April 1984

More than 125 persons attended a Republican fund raiser at the high school cafeteria featuring First Dist. U.S. Cong. Pat Roberts. Roberts said he was disappointed in the farm policy as this is the fourth year in a row that crop prices are below the cost of production and that in his opinion the Big First is hurting more than any other congressional district in the country.

Oberlin Rotary Club will celebrate its 60th anniversary the evening of April 24 with a dinner at Oberlin American Legion. The 60th anniversary of the club is dedicated to the memory of Guy Morrish, a charter member of the club at its beginning in 1924, who died March 6. Warren Weibert, club president, will introduce George F. Hall, Lyons, District Governor of 567 who will recognize new and continuing Paul Harris Fellows. Master of ceremonies will be vice president Jack Metcalf.

Decatur Community High School senior Jay Smith, Jennings High

School senior Gayle Vacura and Craig Wells, Golden Plains senior, are among the 570 students named by Gov. John Carlin as Governor's Scholars.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Levering, Delaware, Ohio, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Linda Lee, to Charles Michael Russ, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Russ, Oberlin.

Both are students at Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla. An Aug. 18, 1984, wedding is planned at Oklahoma City First Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Norcatutur: Funeral services were held for Gordon Crabill, a lifelong resident of the Norcatutur area.

He was the son of David Nicholas and Anna Regina (Ankenmann) Crabill.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Worcester will be honored on their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house Sunday, May 6 at the Golden Age Center.

Kirby Vernon, son of former Oberlin residents Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Vernon of Salina, received a law degree in December from Washburn University in Topeka and is employed with the Kansas Corporation Commission in Topeka.

Dave Nichols won the Coors sterling silver challenge cup and \$250 for first place in the Men's Western Kansas Challenge Cup bowling tournament held in Colby.

## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

I want to thank everyone who donated items or came and found treasures at our annual rummage and bake sale. The Bohemian Hall was full of valuables and the proceeds of the sale will go to the maintenance and operational expenses of the museum. Thanks to you, our Museum friends, over \$1,900 were taken in.

The Bohemian Hall is a great place to have events. On Wednesday, April 22, the hall will be the site of the Secretarial Luncheon hosted by the Chamber. Friday and Saturday, the hall will be used for the Ufford Quilt fabric sale. If you are looking for a place to have your upcoming

activity, call us at 475-2712, to see if the hall is available.

The Museum now has another area that can be used for small group meetings. Our newly renovated Parlor that was the old office space can be rented for organizational or club meetings.

The "Closely Knitted Friends" group held its monthly get-together last Saturday there and had a wonderful time. Once again, the museum is the place to be for your upcoming activities.

With Memorial and Alumni weekend just a month away, be sure to make time to tour the Museum with family and friends.

## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. *Romans 12:4-5*

On Saturday, it was our pleasure to recognize the many volunteers who so freely share their God-given gifts to compliment the talents of the other "members our body"... the staff, residents, clergy, visitors and the community who support us whole heartedly.

"We're Bloomin' with Appreciation for All You Do" was our theme. The Angel Lane dining room was decorated to resemble a flower garden in full bloom. This cheerful backdrop was the perfect setting for a delightful meal prepared and served by Anita Hirsch and residents, Amy Rehm, Evelyn Olson, Opal Bryan, Faye Miller, Myrtle Ross and Olive Arnold. The menu was simple and delicious: chicken salad on cream puffs with fresh asparagus spears and bread pudding for dessert. "A Cook's Parade" was requested to acknowledge and thank Anita and the residents.

The program began with the reading of the parable of the Good Samaritan found in *Luke 10:25-37* to remind us of the inspiration of our founder, Dad Hoeger, who put feet to our motto "In Christ's Love, everyone is someone."

It has often been quoted that "routines sustain us and celebrations refresh us." The analogy was made that just as the ground has been experiencing a period of drought, sometimes our hearts do, too.

Although there are many friendly, familiar faces the residents see every day, and interesting activities to pass the time it can become routine, which is good; it sustains us. But, when company comes, it's special; it's a celebration; it refreshes us!

It doesn't take much moisture to green up the grass, or for flowers to lift their blooms higher, the earth is refreshed. Just as it is for those who live here when people come with kind words, smiles, hugs and

acts of service, their countenance is lifted — they are refreshed. It is the combination of the various gifts that God uses to make this place a beautiful garden of Christian living. The program ended with everyone singing "Showers of Blessings."

Reva Marshall was helping with manicures on Wednesday, (not her regular volunteer duty). When she was thanked for coming she replied, "I had to come to pay my rent." She continued, "I have been taught that volunteering is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." Dorothy Hunt is her mother who taught her that, which she in turn has taught her children. Four generations of Dorothy's family have been Good Sam volunteers: Dorothy herself, Reva Marshall, her daughter; Penny Fringer, her granddaughter; and great-granddaughters, Ellen, Becky and Sarah. Even her daughter-in-law, Dixie Snyder, volunteers from Colby.

These wonderful "members of our body" don't do all they do for praise and recognition — they do it out of love.

Volunteers who attended were Carol Duncan (Current (resident's computer), Gladys Geis (1-1 Visits), Phyllis Metcalf (Library), Veda Wood (Pinochle), Connie Simonson (Ollie care and plants), Dennis Brown (Devotions and Forget-Me-Not Ministry), Cheryl Miller (Piano), Kathy Van Meter (Pinochle), Marilyn Horn (Bingo), Joyce Sumner (Visiting), Rachelle Lytle (Manicures and Social Hours), Seth Cody (Kick Ball and Ollie care), John Paulson (Visiting, Devotions, Prayer).

Volunteers unable to attend were Barbara Dehlinger (Devotions), Dorothy Alstrom (Manicures), Rosella Meitl (Manicures), Penny Fringer (Manicures, Aquarium), Dixie Snyder (Spook Parade), Keith Reuther and Frank McEvoy (Men's Coffee), Reva Marshall (Mending), Larry Mack (Poker) and Colleen Geihlsler (Bingo), Joey Hirsch (Misc.) and Daisy Rhein (Adopt-a-Grand visits), Mert McEvoy (Bible Study) and Myrna Jones (Piano).

Visitors this week were Ralph and Norma Unger for **Leo Mooty**. Reva Marshall, Penny Fringer, Mildred Black and Ron Snyder (Colby) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Hubert Mumm** and **Doris Marintzer**. Jerry and Fran Chambers (McCook) for **Nelda Vaughn**. Martin and Evelyn May for **Alice Bobbitt**. Helen Brooks, Betty Heisel, Sharon Black for **Ethel Nemeth**. Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal**

**Bryan** and **Lora Zwickle**. Mabel McLaughlin (Sturgeon, Mo.), Mert McEvoy and Ralph Crimm (Atwood) for **Lucy Schissler**. Barbara Castor for **Elaine Thomas**. Donna Kelley and Delta Anderson for **Eva Bryan**. Linda, Bethany and Sarah Smith (Atwood) for **Dorothy Pryor**. Rod and Glenna Copeland (Colchester, Vt.) and Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Chris Wood (Herndon) for **Helen Marintzer**.

## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

All the moisture the past week was well received by everyone in the area as a nice, gentle, refreshing rain. It had been some time since I had seen muddied vehicles.

This week's forecast predicts temperatures in the 70s, so it should be a good time to get out, work in the yard and get some fresh air.

The Golden Plains High School 2009 Prom on Saturday had a '50s and '60s theme, Summer Lovin'. It was sponsored by the Junior Class, sponsors Tammy Shaw and Jennifer Moss, and junior parents.

DJ Dusty Pilger provided an evening of entertainment not only with today's top hits but with some great "golden oldies."

The Golden Plains Booster Club, parents and students appreciated the hospitality and the late hours Colby Bowl extended to their After Prom celebration that night. Thanks so much to the Schwanke brothers and staff for helping to keep Prom a safe event.

Remember, there will be an animal vaccination clinic at the City Building from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday. If your animal's vaccinations are due, it is a good opportunity to have it done right here in town. This service will be provided by Oakley Veterinary Service.

Ruth and Elias (Lee) Luna's family surprised them with a 50th anniversary celebration with food music, and dance. Live music was provided by the Vic Mowry Band, with musicians including Mowry, Max Vaughn, Shirley Emigh, Curly Bieker, Don Ammons and Earl Hartzog.

The Rexford Community Church will have its annual Missionary Conference next Friday to Sunday, May 1 to 3. This year's theme is "Be Not Ashamed," with speakers Jerry Latimer and Dan Wahlgren. A schedule will be submitted next week.

Easter guests of Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper were her daughter-in-law, Shelly Moeder, and grandchildren Taylor and Payton. They spent Easter Sunday and night and returned home to Shawnee on Monday. Tim was unable to come due to his work.

Red Barn happenings: Monday, Barnswallows, 1-5 p.m.

Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m., Ladies Bible Study.

Thursday: Come on Down, 1-5 p.m.

Fridays: Koffe Klatch, 9:30-11 a.m.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We are proud to announce that April 19 - 25 is National Volunteer Week. Volunteers are vital to so many successful organizations and that is especially true in nursing homes. Volunteers at Cedar Living Center assist with games and parties, teach Bible study, provide music and other entertainment, as well as offering friendship and companionship to our residents.

Some of our volunteers are here weekly and others less often, but they are always a welcome sight. Thank you to all of our volunteers and thanks to everyone in our community who does volunteer service. These faithful workers make Decatur County such a wonderful place to live.

Monday afternoon residents met for a social hour that featured a game of "Name That Tune." The sing-along group had a good time singing the old-time favorites before supper on Monday.

Elsie Goodnight won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

The children from St. John's Lutheran Church gave a musical program before supper on Wednesday. The group sang and played bells before an appreciative audience of residents and staff.

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

The dice players met for a game on Thursday afternoon. Assorted games were on the agenda during a game night held on Thursday evening.

The baking group made cookies on Friday afternoon.

Fern Wenger celebrated her birthday on Sunday by attending church services at the Covenant Church and then having dinner with her daughter, Jodie Wenger. She had several visitors and phone calls during the afternoon and evening.

Recent visitors: Julie and Bob Hafner, Chris Wood, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Greg, Stacie, Emily, Rodney, Kaidyn, and Ryleigh Coyle, Rossville; Aimee and Landon Truetken, Selden; Lillian Sulzmann, Dresden; Mary and Katelyn Clark, Atwood; Bill and Geri Lampe, St. Francis; Tony, Lynn, and Tyler Kriczek, Hays; Larry Ashley, Loveland, Colo.; Todd, Deanna, Brooke, and Brady Sumner, Norcatutur.

Max and Veanna Carman, Marilyn Gamblin, Jackie Votapka, Lonnie and Mary McEvoy, Orin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Mert McEvoy, Jon Fisher, Martin and Evelyn May, Dolores Koeperich, Lyle Gamblin, Ira Kolsky, Oberlin.

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Herndon Pride organization will conduct a city-wide clean-up day on Saturday. Volunteers are to meet at 9 a.m. at the city park where a variety of tasks will be designated. Let's all help in "Sprucing up Herndon for Spring."

Jan Alexander, Arvada, Colo., and Jesse Niemeth, Ellis, spent Easter back home with family. Jerry, Kim and Jesse joined Jan and her mother, Laverne Niemeth in Herndon for Easter dinner. On Friday, Jerry, Kim and Laverne brought mail to Francis Janousek and while enjoying the beautiful and necessary rain, watched a western movie.

The Oberlin Monday Evening Club enjoyed pizza at Roger's Bar and Grill Monday. Rachelle Solko and Julie Hafner were guests. The evening concluded with cheering for Peggy Pratt in running the Boston Marathon.

Sympathy is extended to family of Louis Riepl, 90, of Thornton, Colo., who passed away Thursday, April 16, 2009. He was a 1936 St. Mary's Herndon graduate. The funeral service was held at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Thornton and burial at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, on Wednesday, April 22.

Janice Sattler, Atwood, and Julie Hafner traveled to Parker, Colo., on Wednesday to be with Tom and Marlene Cook. Those singing to Tom for his birthday were Janice and Julie, Clem Hutfles, Arvada, Colo.; Dave and Jackie Foxhoven and family, Debbie Lark and Les and Myrna Pettera of Loveland. Tom loved the cards, flowers, visits from neighbors, and the phone calls with thoughts and prayers.

Carol Kompus left Thursday, April 2, for Valley Center, to join J.L. and Lauri Fox in traveling to Dallas, Texas, to visit Brian, Stephani and Adrian Hawkins. J.L. and Lauri returned to Wichita on Monday, April 6, and Chris and Alex visited until Saturday, April

11. Carol remained for a longer visit and stopped to see Donna and Gary LeSage in Salina, on her return trip home this week.

Jim and Joyce Rich from the sunny Carolinas arrived in Herndon Easter week to enjoy and spend time with her mother, Wilma Bobinmyer at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. They kept one eye on Carol's cat while Carol was out and about traveling.

Christian Mother's Altar Society meeting will follow Sunday Mass, April 26 at St. Marys rectory. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

Danny and Jo Marintzer, Omaha, visited his mother, Helen Marintzer, this weekend at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

The Herndon Senior Citizens met for dinner on Wednesday, April 15, with 13 seniors and two guests, Janet Rorick and sister, Karen, attending. Sue Frick won blackout and Darlene Cole won the door prize. Everyone in the community and surrounding area is welcome to join the group the third Wednesday of each month for dinner at noon at the center.

Frank, Jean and Darrell Huss visited Laverne and Sharon Frick Saturday evening.

## Julie's Memory Joggers

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## Pony Express May 28

Many persons have left mail at the post office to be postmarked at Hanover, Kan., pony express office for delivery to Herndon on the Pony Express Run which is expected to arrive in Herndon May 28 about 9:45 a.m.

The postmaster has forwarded the special mail to Hanover where it will be postmarked and will be used for souvenirs of the 1960 Ox-Road. Some special envelopes were used for the mailing. Miss Kathleen Malone, local postmaster, says the details have been worked out and the ride should be successful.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

The Decatur Community Junior High School eighth grade scholar bowl team of Elizabeth Nedland, Cassidy Shields, Zach May, Darbi Rouse, Kade Brown, and Miki Dorshorst, were undefeated and won the League Championship at the Northwest Kansas League scholar bowl in Oakley on March 9.

Hannah May and Cassidy Shields played in a seventh and eighth grade girls volleyball team tournament in Ogallala, Neb., Friday evening and Saturday. Their team went on to the gold bracket play and won a silver medal, earning them second place among the 16 teams in the tournament. Also attending the tournament were Roland and Pam May and Zach, and Paul and Kelly Shields.

Hunter Nedland received a rating in Improvised Duet Acting at the Northwest Kansas League speech meet held Saturday in Oberlin. This qualifies Hunter to compete at State Speech in May.

Elizabeth Nedland, student of Cheryl Metcalf, participated in piano progressions Saturday in Oberlin.

Karen Eskew left Friday for Salina where she attended a Kansas District Lutheran Women's Missionary League executive committee meeting. She returned home Saturday evening after the meeting.

Violet Shaw was a Sunday afternoon visitor of Joan and Don Grafel, Herndon. Her sister, Joan, is recuperating at home following recent surgery.

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