

THE OBERLIN HERALD

Events of Yesteryear

By Jody Betts

125 YEARS AGO — March 1885

The B&M surveyors have not yet put in an appearance.

D.C. Moser has enclosed his town property with a neat board fence.

A.H. Hollister has purchased the Sam Hayes' residence property in town.

All stage lines centering at this point are reaping a rich harvest in the way of passenger traffic.

The weather for this season of the year is decidedly cool; ice forms nearly every night and the mornings are frosty.

As high as 36 land-seekers found sleeping accommodations at the O.K. Livery barn one evening last week. No room at the hotel.

Many strangers were in town Friday and received their first introduction to a typical Kansas prairie fire. Oberlin had a close call. The fire originated on the W.A. Mount farm on Rock Draw and was only stopped by the work of around 150 men after it had nearly reached the Hitchcock home in the northeast part of town and the J.B. Colt residence in north Oberlin was only saved after the hardest kind of work.

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Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Saturday, March 20, was the first day of Spring. It is exhilarating, inspiring, filling us with hope; the sunshine just makes our hearts lighter. It is the promise of regeneration, revitalization, and renewal. The changing seasons are a beautiful picture of our life in Christ. It reminds us that although we suffer through the darkness of winter, there is the coming of newness and beauty in the promise of resurrection and eternal life. Spring takes us to the cross and to our Risen Savior.

We will be observing Holy Week with a very meaningful Community Good Friday Service, hosted by the Decatur County Ministerial Association. This service will take place in Town Square on Friday at 1 p.m. All are welcome to join us. Easter services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. with Pastor John Paulson officiating.

Monday we headed outdoors to enjoy that sunshine with our first Hillbilly Horseshoe match of the season. Contenders were Faye Miller, first place; Evelyn Olson, second place; Alice Bobbitt, third place; and Amy Rehm, Olive Arnold and Leone Porsch. Although only six played, the front patio was lined with residents watching and cheering them on!

Tuesday, we had a birthday bash! Cheryl Miller came to play the piano as we celebrated lots of birthdays! From oldest to youngest ... Hattie Toth, 99 years old, then Evelyn Olson, Mary Lemman, Ethel Nemeth and Betty May!

Wednesday, the Butterfly Garden was open to Nadine Anderson, Marie McChesney, Elden Long and Dorothy Hunt who thrive in this environment.

Thursday afternoon, Bible Study ended their 12-week study of "Experiencing God," and now will begin a series entitled "Behold, The Lamb of God." "The Passion of Christ" will be shown at the request of the residents as part of the study.

Pooch Portschy, Alan Addleman, Don Thomas and Myrtle Waldo were excited for Friday to arrive. Larry Mack came to serve up some Poker and pizza!

Recent visitors were Frank and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler, Eva Bryan and Joe Herzog, Penny Fringer, Reva Marshall and great-granddaughters, Tara Sue Larsen,

Bailey Wolf (Colby) and Kara Sage Hazelhorst (Manhattan) and Dixie and Ron Snyder (Colby) for Dorothy Hunt. Leone Porsch enjoyed the company of her friend, Ann Hazlett (Selden). Donna Kelley, Detta Anderson and John Paulson visited Eva Bryan. Arian Arnold (Herndon) for Edla Olson. Gerald Olson was here to see Evelyn Olson. Donna Lincoln for Faye Miller. Ralph and Norma Unger for Leo Mooty, Walt and Betty May and Earl Brown. Hubert Mumm was visited by Alberta Ritter, Ken and Clem Mumm (Selden/Colby) and Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) who also spent time with Doris Marintzer. Doris also had some special guests, her son Luke Marintzer (Atwood) and Becky Faimon (Stratton, Neb.). Audra Duncan and Marilyn Horn visited Myrtle Ross. Dave Schissler for his mom, Violet Schissler. Gladys Geis for Lois Carlson. Helen Brooks for Ethel Nemeth. Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin. Marilou Long for Elden Long. Shirley Williams, Karen Focke and Chris Edwards (Atwood), Jim and Judy Bliss (Grand Island, Neb.) and Bob and Julie Hafner (Herndon) helped Hattie Toth celebrate her 99th Birthday! Bob and Julie also visited Pooch Portschy and Doris Marintzer. Jessi, Corbin, Cyler and Camden Luck (Hays) came to see Amy Rehm and Shirley Hayward.

Opal Bryan was busy entertaining Colton, Taylor, Braylon and Nathan Simonson (Wamego) and Sharon Slabaugh. Myrtle Waldo enjoyed her visit with Max and Veanna Carman and Gene Van Vleet (San Diego, Calif.). Nancy Lou Jackson (Atwood) for Eileen Laird. Patrina and Joshua Murphie (Meriden) for Nila Wesch. Mildred Holmdahl visited Edla Olson, Evelyn Olson, Lois Carlson and Eulaine Benda.

Thanks again, to all that come to volunteer. You are a vital part of the Good Sam family. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 17, as we will be honoring you that day! Watch for your invitation!

May God richly bless you during this beautiful season of Spring. Let His love shine through you to all you encounter. Happy Easter.

Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

The Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum opens Thursday, April 1, for its 52nd season. We will be hosting the Chamber Coffee Hour from 10 a.m. until noon.

This will give you a chance to see what has been done with the rearranging of several of our exhibits.

Major changes have been made to the music room, alumni section, technology area, and children's toy display.

You will just have to come in and see for yourself all the improvements that have been made over the winter, and to meet my new assistant director, Judy Groneweg.

Our big project over the winter months was helping with the updating of the 2010 Alumni Directory. It is off to the publishers and the new directories will be back and for sale by Memorial/Alumni weekend.

Friday, April 2, we will start taking items for the Annual Rummage Sale sponsored by the Museum and KNF Radio.

We will be taking those gently used "valuables" until Friday, April 16. The Rummage and Bake Sale is Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, April 18, from noon to 3 p.m. If you need help with your items for the sale call 475-2712.

Museum hours: April 1 to Nov. 1, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

With all the wonderful and exciting happenings at the Museum you should come and join us! Memberships are only \$20 for a family or \$10 for single memberships.

Be a part of Oberlin's number one attraction.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Jennings Tuesday Study Club met on March 23 at the United Methodist Church and traveled by caravan to Gove. The members ate at the Gove County Seat Café and then went to Gove City Yarn store. Mrs. McDonald, owner of the yarn store, provided a large table for the monthly meeting of the Tuesday Study Club. Roll Call was answered by Rachel Carter, Patty Foster, Violet Foster, Pat Foster, Pat Hall, Joanie Metz, Lila Jennings, Lynn Tacha, Joan McKenna, Carla Latimer and Wilma Mader. After the meeting, everyone enjoyed looking and purchasing yarn and accessories. Mrs. McDonald also has antiques in the shop. She showed us a quilt that was 160 years old. She sells yarn by mail order also. They all had a great time.

Controlled burning of vegetation

and small tree limbs within the city limits of Jennings will be permitted from April 1 through May 9. Adequate safety measures must be taken at all times. City-wide clean-up day is Saturday, May 1.

Gwen and Jeff Anderson, Council Grove; Megan Faris, Jessica Lemmons and Gabe, Manhattan, stayed overnight Sunday with Wayne and Louise Cressler. All attended funeral services for Nadine Anderson, mother of Jeff Anderson, Monday morning at the Oberlin Covenant Church.

The community extends sympathy to Alice and Wilfred Wagoner and family and to Patricia Foster and family in the death of Wilfred and Patricia's brother, James Wagoner, on Thursday. Funeral Mass was held Monday at the St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Hoxie.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

You can believe every word of this, no April fool jokes from this correspondent.

The senior citizens held their potluck dinner on Wednesday at the Herndon Senior Center with Stacey Chartier and Kyle Frick as guests and nine members attending. Bingo was played with Beth and Stacey Chartier sharing the blackout. Sharon Frick won the door prize.

Roseanne, Lewis and Sue Stoney traveled to Colby Saturday afternoon to visit Beth and Tony Miller and celebrate the birthday of Haley. Lots of family enjoyed evening dinner and birthday cake.

The community extends sympathy to the family of Fern Jording, a resident of Cedar Living Center in Oberlin, who died on Saturday. She was born May 17, 1917. Funeral service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin today (Wednesday). She was the grandmother of Lance Jording, Herndon, and Kent Jording, McCook.

Dave and Judy Ketterl attended the Malt Shop Barbershop presentation in Colby Saturday afternoon. Adam Ketterl, Atwood, and Jeremy Wahrman, Herndon, are members of the Tumbleweed Chorus.

Bob and Julie Hafner joined Floyd Trail, Gertrude Lankas and Shirley Williams of Atwood on Tuesday afternoon at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin to help five residents celebrate their March birthdays. Hattie Toth topped the charts with being 99 years young. Happy Birthday was sung to all five and red carnations were delivered by the staff before all enjoyed ice cream, cupcakes and cookies.

Todd and Kim Hoffman, Castle Rock, Colo., stopped in to visit her parents, Jim and Sharon Vogel for a few days on their way through from Minnesota. The Hoffmans sell the finest meat snacks traveling to sport-

ing events all over the country.

On Saturday, Lavern and Sharon Frick, Herndon; Harlan and Naida Ginther, Atwood; and Jay Gilbert, Colby, traveled to Hays to attend the 90th birthday celebration of Sharon's aunt, Cletus Hamerschmidt. All seven first cousins were in attendance so much fun was had by all.

Those conducting the St. Mary's Stations of the Cross on March 21 following Mass were parish council members. Readers were Destiny Schroeder and Richard Rippe, Cross-Bearer, Tim Rippe, and Candle-Bearer, Joe Green.

Carol Kompus returned home after a six-week vacation visiting family. Time was spent with T.J., Lauri and J.L. Fox in Valley Center, and Dallas, Texas, where she visited Brian, Stef and grandson, Adrian Hawkins. Two weeks later you would find her in Alpharetta, Ga., with Kenny, Chris and Alex Hosaka. What a great trip, spending time with family and enjoying dining, from the traditional to the sophisticated. Carol stopped by Cedar Living in Oberlin Sunday afternoon with a surprise visit for her mother, Wilma Bobinmyer. Sophie cheered up all the residents.

Saturday evening dinner guests of Don and Joan Grafel were Steve and Susan Nelson, Oberlin; Makenzie Nelson and Matt Beusch, Wichita, and Todd Nelson, Colby. All wished Susan a happy birthday.

Bob and Julie Hafner attended the Rawlins County Historical Society dinner in Atwood Saturday evening. Julie presented "One Picture At a Time," a history of Herndon. Members and friends enjoyed the delicious dinner and the additional information gathered.

St. Mary's Catholic parish will be preparing for Easter Sunday with services on Holy Thursday at 8 p.m.,

Herndon; Good Friday services at 3 p.m., Herndon; Tri-parish Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3, at 8:30 p.m.

at Sacred Heart, Atwood, and Easter Sunday Mass, at 9 a.m., Herndon. Happy Easter to All!

Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Fern Jording who passed away on Saturday at Cedar Living Center.

The Royal Neighbors hosted a Spring Tea in the dining room on Monday afternoon. Lois Lamb, Nadean Stoney, Audra Duncan, Phyllis Screen and Edna Mott served cookies, tea, lemonade and coffee to the residents. The Royal Neighbors also left a donation, which will be used for the candy and other treats for the Easter Egg Hunt which was planned for Tuesday, March 30, at 7 p.m.