

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — May 1884

Miss Jennie Hayward commenced school in the Addleman district Monday.

George Colby has set out 250 cherry trees on his farm north of town.

We have received No. 3, Vol. 1 of the Kansas Northwest, the new paper at Lenora, A.L. Pugh & Co., publishers.

Sufficient money has been raised to buy a good bell for the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. H. J. Baumgarten and children took up their residence on their claim seven miles west of Oberlin Monday. Mr. Baumgarten will remain in town to attend to his blacksmithing business.

Weather summary for April: high temperature, 84; low temperature, 27; amount of rain, 1.9 inches; inches of snow, 3.5.

100 YEARS AGO — May 1909

Decatur Community High School wins track meet at Norton.

Decatur's contestants were Ralston, first in 100 and 200-yard dashes; Logan, first in the 440 and pole vault, 2nd in the high jump; Wallack, first in broad jump, third in high jump; Weir, second in mile and half mile; Rogers, first in hammer throw, second in shotput; Leist, third in high and low hurdles; Wallack, Ralston, Leist and Logan, first in mile relay.

Charley Battin won first place in the state high school oratorical contest held at Clay Center.

75 YEARS AGO — May 1934

Word was received of the death of Conrad Scheler, a Civil War veteran who made his home in Oberlin for many years, who died at the home of his son in Wray, Colo., at the age of 89. Mr. Scheler always returned for the Decoration Day ceremonies to accompany the Boys in Blue as they decorated the graves of their fallen comrades at Oberlin Cemetery.

The second pair of twin babies have been born in Oberlin in the past

year. Parents of the girls are Mr. and Mrs. Howard McClure. The other twins are the boys of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Carman who will celebrate their first birthday June 25.

D.G. Addleman has sold the stock and fixtures of his drug store in Atwood to Paul Lesh.

Four members of this year's graduating class — Kenneth Norton, Richard Bowles, Louise Anderson and Naomi Griffith — were honored by being chosen by the Decatur Community High School faculty for membership in the National Honor Society. Pins were presented, as usual, by the Farmers National Bank.

Additional honor students to be recognized at commencement exercises May 17 for 51 seniors will be Dean Blickenstaff, Joyce Wilson and Ralph Pavlicek, Robert Redman, senior class president, will present the spade to junior leader, Harry Simpson.

Grade school diploma examinations will be given May 11-12 at Dresden, Leoville, Norcat, Traer and Cedar Bluffs.

Dresden: The GR girls are having a food sale at the Bainter Hotel Saturday afternoon.

Leoville: Mr. and Mrs. John Geisinger are the parents of a son who arrived on Tuesday, May 1.

Miss Sarah Kennedy and Mr. John Beneda were married May 1, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Appleyard of Traer. Mrs. Beneda is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and is classed as one of the county's best teachers and Mr. Beneda is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Beneda, pioneer residents of Olive Township, and is an industrious young farmer of the community. Following the ceremony the bridal party and guests went to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kennedy in Cedar Bluffs, where the wedding dinner was served.

50 YEARS AGO — May 1959

Trees in front of the old Benton

home, now clinic, are being cut down and removed in preparation for the new \$50,000 clinic building to be erected at the site by Nichols Construction Company.

Jesse Jones recently sold his interest in the Oberlin Livestock Exchange to Howard Parish, formerly of Alma, Neb., an employee at the Exchange the past six months.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lippelmann held a buffet supper April 26, in honor of David Brainard who left the following Monday for Travis Air Force Base in California.

25 YEARS AGO — May 1984

Leaden skies and a slight sprinkle couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of Decatur Community High School juniors and seniors as they promenaded down Penn Avenue Saturday evening. Banquet theme was "Total Eclipse of the Heart." Prom king was Kevin Bennett and queen was Carin Cheney.

DCHS speech team members Curt Jones, Scott Goltl, Dave Goscha and Todd Fiscus have qualified for the Grand State speech tournament in Emporia. Speech coach is Leigh Davis.

Monday's regional golf meet at Oberlin Country Club was held under adverse conditions which

included wind, rain and even snow. Bob Lund shot an 84 to qualify for the state meet to be held at Hesston.

Growth in Oberlin may soon be centered around the northeast part of the city with the filing of a new tract of platted property by Vincent and Barbara Wenger. The three and a half blocks, to be known as the Wenger addition, is bordered by Sunrise and Ash on the southeast corner and Martin on the east.

Linda Marcuson has been hired by USD 294 board of education to teach junior high English the coming term.

Cindy Chrisman, 23, has been hired as manager of the swimming pool for the coming summer. She will graduate May 20 from Bethany College with a degree in physical education and administrative recreation. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Chrisman of Oberlin.

Funeral services were held from Faith Lutheran Church for Nathalie Badsky, 53, who began teaching at Oberlin Elementary School in 1968.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Dan Votapka, Oberlin, son, Travis Levi, May 8, 1984; Terry and Sheri Rogers, son, Justin Everts, May 8, 1984.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

The museum is also going to be featured on the NTV station's "Road Less Traveled" show. It airs Wednesday evening at 6:15 and 10:15 p.m. Many of Oberlin's other attractions will be spotlighted in the show.

About 30 guests toured the museum this week. We have really been happy with the number of visitors that we have had in the six weeks that we have been open for the 2009 season.

With graduation this week, the Bohemian Hall will be the place

for two graduation parties. The next weekend of Alumni the hall will host the 50th graduation party.

The new Parlor area is already being used for meetings. Saturday the knitting group enjoyed the area and this Thursday evening, it is being used by Pi Alpha for their meeting.

If you have an upcoming event that we could help provide a place for, call us at 475-2712.

As you have family and friends coming for the upcoming weekends be sure to leave time to visit the Museum.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

This week is National Nursing Home Week. Nursing homes are not what they used to be. We are so proud and privileged to be a part of the Good Samaritan Society who is committed to providing a home for elderly adults where they can continue to live life abundantly!

We are already preparing for our Fourth Annual Walkway of Flags. If you have family coming to town for the Alumni Banquet, please be sure to stop by on Memorial Day to see the impressive display here at the center. Last year 120 flags were flown and this year we hope to add another 50.

A special section of the Walkway will be devoted to soldiers who have served in Iraq or Afghanistan. If you would like to honor a loved one, flags will be flown for a donation of any amount. When you're here, please come inside to enjoy an ice cream cone while viewing the hand-painted mural of Oberlin and surrounding towns. The residents love company and will be waiting to greet you!

Wow, this has been a busy week. Monday, the Lyle Gals came for pinochle. Pooch Portschy, Lucy Schissler, Lora Zwickle, Myrtle Waldo, Olive Arnold, Leone Porsch, Opal Bryan and Alice Bobbitt were in on the fun.

Tuesday, in celebration of Cinco de Mayo, we learned about the art of "Bark Painting." The original canvas used in this old folk art was tree bark that was boiled and then pounded flat. Our renditions were done on squares of brown paper bags that were wet with water, crumpled and then flattened. Our beautiful Mexican birds were drawn with bright colored oil pastels. Artists this week were Alice Bobbitt, Evelyn Olson, Olive Arnold, Opal Bryan and Leone Porsch.

Wednesday, Gosh Golly! Ollie had his first birthday party, complete with cake, presents, party hats, treats and GUESTS! Twelve "Party Pups" arrived dressed-up for the event! Staff members were excited to bring their furry family member for the fun. Danielle Grafel brought "Diamond," a long haired Chihuahua, dressed in her pink and white knit dress accented by her diamond collar. Karen Harrington and son Levi, brought "Dakota," a Pomeranian, dressed with a masculine kerchief. Sheena Dallman brought "Bailey," her Australian Shepherd who wore a fancy party hat

and loved posing for the pictures. Lisa Davies brought her beautiful Boxer, Gracie, who donned a perky polka dot skirt. Jolene Dempewolf brought "Emma," a Lab mix, who wore her own fabulous black fur coat. Montine Alstrom and "Angel," a Chihuahua, wore matching sombreros. Kelley May brought her miniature Pincher, "Otto." Janna Leitner brought her Bull Mastiff, "Jada," wearing a lovely lavender collar with matching leash. She was the largest party guest. Connie Simonsson brought "Noah" (Ollie's weekly playmate), a Shih Tzu. Sue Black brought Ollie's mom and uncle, "Flo" and "Brutis," who posed for a family portrait.

All the puppies paraded around the circle of residents led by "Chester," Janice Shobe's beloved Beagle. He was a reluctant walking birthday card! Cookies were served to the dogs and Puppy Chow to the people! Pictures will be posted at the Angel Lane dining room!

Thursday, we observed the National Day of Prayer and finished a video series in Bible Study. The "Live Like You Were Dying" curriculum was loaned to us by McCook Christian Church. Gary Smalley was the narrator and brought a lot of food for thought to the table. Our thanks to Anita Hirsch for arranging this for us.

Friday, Robin Wessel brought her eighth grade class to a "Dirty Thirties" Forum. They were able to hear eye witness accounts of living through the dust storms. Our resident panel included Lois Carlson, Pooch Portschy, Myrtle Waldo, Faye Miller, Amy Rehm and Lora Zwickle. The students were very attentive and asked very good questions.

Saturday afternoon, we had a Mother's Day program, entitled "I Remember Mama." A BiFolk slide presentation was given. A mini-skit performed with the help of Ann Mines, poetry and a game were included to promote a time of reflection and reminiscing. Participants were Eileen Laird, Opal Bryan, Edla Olson, Lora Zwickle, Myrtle Waldo, Kathryn Post, Elsie Macy, Dorothy Pryor, Alice Bobbitt, Emma Sanford, Leone Porsch, Mary Lemman, Doris Marintzer, Myrtle Ross, Faye Miller, Evelyn Olson, Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Elaine Thomas, Dorothy Hunt, Lora Zwickle, Leona Helmkamp, Earl Brown and Pooch Portschy.

Visitors this week were Rod and Glenna Copeland (Colchester, Vt.) and Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin. Elden and Detta Anderson and Donna Kelley for Eva Bryan. Ron and Dixie Snyder for Amy Rehm. Alberta Marshall and Helen Brooks for Dorothy Hunt. Ann Hazlitt (Selden) for Leone Porsch. Brian and Pam Simonsson, Jeanne and Keri Britton (Denver) for Opal Bryan. Doris Fringer for Kathryn Post and Lora Zwickle. Sally Olson (Atwood) and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Chris Wood (Herndon) for Helen

Marintzer, Doris Marintzer and Pooch Portschy. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for Hubert Mumm and Doris Marintzer. Tiffany Phillips (Capitola, Calif.) and Connie Simonsson for Amy Rehm. Alberta Ritter for Hubert Mumm. Esther Ready (New York City), Bob Beer (Telluride, Colo.) and Gail and Kay Marcuson for John Ready. Steve and Arian Arnold for Edla Olson. Helen Brooks for Ethel Nemeth. Barbara Castor for Elaine Thomas.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Last weekend visitors at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw included Chris Gillespie and Tom Neff, Downs; Aaron and Tara Gillespie, Hays; Kevin and Colleen Wagner, Sharon Springs; Kyle and Lisa Bollers and Tyce, Lochbuie, Colo.; and Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton. All attended the wedding of Kerrie Olson and Nick Wahlmeier at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Leoville and the reception, supper and dance at the Gateway in Oberlin on May 2.

Additional family members attending included Mark and Shelley Shaw, Ethan and Erin, rural Logan; Cindy Black, Logan and Bowen, Carlsbad, N.M.; Zach and Katie Golemboski and Lexy, Colby; and Adam Wahlmeier, Norton.

Each mother who attended church at the United Methodist Church in Jennings Sunday received a flower for Mother's Day.

The Mother's Day dinner held at the Sunflower Senior Center was enjoyed by over 100 people. It was sponsored by the Jennings Lions Club.

Helen Rhodes is home from the hospital. She had inner ear infection.

Starting immediately, the Jennings Library we will no longer be open on Monday, 3-6 p.m. We will be open Wednesday, 9-11 a.m.; Friday, 3-6 p.m. and Saturday, 9-11 a.m. The Monday hours were in conflict with the librarian's bridge day. We hope this is not an inconvenience for anyone.

The library is gearing up for automation. There are still books to give away. We just included some juvenile books to give away. The

librarian will order new books for your reading pleasure. It would be helpful for your input on what you would like to read. She would be grateful for a list of your favorite authors. This is your library, and it is for your enjoyment. Carla will be having a computer class, but has not decided on a date. You are welcome to come in during library time and she will help you on the computer. We thank everyone for the donations.

For patrons who would like to communicate with the library the e-mail address is jenlib@ruraltel.net. Carla will answer you as soon as possible.

Jennings City Council meeting was held Thursday evening, May 7. In the absence of Mayor, Bob Jones, Council President Louise Cressler called the meeting to order. Marge Hartzog, newly-elected mayor took the oath of office. Louise Cressler, council member for many years, took the oath. One council position still needs to be filled. Hope Brown was appointed city treasurer and Sue Long, city clerk.

Some changes are being made in city procedures. Fred Washburn, Hoxie, attended the meeting to answer questions the city had on water use. He is the certified water and sewer man for Jennings city. Norton Correctional workers were in town on May 6, 7 and 8. They cleaned curbs, mowed sewer banks and did some other mowing in Jennings. We appreciate them coming to do work for us.

City water meters will be read on Wednesday May 20. Please post on your front door if your meter is inside.

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

This is a busy week at Cedar Living Center as we celebrate National Nursing Home Week and National Hospital Week. Several parties and events are planned throughout the week, including a dance, which was held on Tuesday night and a wheel chair decorating contest on Thursday. Visitors are always welcome.

We received a lovely donation of lap robes from the Dresden Guild and Auxiliary this past week. The card from the , which were made by Mildred Welter, Helen Derby, Roberta Schillig, Evelyn Meitl, Margaret Rhodes, Lillian Sulzman, Betty James, Jessie Spresser, and Dolores Depperschmidt.

There was a big crowd for sing-along with Myrna Jones, Mary Ann Amack, and Nadeane Haag.

Jim Plotts won the first bingo on Tuesday with a tie between Fern Wenger and Aleen Van Vleet.

Nora Bell Manning and Patty Brown planted the flower box in front of Cedar Living Center on Wednesday, in honor of the late Babe Manning

Those enjoying penny cards were Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth Havel, Mary Kolsky, Ruth Leopold, Art May, and Mary Votapka.

The baking group made mince-meat cookies on Friday afternoon.

Oberlin Lions Club hosted the May birthday party on Saturday. Honored were Zola Brown, Ruth Leopold, and James Plotts. They each received a gift. Serving were Connie Miller, Jack Benton, Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Basler, Frank Black, and Marilyn Gamblin.

Several prom goers stopped by in their formal attire before prom time on Saturday night.

The mothers at Cedar Living Center reported having a wonderful day on Sunday with flowers, cards, gifts, and visitors. The dietary department reported serving 15 guest meals on Sunday.

A special Mother's Day cake was served for dessert donated by the Wilma Bobinmyer family.

Art and Alice May celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.

Recent visitors: Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Carol Kompus, Julie and Bob Hafner, Emma Sattler, Chris Wood, Linda Bosler, Herndon; Arlene Dunker, Ludell; Joann Malone, Russell; Tammi Engel, Colby; Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz.; Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Pat Marintzer and Phil Timm, Idalia, Colo.

Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

In celebration of Hospital and Nursing Home Week, Decatur Health Systems is sponsoring a community walk in Sappa Park on Thursday. Walk anytime between 4 and 7 p.m. If you wish to participate, a 30-minute Fitness Walk will begin at 5:30 p.m. Wear comfortable walking shoes! Decatur Health Systems will provide hot dogs and drinking water and the Emergency Medical Service will run the grill. Remember to bring your family and friends! Appreciation gifts will be given until supplies run out.

We have placed a Text Relay link on www.decaturhealthsystems.org for hearing and speech impaired persons who may find it necessary to call the hospital for information. The link immediately connects to an operator who is able to facilitate communication for the disabled person, by verbally asking for the person or the extension that is requested through typed information the disabled person provides. Verbal responses from the hospital staff to such a phone call are translated into typed information that appears on the computer screen for the disabled

person.

Our website also provides links to the Centers for Disease Control and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to make it easy to find the most current information on the H1N1 Swine Influenza. Take advantage of these resources to keep yourself healthy.

Decatur Health Systems is the largest employer in Decatur County. In 2008 our gross income was \$9,147,911. Of that amount, \$2,606,582 was deducted for charity care and contractuals. Contractuals are the losses our facility takes for honoring Medicare, Medicaid and insurance company agreements.

Contracts with health insurance companies are a community service our patients expect, but this service causes us to lose money through insurance write-offs. Operating expenses, including salaries, benefits, utilities and supplies in 2008 were \$6,904,980, leaving us with revenue of \$49,147. Last year Cedar Living Center had 50 dismissals. Forty percent of that number were people who returned home following rehab at our facility.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Sharon Vogel, Herndon; and Stacey and Kaylyn Dawson, Atwood; visited daughter, Kim and Todd Hoffman of Castle Rock, Colo. They also spent time with granddaughter Jennifer Adams and great-granddaughter, Katilyn and great-grandson, Tucker. Kaylyn had testing at Children's Hospital in Denver.

Vesta Gilbert, Sherrel Adams and Gwen Gilbert treated Sharon Frick to birthday lunch at the Country Kitchen in McCook on May 5.

Voni Sattler was blessed with the best Mother's Day present — a new little great-grandson, Henry Daniel Daher. Henry, son of Justin and Danielle Daher of Fort Collins, Colo., arrived Sunday, May 10, at 12:25 mountain time, weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces, and is 20 inches long. Grandparents are Mike and Cindy Daher, Aurora, Colo., and Danny and Roma Sattler of Wellington, Colo.

Don Pettera, Mesa, Ariz., and Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo., had Mother's Day dinner with Edie Pettera on Sunday.

Relatives staying last weekend with Ron and Cindy Sattler were Deanna Cook, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Tom, Susie, Cassie and Josh Cook and Chandler Cook and friend, Michael, Littleton, Colo.; Bob, Lisa and Lawson Cook, San Carlos, Calif.; and Chase, Dana and Payton Juenemann, Hays, Brian, Mary and Collin Clark and Eric Sattler, Atwood, joined the family for Sunday evening dinner.

All attended the prayer service and burial for Tom Cook on Monday afternoon. Deanna Cook and the Bob Cook family remained Monday evening and the men went fishing while the women did some "redecorating." Cindy attended the graduation of her cousin, Blake Nelson, on Saturday in McCook.

Diana and Don Solko hosted dinner in honor of Mother's Day on Sunday and to celebrate Jayden League's fourth birthday May 11, and Jim Schroeder's 40th birthday on May 12. Guests were Jim, Destiny, Donovan, Ceane, Garrett and

Abbie Schroeder, Rachele and Mark Solko and Jayden and Dalton League.

Recent surprise visitors of Esther Pennington were Joann Malone, Russell; Celine Dunker, Atwood; and Emma Lou Sattler, Herndon.

Don Pettera, Voni Sattler, and Les and Myrna Pettera were Sunday evening guests of Kent and Chris Wood. Les and Myrna also visited Wednesday evening with Patsy Pettera and John.

Voni Sattler was treated to Mother's Day dinner in Colby by Kathy and Braden Leitner on Sunday. Thursday Voni entertained, serving lunch to sister, Carolyn Wallace, Omaha; Nancy Matson, Indianola, Neb.; and Deanna Williams, Herndon. Saturday evening Voni, Don Pettera and Les and Myrna Pettera enjoyed pizza at Roger's Bar and Grill.

Joining Wilma Bobinmyer for Mother's Day dinner were Carol Kompus, Herndon, and Patsy Marintzer and Phil Timm of Idalia, Co. Carol treated all the residents with a beautiful decorated Mother's Day cake baked by Di Solko of Raye's Grocery.

Bob and Liane Martin were May 4 evening visitors of Les and Myrna Pettera.

Family enjoying Mother's Day dinner together at the Elks Lodge in McCook, were Vesta Gilbert, Gwen Gilbert, Sherrel and Jeffrey Adams, Kristal, Justin and Tyler Payton; Kent Jording and Kyle Frick, McCook; Lance Jording, Christine, Anthony, Crissy and Aaron Burns, Stratton, Neb., and Laverne and Sharon Frick, Herndon.

St. Mary's Catholic Young Organization students served delicious rolls after Mass Sunday in honor of all mothers.

Julie and Bob Hafner spent the week in Kearney, Neb. with their son, Jason, who was hospitalized at Good Samaritan. Also, visiting Raquel and Jason at the hospital were John and Sylvia Sattler, David, Jane and Parker Sattler and cousins, Denise and Gina, and Rusty, Susie, Connor, Cale and Korean Conrad.