

THE OBERLIN HERALD

# Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

**125 YEARS AGO — March 1885**

Quite a heavy snow Friday but the warm sun Sunday soon obliterated every trace of it.

The daily average of prairie schooners westward bound the past week is about 25.

H.O. Douglas is building an addition to his dwelling house.

Colby & Moser will soon commence building another extensive addition to their livery stable.

At the teachers' examinations last week the following were granted certificates: Miss Cora Babcock, 3rd grade; Jane Morrison, Anna Anthony, Nora Caster and George Hotham, 2nd grades.

Thursday J.R. Hitchcock purchased the E.N. Fitch place at the forks of the Sappa.

**100 YEARS AGO — March 1910**

The first ball game of the season was pulled off at Page Park Friday between the local high school team and the business college team from Norton. The local boys winning by a 2-1 score. Byron Everist pitched for the high school boys and did well until the ninth inning when he walked the first three men to bat, then Jay McKenzie was called in and retired the side without a score. Earl Relph made both Oberlin scores.

A strong wind from the southwest Saturday made things very disagreeable around town as everything movable was going Northeast.

Guinn's new painted auto made quite a sensation around town. It was painted by Van Cleave.

A huge prairie fire Saturday burned a strip of territory from Colby to Ludell.

John Tacha of Jennings sent us a check to advance his subscription and his brother Ernest's subscription for another year. Many thanks to both.

The farm home of Arthur Claar burned Monday.

**75 YEARS AGO — March 1935**

H.Q. Banta finally acquiesced to the urging of friends that he become a candidate for the office of mayor of Oberlin and Ernest Roberts and Wallace Wolfe have filed for councilmen. Present councilmen included on the ticket are John Bivans, Clint Carper and John Siegenthaler.

Weldon Miller of Garfield Township tells us that his Duroc sale of the week before was as good as he expected but that the fierce dust storm

before the sale probably caused a good many bidders to be cautious. The top sow sold for \$50 and was purchased by Frank Frewen.

All games and machines of chance must be cleaned out and removed from all places of business in Kansas according to information sent out to law enforcement agencies of each county and city by the attorney general. The order includes slot machines, punch boards, marble machines and other similar gambling devices. These devices have been placed in local businesses by a company with the local business firm to receive a percentage of the profits earned.

When Tom Thomsen closed the deal Saturday with Roberts Motor Company for the new V-8 Ford he is driving he probably set a record as it is doubtful that anyone in western Kansas has owned 14 new Fords unless he is a dealer. All but three of the Fords have been purchased locally from Mr. Roberts. Tom is a grocery salesman for Donald Grocery out of Grand Island and travels a large territory weekly.

Mrs. Mabel Paulson-Herzog entertained at a bridge party Saturday evening at her home in Herndon. Guests from Oberlin included Mrs. Francis Wilson, Mrs. Russell Anderson, Miss Marie Reed, Miss Marian Cathcart, Mrs. Ted Adleman, Mrs. Wallace Wolfe, Miss Edith Herzog, Miss Goldie Proffitt, Miss Hazel Votapka, Miss Agnes Dowling, Miss Ilonka Lippelmann and Mrs. Charles Hawkes. Mrs. Fred Kirschke of Ludell, Mrs. Agnes Larson Wendelin and Mrs. Betty Schrammel of Herndon completed the party.

Little Jackie Love celebrated his fifth birthday last Saturday afternoon with 12 of his small friends. Late in the afternoon Mrs. Love served lunch and delighted the children with party favors.

Shibboleth: Howard McKay was one of the fortunate ones to get a coyote at the hunt the other day.

**50 YEARS AGO — March 1960**

Razors are becoming passe in Oberlin, as evidenced by the kick-off meeting for the Jubilee beard-growing organization, "Brothers of the Brush."

The Oberlin Teen Club met March 10 with the juniors as sponsors and elected Jim Wesch as president.

Seventy-two passengers used the services of the free bus provided by the Chamber of Commerce for persons going to and fro from the sale barn on Friday afternoon.

Selden: Mrs. Matilda Rogers observed her 108th birthday on March 16.

New Arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Walker, boy, Ricky Lane, March 12; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Larson, boy, March 15.

Carl Neff, a 1952 Decatur Community High School graduate, has accepted the basketball coaching post at Norton Community High School for the 1960-61 school year.

**25 YEARS AGO — March 1985**

At the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Farmers National Bank, Charles Frickey was elected as a new director. Dwayne Jones, president of Farmers National, said Frickey will replace Andy Thomsen who resigned last year.

Gary Anderson will head the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce in the coming year. Other officers are Mike Coleman, president-elect; Violet Krizek, vice president and Warren Bainter, treasurer. Anderson has been employed at Farmers National Bank the past five years serving as vice president and farm representative.

Walter Anderson will retire on March 29 after working for Norton-

Decatur Cooperative Electric since December 1947. The family lived in Norton and Hill City before moving to Oberlin in June 1969

Hospital News: Joni and Steven Shaw, Selden, daughter, Jamie Elizabeth, March 13, 1985.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stalker, Clay Center, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marie Ann, to Joseph F. Shobe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shobe of Oberlin. The wedding is set for June 15, 1985, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Clay Center.

McCook High School's request to join the Northwest Kansas League was denied 6-2 by the league members meeting March 13 in Colby.

The public is invited to attend a Lenten cantata, "The Witness," on Palm Sunday, March 31 in the DCHS auditorium. Director of the cantata is Neal Russell and some 35 persons from the area make up the choir. Soloists will be Jim Buchholz, Connie Morgan, Tina Perrin, Susan Nelson and Perrell Stanley. There will be a duet by Gary Fredrickson and Buchholz and Jay Wilson and a trio number by Fredrickson, Buchholz and Jay Wilson. The Rev. Morris Kirchhoff of St. John's Lutheran Church will be narrator.

## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

No sun yet today as I am writing this. I am working in my yard anyway while it is cool. I'm sure after it has been hot for several months I will be ready for the fall when it is cool again. That is part of the pleasures of living in northwest Kansas.

Coffee Hour will be held from 9:30 a.m. to closing time today at The Dresser.

Did you find all those Santa Bucks you had stashed away? You have 14 days left to use them!!

My business of the week is Crossroads Express and it is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Highways 83 and 36 here in Oberlin. Ron Fowler, a native of Oberlin, owns the business. This is a quick shop that everyone uses, especially the trucks passing through. He carries semi-truck accessories including lights, straps, cables, light tools, 12 volt appliances such as coolers, refrigerators, and a television with a DVD player. He also has in stock CB radios, and electronic accessories.

In a corner of the business houses the Hot Stuff variety of foods includ-

ing breakfast and lunch sandwiches. Also in the food section are a selection of ice-cream treats, a large variety of snacks, energy drinks, coffee, bottles of tea, juice and pop. There is also an ATM machine toward the back of the store which is provided by the First National Bank.

In the center of the store is a nice assortment of gift items including delicate glassware gifts and the many other unique items. Be sure and check out the birdhouses on the top shelf. I think I will take another look after work today.

Upcoming events to remember are the Final Four (I will be putting out the boxes for entries when the time comes), the Oberlin Business Alliance Fish Fry on Friday, April 2, and Professional Assistants Day on April 21.

Just a reminder to be sure and get your census form filled out and mailed. No cost, just a few minutes to answer those 10 questions to help our community get their fair share of government tax money back to our people.

Have a great week!!

## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Jerry and Connie Reitcheck, Colby, were weekend visitors of Joe and Nadine Green and family.

Father Tony Judge, C.S.S.R. conducted a four-day Lenten Mission for the Sacred Heart, St. Mary's and St. John's parishes. The themes, topics and goals were different each evening. Fr. Tony is a Redemptorist Priest, born in St. Louis, Mo., and coordinates Missionary work in the Diocese of Dodge City.

The Herndon community extends sympathy to the family of Lois Sattler Solko. Lois was a 1960 Herndon High graduate, ready to celebrate her 50th year with classmates this alumni banquet in June. She was born to Clarence and Stella Sattler, Herndon, resided in St. Paul, Neb., with husband Jerry. She died Monday, March 8, 2010.

Carol Kompus is continuing her vacation in the not-so-sunny Georgia with family. She will leave in a week for Texas and Stef and Adrian will drive Carol and Sophie to Wichita on March 26 before returning home the end of the month. She is anxious to see her mother, Wilma Bobinmyer at Cedar Living in Oberlin and says hi to all the residents.

Family and friends gathered at the Senior Center on Sunday afternoon to honor Brenda (Rippe) Schilde with a baby shower. Hostesses were Pat Louise Sloan, Colby; Norma Cichorz, Boulder Colo., and Myra Sattler and Liane Martin, Herndon. Special guest was Theresa Rippe.

The center and tables were decorated in a baby "clothesline" theme. Louise reminded the group of the days when clothes were always hung on the line — winter or summer. Guests introduced themselves, pinned a baby item on a clothesline,

and suggested to Brenda some of their favorites for naming her baby. Cookies, decorated with bottles, diaper pins, booties, and rattles, brownies, and an assortment of fruit were served along with coffee and punch.

**Julie's Memory Joggers Herndon Nonpareil March 6, 1913**

**Herndon, the early home of the White Champ**

While other towns and states are claiming and purporting to be the home and birthplace of prominent men and women, Herndon has a just claim of being the home and boyhood town of Luther McCarty, the white champion heavyweight pugilist.

A statement from his father, Dr. Aron P. McCarty says that Luther was born in a little sod cabin on a homestead on "Driftwood Creek, Wild Horse Canyon, Hitchcock County" about 12 to 14 miles north of Herndon. Several of the old timers knew and remember the McCarty's.

After the death of his wife, the elder McCarty took up the guise of an Indian Doctor and medicine man. He became a street faker and medicine vender. His favorite performance was to drive a fancy team gaily decorated, at breakneck speed through the principle streets of the town and after thoroughly arousing the populace, would reign up abruptly at some favorable street corner and begin to sell his "snake oil," a bottled preparation of many things-in-one.

The writer remembers well one of his trips to Atwood, and we put him down as one of the smoothest guys on the pike. After fleecing the dear people of their hard earned coin, until his moneybag was full.

We remember well his last words, "This is the free and unlimited coinage of Silver, and I have an unlimited pocket." With this, he waved a Tomahawk, let out a yell and was off to the hills at a breakneck speed.

## Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Everyone enjoys having the occasional snack and the residents at Cedar Living Center are no exception. The dietary staff members do a good job of making sure that our pantry area is stocked with juice, crackers, cheese, bread, milk and other essentials so we are always prepared when someone gets hungry. They also send out a snack cart several times during the week. The cart is loaded with fresh fruit, gelatin, pudding, cookies, potato chips, soda pop, a variety of crackers, and much more. Needless to say, the cart is a big hit with the residents and they look forward to seeing it parked in the hall. The cart is often used to serve refreshments after a game or other activity.

Monday afternoon residents enjoyed a game of Name That Tune. The snack cart passed around the group following the game.

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

Fern Wenger and Edna Mott tied for the first Bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game also ended in a tie between Donna Kent and Delores Wheeler.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly Communion service on the CLC patio Tuesday afternoon.

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to make shamrock decorations for St. Patrick's Day.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study

lesson on Wednesday afternoon. Fr. Mark Berland had Mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

There were several winners at the penny card game on Thursday afternoon. Players included Darlene Fisher, Dale Butler, Irene Fringer, Elsie Goodnight, Donna Kent, Edna Mott, Joan Noble, Jim Plotts, Agnes Pruitt, Mary Votapka, Delores Wheeler, and Gene Files. Elsie Goodnight served ice cream bars after the game on Thursday. She bought the bars with the pennies she had been saving from her past winning hands.

Several residents met for a game of Monopoly on Thursday evening.

The baking group made butterscotch chip cookies on Friday afternoon. There was a hungry crowd ready to eat the fresh baked cookies.

Edna Mott hosted her knitting club meeting on Saturday afternoon at Cedar Living Center.

Recent visitors: Don Ritter, Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Beth Johnson, Norcat; Jan Sattler, Atwood; Alysha N. Tadlock, Goodland; Phil and Marj Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Lori Lawrance, Westminster, Colo.

Max and Veanna Carman, Eunice Richards, Amanda and Reece Grafel, Ralph and Norma Unger, Mary McEvoy, Oberlin.

## Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

*To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1.*

This passage of Scripture, especially in its entirety, has so much meaning for us. First of all because it is the Truth from God's Word and one can marvel at the wisdom and detail that God chose to disclose to His children. Secondly, the word "purpose" is used and that is the sole reason for the existence of the Good Samaritan Society. To show God's love, in word and deed ... understanding that in Christ's love everyone is someone ... and to have each one who comes to live or work here to know that they have a "purpose" for being here.

Often the special events are highlighted in these articles, but equally important is the daily routine happenings that give structure and security and "purpose" to those who live here. These routines incorporate all departments working together to make this a home.

Our week always begins with church services held by Pastors of the Decatur County Ministerial Association. Monday through Saturday many gather in Town Square for Devotions.

Folding Fellowship (Laundry Department) takes place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Alice Bobbitt, Opal Bryan, Amy Rehm, Faye Miller, Leone Porsch, Evelyn Olson, Dorothy Hunt, Olive Arnold and Myrtle Ross usually help, and then have a time of chit-chat over snacks and coffee (Dietary).

On Mondays and Fridays (Physical Therapy) 12 to 15 residents come out for exercise. Social Hour every day, is exactly that; an hour to socialize with friends, again with some sort of afternoon snack (Dietary) followed by game or special presentation (Activities). Tuesdays we enjoy the First Hand Friends reading program (Intergenerational), Wii Bowling (Resource Development) and Art Class (Activities).

Wednesdays begin with Songs of Worship followed by Bible Study, a Buffet lunch in Town Square, manicures and Bingo (Volunteers).

The Butterfly Garden is open all

day (Activities). Thursdays, Pooch Portschy, Doris Marintzer, Helen Marintzer and Hubert Mumm attend Catholic services, Current Events, Bible Study (Activities) and Prayer Team (Residents). Fridays, Show and Share, Welcome Mat Ministry, (Activities) Pizza and Poker (Volunteer). Saturdays are filled with Kickball, crafts and a movie (Activities). The Garden of Hope (CNA) is open everyday and Activities Staff visit 1-to-1.

In addition to this skeleton routine schedule are moments of joy brought by friends, family, "Ollie," our resident pup, the aviary and aquarium, birthdays and babies!

Being a family means sharing our joys and the sorrows with one another ... our joys are doubled and our burdens halved. Wednesday we had just that opportunity, we joined Loren Escher's family as they said good-bye to their beloved father. We will miss our dear friend, but again we are reminded that we need not sorrow as those who have no hope because of our faith in Jesus Christ!

It's here! Our First Annual Good Sam Hoe-Down and Auction and we are sold-out for the dinner! But you can still come for the dancing, auction and pictures for only \$5 this Saturday at the Legion at 8 p.m.

Our guests this week included Shirley Williams (Atwood) for **Hattie Toth**. Lyle and Arlene Pummer (Ozark, Mo.) for **Mary Lemman**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Leo Mooty, Walter and Betty May and Earl Brown**. Erin and Susan May for **Walter and Betty May and Amy Rehm**. Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) and Reva Marshall or **Dorothy Hunt**. Betty Heisel and Shelby Hackney for **Ethel Nemeth**. Eunice Richards and Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler and Earl Brown**. Taylor, Braylon, Brad and Michelle Simonsson (Wamego) and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Jeni Rogers (Selden) for **Hubert Mumm and Alice Bobbitt**. Gerald and Connie Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. Elsie Wolters for **Dorothy Pryor**.

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