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THE OBERLIN HERALD Events of Yesteryear

125 YEARS AGO - May 1884

Rain, snow and sleet Sunday night and Monday.

R.H. Riley will petition the county commissioners to locate the road running south from the south end of Penn Avenue.

The land office reports the following business at Oberlin during April: final homestead proofs, 57; cash proofs, 22; timber culture entries, 22; homestead entries, 38; pre-emption entries, 37.

Hallowell & Kulp at the post office, have enlarged and improved their room and have just received the largest stock of confectionery ever brought to this market, also a new stock of jewelry, stationery, cigars and tobacco.

100 YEARS AGO - May 1909

S.W. Harris was burned out and lost everything he had in his new home in Colorado.

John Burchett had the misfortune of getting his finger mashed in the engine at the waterworks Saturday.

A.N. Feaster claims to have frozen both feet on his way to town Faye. last Saturday from his Bassettville ranch.

The big freeze Saturday morning is said to have killed the fruit as far south as southern Missouri and Oklahoma.

The wind storm last Friday was a fright. There was hardly a farmer in town the whole day.

75 YEARS AGO – May 1934

Court House News: Despite the general economic news, the probate judge issued licenses for nine weddings this week.

Among those are Arling D. Bauer, 24, Herndon, and Miss Evelyn N. Mines, 20, Oberlin, who were married by the Rev. Fred Blanding on April 25. Also, Hugh G. Schwarz, 25, and Miss Helen A. Steier, 19, both of Herndon, on the same day; Morton Brown, 23, of McCook and Miss Marie Chilson, 19, of Oberlin and Dale Paddock, 25, Oberlin and Miss Lila Railsback, 21, Norcatur, both married on the 30th by the Rev. Blanding, and John Beneda, 24, and Sarah Jane Kennedy, 25, of Cedar Bluffs, also on the 30th who were married by Rev. Walter Appleyard of Traer.

On the first day of May, 1884, in the old sod house on the E.W. Frank Shimmick and Arthur Shim-

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nings, the marriage of Miss Flora B. Immell and Mr. T.J. Fawcett of Kanona, occurred with the ceremony performed by the old pioneer preacher, Uncle Jack Langley. For 50 years this esteemed couple have lived in Decatur and Norton counties with "nary" a divorce or serious quarrel to mar their happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Fawcett observe their golden wedding anniversary quietly Tuesday and wishes for their continued happiness is extended by their many friends.

Two young people were killed in accidents the past week: Miss Maxine Horner. 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Horner of Selden was fatally struck by a hit and run driver on Highway 40 two miles east of Colby; and Linus Swift, also 14, son of Mrs. Emma Swift living 5 miles south of Jennings, when a team of horses he was driving pulling a hay rake became frightened by a motorcycle causing a runaway and he fell beneath the rake.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Chapin are the parents of a baby boy born Sunday, April 29th and named Stanley

Dresden: The Muirhead brothers are sporting new cars, King, a Plymouth coach and John, a Chevrolet sedan.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. John (Ella Vorhees) Willcoxon, who died April 26 at the age of 80. She and her husband came to Decatur County in 1880 and homesteaded near Dresden moving to a farm south of Oberlin in 1907.

50 YEARS AGO - May 1959

Rev. Warren Meredith, former preacher at Olive Chapel and Kanona, visited in Oberlin recently. He was looking for the site where his parents homesteaded. His parents, Dr. and Mrs. William Meredith, homesteaded near Lyle before the Indian raid and his father died shortly after the raid as the result of typhoid fever. His father was a circuit rider preacher in this sixcounty area and his mother taught a "subscription" school.

Dresden: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wickersham left Monday for Denver where they will make their home. They recently purchased a business in Denver.

The funeral home in Jennings operated for the past 58 years by

it was purchased by Norman Bainter and Jay Janousek.

Rock Island lines is requesting authority from the Kansas Corporation Commission to discontinue employment of agents in 26 of its Kansas stations, among them Clayton and Dresden.

Ham and fish rather than steak and fish will be the menu choices for the DCHS alumni banquet May 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald R. Riepl, Cimarron, are the parents of a son, James David, who was born April 15. He has three brothers, John, Gary and Greg.

Francis D. Stanley, principalelect at DCHS, was occupied here Monday looking for a site on which to build a home. He reported to the Herald office that there were no homes available, for rent or sale, to accommodate his family of six when they move here later this summer from Downs.

25 YEARS AGO - May 1984

A total of nine inches of snow has fallen here in the past 10 days. And just like last week it was more overtime for Norton-Decatur Electric employees as ice build-up on the lines and high winds caused power outages.

Traffic has picked up at the local ASCS office according to clerk Cecil Hess as more acreage is going into the PIK (payment-in-kind) program. ASCS director Mike Gawith said that between 80 to 90 percent of wheat acreage in this county could be considered gone to winter kill. Hospital News: Julie and Ken-

neth Carter, daughter, Ann Nicole,

Let's Go to the Museum By Sharleen Wurm, director

Bohemian Hall.

We are looking forward to see- need a large air-conditioned room, ing many Decatur Community High School Alumni as they return for the big Alumni weekend and Memorial Day activities, which is just two weeks away. My how time is flying.

The Eighth Annual Summerfest Car and Vintage Sports Show is just four weeks away.

For more information you can contact the Museum Tuesday - Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Noon and from 1-4 p.m.

Remember, if you have an event Ford place four miles west of Jen- mick changed hands last week when coming up this summer and you **By**JodyBetts

April 27, 1984. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Robl, Claflin, announce the engagement of their daughter, Denise, to John T. Guy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Guy, Oberlin.

The bride-elect is a student at Marymount College, Salina, and will graduate in May with a degree in mathematics.

Her fiance is a graduate of Marymount with a degree in business and owner and operator of J.T. Guy's Woodworking in Oberlin. A June 9, 1984, wedding is planned.

Norcatur: The annual Mother-Daughter banquet sponsored by the NT Club will be held May 6 at the schoolhouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis St. Clair, Oberlin, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Judy Lene, to Conrad Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reed Jr., of Grand Island, Neb. A May 12 wedding is planned.

A change in ministerial appointments will send the Rev. Dale Clare who has served the Oberlin United Methodist Church the past nine years to Scott City United Methodist Church which has a membership of nearly 1,000. His replacement will be the Rev. Gene Shoemaker who currently serves Grace United Methodist Church in Wichita.

Instrumentalists at the state music contest receiving I ratings were: Jay Smith, French horn; Scott Braden, baritone; Robyn Russell, bassoon; Pam Votapka and Cindy Michel, flutes. Vocalists receiving I's were Smith and Perrell Stanley.

Dale, Neb.

call the Museum for rent of the The newly renovated Parlor,

which was the old office, will host the monthly knitting group gettogether Saturday, May 9th. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in learning to knit or crochet to join us from 1-4 p.m.

If you do any form of handwork and would like to come for some social time we would enjoy increasing our numbers. What better place than the museum parlor to do old time crafts.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

We are busy making plans for The dietary department provided National Nursing Home Week, May 10 - 16. The week will include a Sock Hop at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12. Family and friends are invited to join us for an evening of dancing and fun. Refreshments will

be served.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Monday afternoon. Residents who attended included Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Donna Kent, Ruth Leopold, Joan Noble, Agnes Pruitt, Marie Thomas, Aleen Van Vleet, and Delores Wheeler.

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

Darlene Fisher won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Elsie Goodnight won the blackout game. Wilma May won the blackout game at a special evening of Bingo on Tuesday night.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle players on Wednesday afternoon. The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to make May basket centerpieces for the dining room tables.

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

There was lots of laughter at the penny card game played on Thursday afternoon. Snacks were served following the game.

A Volunteer Appreciation Supper was held on Thursday evening on the Cedar Living Center patio. Sharon Johnson, Oberlin.

the meal and Charlotte Kurtz and Teresa Shaughnessy of the Activity Department served as hostesses for the evening.

Volunteers attending the supper included Opal and Eldon Huntley, Mary Ann Amack, Myrna Jones, Nadeane Haag, Juanita Williby, Stuart Euhus, Mary Long, Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, Ila Ray, and Alice Shirley. Each attendee received a gift bag. Myrna Jones and Opal Huntley won the two door prizes.

The Royal Neighbors and the Kids First Preschool brought May baskets for all of the residents on Friday morning. The children were a big hit with the residents.

The baking group made peanut butter chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon. They had no trouble giving them away to residents, staff and guests.

Zola Brown was the guest of honor at a birthday party hosted by her family at noon Saturday on the CLC patio. Those eating a pizza lunch with Zola included Earl Brown, Ella Betts, and Steve and Barb Brown.

Recent Visitors: Jim and Carolyn Plotts, Norcatur; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Carol Kompus, Cheri Kastens and Elijah, Pete and Eileen Portschy, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden.

Phyllis Screen, Lois Lamb, Audra Duncan, Elwood May, Lyle Gamblin, Ira Kolsky, Dianne Bremer,

Mount Pleasant News By Dianne Bremer

Gaylord and Shirley Shields and Stuart Euhus attended the 60th wedding anniversary celebration of their cousin, Erma and Kenneth Timme, held Sunday, April 26, at Pleasant

Cassidy Shields, daughter of Paul and Kelly Shields, was confirmed Sunday morning at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Atwood, with Pastor Don White officiating. Among those attending were the Paul Shields family and her grandparents, Gaylord and Shirley Shields.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields hosted a reception at their home Sunday afternoon to honor Cassidy Shields on her Confirmation. The Paul Shields family, Stuart Euhus, and many family friends were in attendance to congratulate her.

ceived word that he has been ac- grandmother, Lois Carlson, and cepted as a Congressional Intern for played their piano pieces for her Second District Congresswoman since she was unable to attend the Lynn Jenkins at her Topeka office this summer. He will begin in May shortly after the end of his spring semester at Kansas State University. Gaylord and Shirley Shields left Friday for Lincoln, Neb., where they visited Mike and Nancy Shields and Corinne, and Bret and Ali Shields and Sam. Mark Shields, Tucson,

Ariz., met them at the Shields home where they celebrated Sam's first birthday and also attended the Berkshire Hathaway stockholders annual meeting. Gaylord and Shirley returned home Saturday evening and Mark flew back to Tucson on Monday.

Hunter Nedland and Rhiannon Davies received a I rating on their Improvised Duet Acting at the State Speech Festival Saturday in Wichita.

Hannah and Zach May, Elizabeth Nedland, Caitlin Shields, and Dakota and Mollie Tate were among the students of Cheryl Metcalf who presented their annual Spring piano recital Sunday afternoon at the Gateway.

After the piano recital, Dakota Cameron Nedland recently re- and Mollie Tate visited their greatrecital.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Lyndon and Linda Tomasch, Olathe, arrived Friday evening and returned home Monday morning after spending the weekend at the John Bremer home. Kristen Bremer and Dwayne Bray, Colby, were Sunday afternoon guests at the Bremer home.

Selden News By Jacque Boultinghouse

Surgical. May 12 – 7 p.m. Talent show in Rexford. May 13 – 7 p.m. Baccalaureate Services in Rexford. May 14 - STUCCO Blood Drive. 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. free physicals at Docs On Call. 7 p.m. Grade School Spring Program.

The Golden Plains Junior Class would like to thank all the Merchants and individuals for their wonderful donations for the Junior Class Carnival. Without your support we would not be able to provide a successful prom. Thank you again, we are lucky to have such great local support.

New Books at the Selden Public Library include "Deadlock," by Iris Johansen; "The Geometry Sisters," by Luanne Rice; "Rewriting Monday," by Jodi Thomas. The Selden Public Library is open Mondays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., as volunteers are available. Anyone wanting to volunteer may do so by contacting

At 1 p.m. on May 9, the Selden Police and the Fire Department will be holding a Bicycle Safety class in front of the Fire Station. Anyone old

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enough to ride a bike is welcome and encouraged to attend. Bring your bicycle and learn the rules of the road as well as ride the course.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: May 8 – Darcie Spresser, Kim Wessel. May 9 – Travis Rogers. May 10 – John Koerperich, Don Koerperich, Greg and Traci Bruggeman. May 11-John Mosier III, Tom Aumiller, Madison Stanton, Jason Rall. May 12 – Jennifer Radovich, Dan Shuler, Romona Shaw, Tom and Jan Juenemann. May 14 – Micah Goscha, Maxine Sulzman, Mason Mumm.

School Calendar: May 8 - 10 a.m. Junior High track at Quinter, 3 p.m. High School Track at Quinter. May 9 - The Freshmen Class will be holding a Car Wash in Rexford from 10:30 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. May 11 - 6:30 p.m. there will be free physicals at Colby Medical and any board member.

WILD WEST

Carol Kompus treated Voni Sattler, Char Hartner and Deanna Williams to dinner at Roger's Bar and Grill on Wednesday. The women were celebrating the return of Char to the Herndon community from Denver, Colo. Welcome back Char!

Thomas G. Cook, 81, born April 15, 1928, in St. Francis, Kan., passed away April 29, 2009, in Denver Hospice. Family in the area attending his funeral at Ave Marie Catholic church in Parker, Colo., Saturday, May 2, were Janice and Jayme Sattler, Mary Clark, Ron and Cindy Sattler, Bob and Julie Hafner and Rob Sattler, Oakley. The nations Patriotic Freedom Riders escorted the family to Kansas from Colorado on Sunday. Monday afternoon a prayer service was held at St. Mary's Catholic church in Herndon with the VFW Post 1368 in charge of burial with military honors following at St. Mary's cemetery.

attended the Barbershop Concert in

Colby on Saturday afternoon. They enjoyed watching the performance of "Back to the Roots of Barbershop" which include members Jeremy Wahrman and Adam Ketterl. Adam was not able to attend on Saturday.

Happy Birthday Father Dan Scheetz from the Herndon community

Ceanne Schroeder, daughter of Jim and Destiny Schroeder, made her First Holy Communion Sunday at St. Mary's in Herndon. A dinner was held in her honor and the guests were great-grandmother Mary Brooks, Norton; grandparents Mary and Richard Schroeder, Colby; and Don and Diana Solko, Herndon; Mark Solko, Colby; and Rachelle Solko, Herndon. The parish celebrated with the Schroeder family after mass enjoying coffee and rolls.

Gabi Lunte, Assistant Professor of German at Washburn University Dave and Judy Ketterl, Herndon, in Topeka, and two friends, one of which grew up in Atwood, spent a

recent weekend in the wonderful high plains landscape of Rawlins County.

Here Gabi met and interviewed speakers of High German, Low German, and Austrian-Hungarian German in the towns of Atwood, Ludell, and Oberlin. She went to the marvelous "Aberdeen" Restaurant in Atwood and had a delicious lunch. She was very impressed by people's hospitality in Rawlins County, and made the acquaintance of quite a few people of German, and Austrian-Hungarian decent. In her "search" for speakers of Austrian-Hungarian German, she was directed to Herndon and specifically to Roger's Bar and Grill where they enjoyed a "little beverage" and discussed the German and Austrian-Hungarian decent of most of the patrons.

Gabi and her friends visited the Assumption Church first, where they marveled at the stained glass windows. Although she was not able that day to make contact with Herndon residents who might speak some German, she thoroughly enjoyed hearing some of the history of the town and its people.

Gabi has a great interest in collecting, analyzing and documenting speech samples of German in Kansas. She works closely with the Linguistic Atlas of Kansas German Dialects at the University of Kansas.

Check out the website, www2. ku.edu/~germanic, where they present maps showing where German is still spoken in Kansas and digitized samples where recordings are available.

Julie's Memory Jogger's

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Herndon Marcella Riepl, daughter of William and Anna Hutfles Riepl, and Harold Eugene Leitner were united in marriage May 24, 1949, at St. Mary's Assumption Catholic Church in Herndon, amongst family and friends in the area. Attendants were Lucille Riepl, Dorothy Riepl, Don Riepl and Les Barenberg.

Good Samaritan News

This week we said good-bye to Nelda Vaughn. We were excited when she came to live at the Good Sam. We knew she was a strong believer who had a great love for her family and whose family had a great love for her - so we knew she was someone special. We did not have the privilege of knowing the deep friendship we were looking forward to but glad for the time we had together. Because of her faith, we are assured that Nelda is with Jesus, but she leaves a vacancy in our heart that no one can replace.

We are privileged to have Anita Hirsch on staff. Her musical gifts bring joy and sweetness to our home. For Nelda's Memorial Service she sang "When We All Get to Heaven" and "Soon and Very Soon." Throughout the week she sprinkles

music into many activities. On Monday for Ol' Time music, Anita showed a DVD on Love Songs, then challenged Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Edla Olson, Leone Porsch, Eva Bryan, Shirley Hayward, Amy Rehm, Earl Brown, Dorothy Pryor, Faye Miller, Kathryn Post, Evelyn Olson, Myrtle Ross, Lora Zwickle and Emma Sanford to a game of "Name That Tune."

On Tuesday, she gathered Paul Meisner, Nadine Anderson, Elsie Macy and Eleanor Demmer together for some one-on-one singing. Later, in the Butterfly Garden she and Dorothy Hunt sang Nursery Rhymes while looking through some baby things.

One could hear Olive Arnold humming and singing along while she and Ruby Shuler washed and

dried dishes.

Music can be used as a wonderful memory enhancer as well as soothing away pain or anxiety, we are fortunate that Anita is so willing to spontaneously use her talent to bless others.

The First Hand Friends read for the last time on Tuesday. They will be back for a Teddy Bear Picnic on May 12 and hopefully again for the Fourth of July Parade and Ice Cream Social.

The Head Start kids came to plant the front flower box with bright colored flowers on Friday, which was May Day, but also in honor of Join Hands Day. Sponsors included Othelia and Bernie Vacura, and Roberta Petracek.

Residents welcomed Pastors Chris and Sharon Nelson for Ober-

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lin Covenant Church on Sunday as they came to worship with them. We look forward to a close and lasting relationship with them.

Visitors this week were Gladys Geis for Kathryn Post and Lois Carlson. Detta Anderson for Eva Bryan. Sally Olson and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Reva Marshall for Dorothy Hunt. Shirley Emigh (Selden) for Leone Porsch. Sharon Slaybaugh for Opal Bryan. Steve and Arian Arnold (Herndon) for Edla Olson. Kay Duncan (Lincoln, Neb.), Helen and Bob Hunlicek (Prague, Neb.) and Patti Herstein (Garland, Neb.) for Helen Marinzer. Estella Waldo and Eunice Wenger for Lora Zwickle. Jim Rogers (Selden) for Hubert Mumm, and Barbara Castor for Elaine Thomas.

By Lisa Paulson