

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1885
W.D. Street, writing from Ken-
neth, Sheridan County, gives the list
of claims allowed by Congress last
year for damages to Decatur County
citizens by the raid of Cheyenne
Indians in September 1878. Claims
should be presented to the Depart-
ment of the Interior at Washington,
D.C.: Mrs. M. Smith \$295.00; Mrs.
E.J. Humphrey \$632.00; John R.
Vancleave \$240.00; Peter D. Adams
\$60.00; Robert Bridle \$585.00;
James Bailey \$110.00; N.W. Rider
\$61.50; Mary Hamper \$55.00;
John McKindie \$128.00; Lizzie
Steffen \$480.00; J.B. Jennings
\$88.00; Thos. L. Collins \$700.00;
Wenzel Rohan \$80.00; Franz Tacha
\$100.00; Joseph Cilek \$150.00;
George M. Miller \$40.00; estate of
J. Irwin \$305.08. In all \$4,348.15
was allowed.

Clayton is getting excited over
railroad prospects.
Geo. S. Langmade of Yorkshire
Center, N.Y., a brother-in-law of
G. Webb Bertram, is in the city and
will locate here permanently.

100 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1910
Earl O'Toole came in last week
and showed us a fine "K" jersey he
had just received for playing on the
K.S.A.C. baseball team last year.
The irrepressible Stanley Shook
and his friend Dan Green of Jen-
nings were callers Saturday.
Geo. McMullen who has been
having a serious time with an ab-
scess in his right ear is so far re-
covered as to be able to be on the
street again.
Earl Wilson left Monday morning
for Kansas City to attend a meeting
of the Veterinary Association.
Jennings Items: The new bank
is now occupied, having moved in
Saturday. This is an improvement
the town is proud of.
Kanona Items: A horse fell on
Donnie Bailey Sunday breaking
some bones in his ankle.

75 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1935
It was a clean sweep for Norton in
both basketball and wrestling with
the DCHS basketball team losing 25
to 18 and the wrestlers winning only
two matches. "Jiggs" VanVleet won
by a fall in the 145-pound weight
and Barrett in the 115-pound. In
an exhibition match in the heavy-
weight class, Elmer Hackney had
a fall over Alley of Norton in 3:34
minutes.
Against Goodland the local wrest-
lers won 18-11 while the basketball
team lost 19-16.
Whether it was the fine spring-
like weather or a scarcity of feed,
the livestock sale at the pavilion
last Friday was one of the largest
for several weeks with 312 head of
hogs and 224 head of cattle going

through the ring.
The George Lincoln family is
moving to Oberlin and will reside on
Marks Avenue in the old Guy Allen
house. Lincolns formerly lived near
Cedar Bluffs.
The Jennings school is closed
on the account of a few cases of
scarlet fever.
Vickers: Mr. and Mrs. Mutt Ja-
derborg are the proud parents of a
baby girl born the 23rd. The little
miss will answer to the name of
Shirley Ruth.
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Cramer of
Liberty Township celebrated their
golden wedding anniversary on
Sunday, Jan. 27.

50 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1960
The Chamber of Commerce
voted at its January meeting to lay
the groundwork for an annual fund
drive in Oberlin to replace the nu-
merous local fund campaigns.
DCHS senior Harold Cochran,
son of Mrs. Merlin Cochran and the
late Merlin Cochran, has been
notified that he has been accepted
for a Henry A. Putman scholarship.
The Putman scholarship for \$400
for the academic year is considered
the highest honor for a student enter-
ing K-State.
Emmett West, 511 N. Rodehaver,
has been appointed to succeed
E. W. "Ned" Coldren as Oberlin
weather observer who has retired
after 40 years at the post. West is
an employee of Southwestern Bell
Telephone.

Even though he no longer sends
in reports, Mr. Coldren still checks
the moisture and temperature each
day with the equipment the govern-
ment gave him when he retired from
the post. He noted that the highest
temperature every recorded in his 40
years as observer was 114 degrees in
July of 1925 and July of 1936. The
coldest temperature was minus 32
degrees recorded on Jan. 11, 1918.
New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Den-
nis Campbell, Oberlin, daughter,
Lori Lynn, 1/26/60; Mr. and Mrs.
Dale Wurm, Oberlin, daughter,
Christina Marie, 1/29/60.
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin J. Wickham,
Hays, announce the engagement of
their daughter, Sharon Arlene, to
Alvin S. Johnson, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Alvin Johnson of Oberlin. The
wedding will take place June 4 at the
Methodist Church in Hays.
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Vernon an-
nounce the engagement of their
daughter, Janice, to Richard Hayes,
son of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Hayes of
Rexford. An August wedding is
planned.
Funeral services were held at
Jennings for Rosa Petracaek, 81,
who came from a family of early
settlers, the Cileks and the Rohans,
who settled in the Big Timber area

in 1873. At the time of the Indian
raid in 1878 she was just a few
months old.
Pvt. Melvin Spresser, son of Mr.
and Mrs. John Spresser, Dresden, is
receiving training at Fort Bliss, Tex-
as, as an operations and intelligence
specialist. He is a 1959 graduate of
Leoville High School.
25 YEARS AGO — Feb. 1985
Gary Reiter, Beloit, has joined the
Oberlin police force replacing Ken
Badsky who was elected Decatur
County sheriff.
Phyllis Nelson was introduced as
the new chairman of the Oberlin
centennial committee at a meet-
ing last week. Vice chairman is
Marie Jean Vavroch and Norma
Soderlund continues as secretary-
treasurer. Merle Snyder announced
her resignation at last week's meet-
ing indicating that she has plans to
be out-of-town several weeks
next summer. Esther Carlson and
Martha Euhus will be co-chairmen
of the Centennial General Store.
Bev Whitaker, Fern Wenger and
Jean Ann Kump were named to set
up criteria to choose a First Lady
to preside over numerous events
during the year. Larry Smith will
head the School Days event to be
held during April in which a day of
country school will be set up for all

elementary students in the district.
New Arrival: Tom and Karen An-
derson, a son, Nicholas John, born
on Kansas Day, Jan. 29, 1985.
Herndon: The Doris Marintzer
family entertained guests from
Switzerland in January. Pepe Alig
was the driver of the tour bus when
Lydia and Chris Marintzer toured
Switzerland in 1983 and Arno Soler,
also of Switzerland, is his cousin.
Retirement party at the Decatur
County Feed Yard last week hon-
ored Patty Landau who has served
as office secretary since June 1973
and has worked under Fred Willard,
George Hardy and Warren Weibert.
Assuming her responsibilities is
Mrs. Jerry (Marcia) Lohofener.
Brown Motor Company has
added the Case dealership to their
line of farm machinery.
Funeral services were held for
Myrtle (McCray) Huber, 98, who
came to Cook Township in Decatur
County with her parents in 1903
making the trip in a horse-drawn
wagon. After her marriage to Wayne
Huber they maintained the family
farm and livestock operation for
nearly 60 years.
Mike Wilson has joined the Deca-
tur County Farm Bureau Agency as
special agent according to Agency
Manger Darwin Couch.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Another wintry Monday morn-
ing; but one day closer to spring!
The early spring flowers are starting
to peek out of the ground, so they
must think spring is on its way.
Reservations are coming in for
the Farmer-Rancher Appreciation
Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 13. I
originally stated it would start at 7
p.m., but we changed to 6:30 p.m.
barbecued beef and pork, baked
potato, corn, dinner rolls, desserts
and drink will be served. Robert
Groneweg will be preparing the
meat and the Gateway staff will be
cooking the rest of the meal.
Our entertainment after din-
ner will be Craig Larson from
Scottsbluff, Neb. He is the station
manager at KNEB radio and also
has a website at FunnyStoryTeller.
com. He has made presentations
at many banquets and was highly
recommended to me by the Bieroc
Café in McCook.
Come join our fun and enjoy the
evening with good food and many
prizes to give away. Even though the
meal is free, there is a lot of planning
that needs to be done ahead of time,
so please call the Chamber office at
475-3441 to make a reservation by
Wednesday, Feb. 10.

The Oberlin Business Alliance is
hosting a Soup Supper in the high
school cafeteria this Friday, Feb. 5,
before the basketball game. Start-
ing time is 5:30 p.m. Chili soup and
vegetable beef soup will be served
along with various deserts, coffee
and tea.
The business I would like to
acknowledge this week is the Fre-
drickson Dental Clinic at 106 South
Rodehaver here in Oberlin. Gary
Fredrickson is our local dentist,
and has been in business here since
1982. Fredrickson Dental Clinic is
a full family practice and also has
staff Robyn (Russell) Rouse, who
is a dental hygienist in the office on
Monday and Thursday.
His office is open Monday through
Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30
p.m. He is closed during the lunch
hour (12 to 1) on Tuesdays, but open
during the lunch hour on Mondays,
Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The
Clinic is also a Blue Cross-Blue
Shield and Delta Dental insurance
provider. If you're in need of dental
care, come visit Gary or Robyn for
all your family dental needs.
Have a great week!

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

There was lots of laughter at
the bowling game played in the
Cedar Living Center dining room
on Monday afternoon. Residents
who joined in on the fun included
Dale Butler, Darlene Fisher, Irene
Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Ruth
Havel, Donna Kent, Joan Noble,
Jim Plotts, Agnes Pruitt, Blanche
Skubal and Delores Wheeler.
Mary Ann Amack and Myrna
Jones led the sing-along time before
supper on Monday afternoon.
Dale Butler and Edna Mott tied
for the first Bingo on Tuesday
afternoon. Jean Skubal won the
blackout game.
The creative juices were flow-
ing when the craft group met on
Wednesday afternoon to work on
Valentines.
Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study
lesson on Wednesday afternoon.
Fr. Mark Berland brought Com-
munion for the Catholic residents
on Thursday morning.
There were lots of winners on
Thursday afternoon when residents
met for a game of dice.
The baking group met to make
chocolate chip cookies on Friday
afternoon. Fortunately, they made
a big batch so they had plenty to
share with other residents, staff
and guests.
Jean Skubal returned to her home
in Leoville on Friday after a short

stay at Cedar Living Center. Staff
members also bid a fond farewell
this week to Frances Schiessler
who has moved to an apartment in
Oberlin.
Elsie Goodnight and Edna Mott
attended funeral services for Robert
Vaughn on Saturday morning. Mr.
Vaughn was a grandson of Mrs.
Goodnight and a nephew of Mrs.
Mott. Family members met for a
pizza supper on the Cedar Living
Center patio on Friday evening.
Blanche Skubal was the guest
of honor at a birthday celebration
at noon on Saturday hosted by her
daughter, Lillian Sulzman. Mrs.
Sulzman provided cake and ice
cream for all of the residents and
staff.
Recent visitors: Pete and Eileen
Portschy, Gene Kleidosty, Carol
Kompus, Cheri Kastens, Herndon;
Deanna Sumner, Jim and Carolyn
Plotts, Norcatur; Lillian Sulzman,
Dresden; Lad and Lori Truetken,
Selden; Gregg Sayer, Cambridge,
Neb.
Earl Brown, Marilyn Gamblin,
Wendy and Gage Scott, Mirium
Fisher, Millie Lippelmann, Lois
Lamb, Eunice Richards, Gary and
Janelle Walter, Lyle Gamblin, Glad-
ys Geis, Dolores Koerperich, John
and Dianne Bremer, Robert Fringer,
and Sandra Young, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

"There is no want that supersedes
the need to feel loved, valued and at
peace with oneself. And there's no
better way to accomplish that than
experiencing God's love in Christ
firsthand."
The words in the quote above
were taken from a booklet entitled
"Where is the Soul in all this?" that
was used this week in a series of
Focus Groups designed to gather
creative, innovative ideas about
how we can best care for seniors
while keeping soul at the heart of
their care. Three sessions were held
on Tuesday with regional direc-
tor, Randy Fitzgerald. Residents
and their families, staff and board
members were invited to take part in
a conversation discussing the strate-
gic future of the Good Sam. There
are many changes occurring in the
Health Care industry, rules, regula-
tions and an economic crunch but
despite the challenges our calling
has not changed, we will continue
to seek out new and creative ways to
fulfill our motto, "In Christ's Love,
Everyone is Someone."
One of the most significant ways
we care for our residents is keeping
them connected to the commu-
nity. We do a lot of fun things around
here but the best things are those
that reach beyond our walls and into
the community at large. We have
established a new program called our
"Welcome Mat Ministry." The
residents will be joining the STAR
committee as actual resident mem-
bers to address the needs of the staff
and the community.
Right now we are partnering
with Decatur County Ministerial
Association to help people passing
through Oberlin with a need.
We are hosting a Warm Clothing
Drive for the Transient Ministry.
Our foyer is the place to drop off
coats, gloves, hats and personal
care items. We have received many;
thank you! The residents will be
packing personal care kits this
Friday, so if you would like to
contribute, we would love your
help. We still need toothbrushes
and toothpaste. You will be hearing

more about this new ministry in the
weeks to come.
Some of the fun things we did
this week — Myrna Jones came
Monday to play for our Ol' Time
Music sing a-long. Lois Carlson
(harmonica) and Edla Olson (piano)
were inspired to practice together
for an impromptu performance
"some time."
Lois surprised us all the very next
day as she took a seat behind the
microphone to play her harmonica
with Myrna Jones. The Eastern
Star ladies sponsored our monthly
birthday celebration. Myrtle Waldo,
98, and Pooch Portschy were our
January honorees. Thank you, Lois,
for making it extra special!
The STAR committee hosted a
Winter Blast party for everyone
on Monday afternoon. The First
Hand Friends dropped by to read
on Tuesday. Wednesday is always
Bingo night! Thursday, ten resi-
dents gather for singing and prayer
in the Quiet Room. Edla Olson and
Amy Rehm lead the faithful group!
They are awesome prayer warriors
and would like to pray for you. Just
call and leave a request with Mon-
tine. Larry Mack helped with
Poker on Friday. Pooch Portschy,
Alan Addleman, Lucy Schiessler and
Myrtle Waldo took part!
Mark your calendars! on Friday,
Feb. 12, at 7 p.m., join us for a
Sweetheart Dance!
This week's visitors were Clem
and Ken Mumm (Selden/Colby)
for Hubert Mumm. Bud and
Vicky Mumm (Gem) for Hubert
Mumm and Doris Marintzer.
Reva Marshall, Penny Fringer and
Ron and Dixie Snyder for Dorothy
Hunt. Sharon Slabaugh for Opal
Bryan. Delta Anderson visited
Eva Bryan, Eulaine Benda, Lois
Carlson and Opal Bryan. Chris
Dempewolf for R.D. Thornton.
Gerald Olson for Evelyn Olson.
Eunice Richards for Lucy Schiessler
and Earl Brown. Ralph and Norma
Unger visited Leo Mooty, Earl
Brown, Lucy Schiessler and Walter
and Betty May. Darci Meitl and
Betty Heisel for Ethel Nemeth.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Mark your calendars! The Im-
manuel United Church of Christ will
hold its annual pancake breakfast
Sunday, Feb. 21, at the Herndon
Senior Center. They will be serv-
ing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A freewill
offering will be taken.
Cedar Living Center residents
showed their talents Wednesday
afternoon by making red, white
and pink valentine hearts. Some
drew hearts, some glued hearts and
some manned the scissors while oth-
ers joked around singing romantic
songs.
The finished valentines will grace
each door of the resident rooms.
Janice Sattler and Julie Hafner had
additional fun visiting their aunts,
Edie Pettera and Joan Noble.
Rachelle Solko traveled to North
Platte, Neb., to visit friends, Billie
Jo and Bailey Hiser. Saturday eve-
ning they helped serve dinner for the
marriage retreat at Bethel Church.
Friends, Todd Chambers, Al Wolo-
syn and Duane Cochran catered the
dinner, serving Hawaiian Chicken
and Prime Rib. Rachelle, Billie
Jo and Bailey attended a birthday
luncheon on Sunday in honor of Val
Hiser and Rachelle was a Sunday
evening dinner guest of Bill and
Cindy Mills of North Platte.
Don and Joan Grafel enjoyed
Sunday dinner with Steve, Susan
and Makenzie Nelson in Oberlin.
Makenzie headed back to Friends
University in Wichita after dinner.
Stan, Becky and Murial Faimon,
Stratton, Neb.; Bud and Vicky
Mumm, Gem; Bob and Julie Hafner
and Janice and Jayme Sattler
enjoyed the Sacred Heart Smorgas-
bord Sunday in Atwood.
The Catholic Youth Organiza-
tion held their drawing for the gift
baskets and the day ended with

young and old participating in social
games, conducted by the Knights of
Columbus.
Richard and Theresa Rippe spent
the day Sunday in Hays with Rodney
Rippe. Katelyn Clark also joined
them for dinner and part of the day.
They visited with friends Bob and
Mary Binder at their farm and had a
chance to meet Rodney's boss, Kale
Myers, and Rodney's roommate,
Chris Quigley.
Senior citizens will meet for their
monthly dinner, Wednesday, Feb.
17, at the Herndon Senior Center
at noon. Meat is provided with salads,
veggies or desserts being donated
by those attending. Contact Sharon
Frick, 322-5375, to rent the center.
Congratulations to Michael and
Kati Latulip on the arrival of a
baby girl, Brooke Lindsey, at Fort
Carson Hospital, Colorado Springs,
Colo., on Tuesday, Jan. 26. Brooke
weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces. Proud
grandparents are Jerry and Kim
Niemeth, Herndon; and Gary and
Joyce Huffman, McCook. Great-
grandmother is Laverne Niemeth,
Herndon, and great-great-grand-
mother is June Hoffman, McCook.
First-time uncle is Jesse Niemeth
of Hays.
A baby shower was held for Abe
and Alex Marintzer at the home of
Jacob, Tara and Kade Marintzer,
Westmoreland, Saturday, Jan. 30.
Those attending were Greg, Rita,
Joe, Justin and Lori Marintzer, Pete
and Eileen Portschy and Deb Ports-
chy, all of Herndon; Isaac Marintzer,
Colby; Helen Kiser, Whitewater;
Paula Williams, Benton; Denise
Murchie, Stockton; and Allyson,
Manhattan. Saturday evening all
watched the KU/K-State basketball
game. The Marintzer boys cooked
up some hamburgers and some very

hot, hot chicken wings.
The Herndon community extends
congratulations to the Kent and
Kyle Grafel families for winning
the Rawlins County Conservation
2009 Bankers Award.
Happy Valentine's Day!
Jennings News
By Louise Cressler
Kurt Brown, Millie and Dasheill,
Quinter, visited Sunday with his
parents, Doyle and Kay Brown.
Janeil Dilling visited her mother,
Imogene Keenan, Sunday.
An enjoyable time was had Sun-
day at the Kansas Day program held
in the Senior Center. Lyle Hutchens
and his son Mark, Hendley, Neb.,
gave an interesting talk and display
about buffalos. Mike Elwood, Sid
Metcalf and Lonnie McVoy sang
several songs, accompanied by
harmonica and guitar.
Several from our community have
lost loved ones recently who did not
live here. The community extends
sympathy to all the families.
A fundraiser for Haiti, sponsored
by the United Methodist Church
of Jennings and Dresden, will be
held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on
Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Jennings
church, serving turkey with all the

trimmings. Freewill donations will
be appreciated.
At 1:30 p.m., Naomi Streck,
Norton, will speak about her trips
to Haiti with the Lifeline Minis-
tries team. She is in Haiti when
the earthquake hit. Also the United
Methodist Church is sending health
kits to Haiti.
Reminders: United Method-
ist Women will meet at 2 p.m. on
Wednesday Feb. 3.
Jennings City Council will meet
at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4, at
the Sunflower Senior Center.
The Sunflower Seniors potluck
dinner will be held at noon on Tues-
day, Feb. 9, in the center. Games will
be played in the afternoon. If you
have a favorite board game, bring
it with you.

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Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Pastor Keith Reuther attended
the Mid-Winter Conference for the
Evangelical Covenant Church in
Denver last week. He also visited
with Noel Cisneros, a former pastor
of the Herndon Covenant Church.
The Mark Bergling family at-
tended the K-State/KU basketball
game in Manhattan on Saturday.
Steve and Arian Arnold took
pizza to the home of Kevin and
Mary Holle on Friday evening,
then the couples played dominoes.
Kevin is recuperating from recent
back surgery.

Delta Anderson and Joy Votapka
took Mary Lou Olson out for lunch
on Friday at the LandMark Inn to
honor her on her birthday. On Sat-
urday they accompanied Charlotte
Meints, Dorothy Moore and Eloise
Smith to McCook to attend the fu-
neral of Gloria Messinger.
Frank and Margaret McEvoy
spent the weekend caring for their
grandchildren, Ethan, Jordyn and
Spencer Beckman, in Grinnell
while their parents attended a locker
meeting.

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